

lessness, and advanced to their main position, sending back information of the greatest value. During the withdrawal three days later he showed great courage and ability in holding together the left flank and withdrawing his men in safety, though the enemy had already penetrated some distance in rear of this flank.

Lt. John Edwardes Pugh, Can. Loc. Forces, and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He carried out twenty successful bombing raids and fifteen long-distance photographic reconnaissances, showing great determination in carrying out his work, in spite of strong opposition by enemy aircraft. In two days he took 108 photographs in the course of long-distance flights. During a period of five days he dropped three-quarters of a ton of bombs on enemy troops and transport, and engaged ground targets with machine-gun fire from a low altitude. On one occasion whilst on a bombing raid he was attacked by five enemy machines, one of which he destroyed. He set a splendid example of skill and resource.

Capt. Joseph Benjamin Stratford, Cav.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although greatly outnumbered, he continued to attack, and by sheer courage and determination succeeded in driving the enemy out of the southern portion of the wood. He then consolidated the position, which he succeeded in maintaining, thus enabling our line to be re-established. His courage and skill were most conspicuous throughout.

Lt. Frank Harold Taylor, Cent. Ont. Regt., attd. R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On one occasion, whilst on offensive patrol, he shot down a hostile scout in flames and a second out of control. On the following day he shot down an enemy triplane, which finally crashed to earth. During the recent operations he has carried out many successful attacks on enemy infantry from low altitudes, and has taken part in over 80 offensive patrols. His gallantry and good service merit the highest praise.

Lt. Samuel Herbert Williams, Cav.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In the attack he personally led his regiment through the wood to the far side, capturing prisoners and machine-guns. Finding that he had but a few men to hold the captured position, he placed a machine-gun in position and collected men from other units. When all the machine-gun crew had become casualties, he himself operated the gun, killing a large number of the enemy and completely breaking up the hostile counter-attack. His most courageous action contributed in a high degree to the capture and retention of this important position.

Capt. John Ewart Wilson, Mtd. Rif., Quebec R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the enemy's lines. When the officer commanding the party was

killed, he at once took command and led his men with great skill and coolness. At the conclusion of the raid he directed the evacuation of the casualties to our lines, a distance of over 1,000 yards, and was the last to leave the enemy's position. He showed great keenness in the preparation and organisation of the raid, and his untiring efforts contributed largely to its success.

Lt. Lawrence Joseph Young, Mtd. Rif., Quebec R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the enemy's trenches. He led his men with great dash and fearlessness to the objective, and when the officer commanding the party was killed he rendered valuable assistance to the officer who then took command, remaining with him until the whole party had left the enemy's trenches. His gallantry and good leadership were an inspiration to his men.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Lt. John Rutherford Gordon, Aust. F.C., attd. R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when, as observer on an offensive patrol, he shot down and destroyed three hostile machines. Previous to this he had shot down two enemy tri-planes, one of which crashed to the ground in flames. He has also effectively and repeatedly scattered massed bodies of enemy troops by accurate shooting from a height of 100 feet. His skill and daring have been of the highest order.

Lt. Albert Harold Hill, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He, together with another officer and one man, took up a position near the enemy's wire, intending to remain there during the day to observe. When 60 of the enemy were seen advancing in two parties, realising that an attack on our picquet line was imminent, he decided to resist the attack, and opened fire with his revolver. The enemy were at first thrown into confusion, but immediately afterwards commenced to bomb the party, all three being wounded. Despite this, they continued to fight until all their ammunition and bombs had been expended, and finally succeeded in routing the enemy. On the journey back to our lines he helped to extricate another officer from some wire. His magnificent courage and determination undoubtedly broke up the enemy's attack, and cannot be too highly praised.

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