

T./Capt. John Thomas House, Ches. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a trench mortar battery under heavy shell fire. He moved about, encouraging his men, who when bombs had given out, continued to fight with rifles until ordered to withdraw. At all times he displayed great initiative, and his energy and pluck were a fine example to all ranks.

2nd Lt. Ernest Ford Howard, R.A., and R.A.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer has taken part in fifty-two night bombing raids, showing at all times the greatest skill and perseverance in finding his objective. On one occasion in particular, after having successfully bombed a large ammunition dump which was set on fire and blown up, he proceeded to drop bombs on a town which held large numbers of the enemy, also firing from a low altitude with his machine gun on the roads leading to it. Returning to his squadron he obtained more bombs and ammunition, and, with the same observer, proceeded to drop bombs on a train behind the enemy's lines. On many occasions his machine was badly damaged by enemy fire from the ground. He has set a fine example of devotion to duty and entire disregard of danger to the other members of the squadron.

T./Lt. George James Howcroft, E. Kent R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer, acting as intelligence officer, had but little rest for eight days previous to the enemy offensive. When the attack developed he was of great assistance to his commanding officer in organising the defence of battalion headquarters, which were practically surrounded. He encouraged and directed the fire of the garrison, consisting of servants, cooks, signallers and runners. Throughout the operations he was full of energy.

T./2nd Lt. Vernon Arthur Howe, Norf. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a platoon carrying out a raid on an enemy post. He bombed an enemy trench, sent a Lewis gun round to enfilade it, and then, seeing that it was being successfully dealt with, he pushed on with only two men, and searched the houses which were his final objective.

Lt. Cedric Ernest Howell, R.A.F., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He bombed an electrical power-house with great skill, obtaining three direct hits from 100 feet. With two other machines he carried out a most dashing attack on a formation of twelve enemy aeroplanes. Although badly hampered by frequent jams in both of his machine guns, he destroyed three and drove down one out of control. He is a most successful and gallant patrol leader, and has destroyed six enemy aeroplanes and shot down one out of control.

Lt. Reginald Mowling Howes, Yorks. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer was in command of a platoon covering the retirement of the battalion. The enemy had pushed up very near the left flank, and the rearguard became heavily involved. It was due to his skilful handling of his men that the battalion got out of the position with so few casualties. He has done good work throughout the fighting.

2nd Lt. George Darley Huband, R.G.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in keeping his guns in action under heavy fire. He volunteered to go out and mend communications which had broken down. This he managed to do under heavy fire of all natures. He behaved in a most fearless manner, steadying the men and setting an example to all.

Rev. Harold Evelyn Hubbard, D.S.O., A.C. Dept.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This chaplain was untiring in his attention and care for the wounded under heavy shell fire, especially when the regimental aid post had to be moved back, in remaining at the forward post the rest of the day so as to direct the cases that came in to the new post.

T./Lt. Harold Byrn Hudson, R.A.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in destroying four enemy aeroplanes and shooting down two enemy kite balloons in flames.

T./2nd Lt. Leonard William Hudson, Suss. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At a critical moment this officer led details of brigade headquarters forward in a determined counter-attack, saving the situation. The next day he rallied a party of 100 men, and held the position while the withdrawal of the remainder of the brigade was being effected. Throughout the operations he was in charge of the ammunition supply, which was satisfactorily maintained under most difficult circumstances.

T./Capt. Ernest Charles Hughes, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty throughout more than a fortnight's fighting, especially one night and day when his section was under terrific bombardment, and he succeeded in keeping thorough control, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. He was of great assistance throughout to the battalion commander in maintaining communication with various units, and though far from well he stuck to his work until ordered to go sick, when his company was relieved.

Lt. Ivor Thomas Percival Hughes, R.W. Surr. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After his company commander had been wounded, he led the company with great determination and pluck until severely wounded, and was responsible for several