

he was attacked by ten enemy scouts, all of which he succeeded in driving off after a hard fight, but was forced to land in front of our lines. Having destroyed his machine he gave information as to the dispositions of the enemy and the nearest hostile field batteries. His exceptional courage, dash and capacity for hard work have proved invaluable.

T./Lt. William Francis Parbury, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although the ammunition dump was heavily shelled on several occasions during the day he succeeded in sending away fifty-five lorry loads of ammunition to the guns. When during the day one hangar full of ammunition was set on fire by an enemy shell he, assisted by another officer, succeeded in extinguishing the fire. His gallantry and untiring energy were most conspicuous.

T./Capt. Walter Henry Park, R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He undertook a long-distance reconnaissance under the most adverse conditions, and though several other machines were compelled to abandon the attempt he by his persistence completed his task and returned with valuable information. He is a patrol leader of the highest order, and his consistent gallantry and valuable services cannot be too highly praised.

T./2nd Lt. Edward Wilton Parkin, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He proceeded up and down the front line trenches under a heavy enfilade bombardment for two hours, encouraging his men by his fine example and presence of mind. It was owing to his gallant conduct that the line was held until reinforcements arrived, when a counter-attack was launched with the most successful results.

T./2nd Lt. Henry Basil Pett, R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed great courage and skill while engaged on reconnaissances and contact patrols during operations, flying at very low altitudes under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire. On many occasions he located the enemy's line by deliberately drawing their fire from the ground. On one occasion he made a reconnaissance of a whole corps front in very bad weather, which made it necessary for him to fly at a height of 350 feet. He was continuously under very heavy fire, but completed his reconnaissance and obtained valuable information.

T./2nd Lt. Michael Henry Picot, R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The information which he has brought back has been accurate and of the greatest value. In order to obtain such information he has been compelled to fly at very low altitudes, where he has been subjected to intense machine-gun and rifle fire. On one occasion, when the situation on the corps front was very obscure, he gained most valuable information by flying very low, but was compelled to return on account of his machine being riddled with bullets. He at once went up in another machine and completed his reconnaissance. His courage, per-

sistence and good service have been most marked.

T./2nd Lt. Gerald Pilditch, Gen. List and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He engaged the enemy massed ready for an attack from a height of 300 feet, using up all his ammunition and scattering the enemy in all directions, inflicting very heavy casualties. Previously to this he had dived and fired on a hostile battery until he had silenced it, and had also destroyed an enemy triplane and a two-seater machine. His work has been of the highest order, and he has shown the greatest courage and energy in attacking ground targets.

Lt. Harry Michael Stansfeld Porter, R.G.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He maintained the communications of the brigade throughout fifteen days' operations under the most difficult conditions. He showed great skill and resource and rendered valuable service.

T./Lt. Ernest Martin Potter, R.M.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He carried forward rations during an engagement under heavy shell fire and succeeded in delivering them. On the return journey his convoy was shelled and bombed, two of his wagons were blown up, and casualties were caused among his men and horses. He controlled the situation with great courage and determination, and succeeded in bringing back the wounded men and the remainder of his convoy in safety.

Capt. Thomas Preston, Yeo., attd. M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a machine gun squadron during six days' operations. By his skilful dispositions and good leadership under fire he assisted greatly in maintaining resistance against strong enemy attacks and in covering the withdrawal of the infantry.

Lt. Edmund Matthew Prince, Som. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company over the open under very heavy machine gun fire, and succeeded in recapturing the trench which the enemy had just occupied. The efficient manner in which he issued his orders and the gallantry and dash with which he led his company were responsible for restoring the position.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Thomas Laurence Purdom, K.O.S.B., and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He attacked and shot down a hostile scout, and when himself attacked by a second scout, he shot the latter down out of control also. He has in addition to these destroyed four enemy machines within a month. He has shown the most exceptional gallantry and daring in engaging enemy aircraft.