

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Lt. Frederick Gawler, M.C., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a hostile raid on our front line posts he was in charge of one of the posts and was successful in keeping off the enemy, although subjected to a severe bombardment. He disposed his garrison and his machine-gun so as to give the most effective covering fire to the neighbouring posts, and moved about regardless of danger, cheering his men. Later, he went out into "No Man's Land," and brought in one of our wounded. He displayed the greatest courage and coolness throughout a most trying time.

(M.C. gazetted 18th June, 1917.)

Capt. Roy Cecil Phillipps, M.C., Aust. F.C. attd. R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When engaged with hostile aircraft during the recent operations, he has destroyed three enemy machines, and has in addition brought down two hostile planes out of control. He has also brought back accurate and valuable information regarding hostile movements under the most adverse conditions, particularly on one occasion, when he flew through a heavy barrage at a low altitude behind the enemy's lines. He has shown conspicuous skill and determination when escorting low-flying bombing patrols.

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AWARDED THE MILITARY CROSS.

T./2nd Lt. Haddon Clifford Adams, R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst on contact patrol, he was attacked by seven hostile scouts, and by skilful manœuvring he enabled his observer to shoot one of them down in flames. During the same flight he was attacked by 10 hostile machines, which made repeated dives at him. He handled his machine with great coolness and skill, and finally he and his observer drove down one of the enemy machines in flames. Later, while engaged in photographic work, he was attacked by a formation of 20 hostile scouts. He beat off their attacks with great skill and enabled his observer to shoot down one of the enemy machines, which burst into flames and broke into pieces. He has shown magnificent courage and resource on many occasions.

T./Capt. Charles Mills Ainslie, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He organised and directed operations in connection with the repair of a railway bridge under repeated aeroplane attacks, thereby enabling important railway traffic to be resumed with the least possible delay.

2nd Lt. Harry Albon, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. A column of artillery on the march came under hostile rifle and machine-gun fire. He at once brought the two rear guns into action with great presence of mind, and held his position until the last, endeavouring to get the guns away. He showed magnificent courage and coolness.

2nd Lt. Harold Andrew Aldrich, Suff. R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although his platoon was enfiladed by heavy machine-gun fire and bombed in front, he maintained his position with great gallantry until forced to withdraw. On the following day his position was again subjected to very heavy machine-gun fire, and his platoon suffered serious casualties. Throughout this period he moved about fearlessly under heavy fire, affording his men a most inspiring example of coolness and determination.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Kenneth Gordon Anderson, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His position was subjected to an intense bombardment lasting seven hours, and was afterwards twice attacked by the enemy. His marked courage and coolness assisted largely in holding up the enemy's advance, and in saving an awkward situation.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Bertie MacVicar Armstrong, King Edward's Horse.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the horse lines of two troops were heavily shelled he at once went to the spot and encouraged and assisted his men in the difficult task of getting the horses away. By his promptness, energy and disregard of danger he succeeded in accomplishing this with very few casualties.

T./2nd Lt. Arthur Alison MacDonald Arnot, R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When engaging hostile troops with bombs and machine-gun fire, he was attacked by a large number of enemy aircraft. He engaged the hostile machines in a most gallant manner, one of which he destroyed. On a previous occasion he shot down another enemy plane, which fell in flames. During the last four months he has carried out offensive patrols at very low altitudes under adverse weather conditions with conspicuous skill and success.

2nd Lt. Alfred Clayburn Atkey, R.F.C., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When engaged on reconnaissance and bombing work, he attacked four scouts, one of which he shot down in flames. Shortly afterwards he attacked four two-seater planes, one of which he brought down out of control. On two previous occasions his formation was attacked by superior numbers of the enemy, three of whom in all were shot down out of control. He has shown exceptional ability and initiative on all occasions.

Lt. Edward Campbell Batchelor, R.F.A., and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When attacked three times by a hostile formation and though wounded in the arm, he continued to work his gun and succeeded in shooting down two enemy machines, which vanished in the clouds spinning. An observer reported that at this time and place he saw two enemy machines