

and initiative of this officer. By excellent training he has improved the fighting efficiency of his battalion beyond all recognition, and prior to the attack his patrol penetrated the enemy's lines on several occasions, inflicting heavy casualties and gaining much valuable information.

Lt. (T./Capt.) William John Charles Kennedy-Cochran-Patrick, M.C., Rif. Bde. and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on numerous occasions in destroying and driving down hostile machines, frequently engaging the enemy with great dash and a fine offensive spirit when encountered in superior numbers. By his cool judgment and splendid fearlessness he has instilled confidence in all around him, his brilliant leadership being chiefly responsible for his numerous successes.

Capt. Heathcote Upfield Mann, M.C., Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty under heavy shelling and gas for a considerable period. The success of administrative preparations of the divisional front, carried out under considerable danger and difficulty, reflects great credit upon this officer.

Temp. 2nd Lt. Alan William Dobson Mark, M.C., North'd Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in holding an extremely important point on the left of our line for twenty-four hours with his platoon, repeatedly beating off determined counter-attacks. After his party had been relieved the position was recaptured by the enemy, whereupon he moved up again on his own initiative and drove them out a second time, regaining the whole of the lost ground. He led his men with the utmost dash and fearlessness through heavy hostile barrage, setting a magnificent example by his own personal gallantry.

T./Capt. James McKee, R. Ir. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his company in an attack. Although wounded he continued to advance until severely wounded for a second time, his leg being so badly shattered that it has since been amputated. He has at all times led his men with complete disregard of personal danger, and the splendid training which he had instilled into them beforehand proved its worth in enabling them to gain and hold their objective under trying circumstances.

2nd Lt. (T./Capt.) Harold Melsome Probyn, R. War. R., and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At a critical time when hostile infantry had penetrated our trenches, he went up in unfavourable weather and under heavy machine-gun and anti-aircraft fire from guns of heavy calibre, and managed to locate and report with complete accuracy the position and progress of the enemy. To do this he had to fly at a very low altitude, during which his machine was seriously damaged by enemy fire. The following day he carried out another daring and successful recon-

naissance of the enemy's line, bringing back information of the greatest value. He has already experienced a whole year's strenuous service flying, a fact which speaks for his gallantry and endurance on both of these particular occasions.

Maj. (T./Lt.-Col.) Edmund Roche-Kelly, R. Ir. Regt.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in commanding his battalion through an attack, in which he displayed great fearlessness and exceptional skill. He moved up through very heavy enemy barrage, personally reconnoitred two advanced positions, and supervised all details of consolidation, all the while exposed to very heavy shell fire. His splendid personal example and disregard of danger imbued all ranks with a spirit that swept away all opposition.

Capt. (T./Lt.-Col.) Norman Cecil Rutherford, M.B., F.R.C.S., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of an advanced dressing station. He worked continuously under heavy shell fire, evacuating the wounded from the forward area, and it was owing to his splendid example of devotion that the work was efficiently carried out.

T./Maj. William Dishington Scott, M.C., High. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty under an intense bombardment, by which our communication and support trenches had been practically obliterated. He went forward to the front line and reorganised the defence of his sub-sector three times. It was entirely due to his magnificent example of pluck and total disregard of danger that the garrison showed such determination.

2nd Lt. Alfred Seymour Shepherd, M.C., R.F.C., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on numerous occasions when engaged in combat with hostile aircraft. Though surrounded by enemy machines, he continued to fight for nearly an hour with the utmost gallantry and determination against two hostile formations, finally bringing down one of the enemy out of control. Within a month he brought down seven hostile machines completely out of control.

Capt. Herbert Frederick Edgar Smith, K.R.R.C., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an enemy attack upon our trenches, he found himself blocked in a tunnel with twenty men. The only entrance that was not blown up was bombed by the enemy. With great coolness and control, however, he kept his men together, and at nightfall brought them through trenches held by the enemy and across a river. The escape of his party was entirely due to his initiative and resource.

Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) Thomas Robert Alexander Stannus (R. of O., Leins. R., Spec. Res.), Leins. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in commanding his battalion. Although