

Lt. Leonard Gustav Byng, G. Gds., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When information was urgently required as to the enemy's position and movements he went forward 600 yards into "No Man's Land," and, although he passed many large parties of the enemy who were crossing his line of advance, he succeeded in penetrating to the enemy's main position. He remained there observing for over six hours, and returned with a prisoner and much valuable information. He showed splendid initiative, enterprise and determination.

2nd Lt. Charles Caney, E. Kent R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The post of which he was in command was heavily attacked by the enemy. He held his ground although completely surrounded until he was relieved by a counter-attack. He inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy, and captured seven prisoners, and though badly wounded at the beginning of the engagement, continued to encourage his men and direct their fire. He refused to leave his post until touch had been established on the flanks and he had been relieved by another officer. He set a magnificent example of courage and determination under most difficult conditions.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Richard Eric Carles, Bedf. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in command of a patrol, upon which a hostile machine gun opened fire at close range, he at once opened fire on the gun and silenced it. The hostile gun again opened fire, and he engaged it, but was unable to silence it. During the withdrawal, having discovered a party of 15 of the enemy on his flank, he engaged them with machine-gun and rifle fire and dispersed them, four of them being seen to fall. He showed fearless leadership, and an offensive spirit worthy of the highest praise.

2nd Lt. Frederick Leslie Chamberlain, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a hostile attack. He organised the defence of his trench, and when his flanks were eventually turned, with his Company Serjeant-Major he covered the withdrawal of his men. When blown off the fire step by a high explosive shell he at once climbed up again and shot five of the enemy. He remained at his post until he was severely wounded, showing the greatest courage and determination.

T./Capt. Roy Williamson Chappell, R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed the greatest skill and courage in leading patrols, with the result that during four days' operations the formations which he led destroyed 19 enemy aeroplanes and drove down several others, the fate of which was not observed, owing to the intensity of the fighting. He has destroyed altogether five enemy machines, and has driven down seven others out of control.

Lt. Hugh Arthur Chippindale, R.F.A., attd. R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While carrying out a reconnaissance, he and his pilot were attacked by eleven hostile scouts. They succeeded in destroying one of these, drove off the remainder, and then completed the reconnaissance. Later, when information was urgently needed during an engagement, he and his pilot carried out a most successful reconnaissance, flying at a very low altitude under continuous rifle and machine-gun fire from the ground. They located hostile batteries, and enabled very effective counter battery work to be carried out, and also engaged ground targets with bombs and machine-gun fire. He showed splendid courage and skill.

T./2nd Lt. Ernest Charles Chitty, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While his company was manning the defences astride a road, he showed great coolness under heavy enemy fire, encouraging his men and crossing the open on several occasions to reach his posts. It was owing to his magnificent example that his men were able to hold up the enemy for two and a half hours after the infantry on the flank had withdrawn.

2nd Lt. James Gordon Logan Christie, Argl. and Suth'd Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the front line was driven in by an enemy attack he went forward with two men into a shell hole and sniped at a party of the enemy, killing two of them. He organised covering fire with two Lewis guns, and then crept forward and obtained an identification, and captured an enemy machine-gun. He showed splendid skill and resource throughout the operations.

T./Lt. Hugh Bryan Clark, A.S.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He remained at his post during a withdrawal, superintending the transport services, and assisting in the evacuation of a town. He carried out his duties under most difficult conditions, being continually subjected to bombing and machine-gun fire from enemy aircraft. It was largely due to his coolness and initiative that the town was so satisfactorily evacuated.

T./Capt. Warren Fullerton Clark, M.B., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst the battery was being heavily shelled two men were badly wounded. He at once proceeded out into the open, attended to these men under the most intense shell fire, carried them into a trench, and remained with them until an ambulance arrived. He showed magnificent coolness and an utter disregard of danger.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Geoffrey Peard Clarke, Som. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when leading his company in the capture of a village. He showed great skill in repelling the enemy's counter-attack, and again in seizing the ridge beyond the village.