

Under these trying circumstances his great coolness and cheerfulness set a fine example to his men. Taking command of his battalion a week later, in the absence of his commanding officer, he personally reconnoitred the whole of his sector (a line of battle outposts), although constantly exposed to hostile fire of every description. The valuable information which he obtained was absolutely essential for the successful co-operation of our artillery in repelling hostile counter-attacks.

T./2nd Lt. Francis Frederic Douglas Williams, R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in going to an observation post under an intense gas and shell bombardment. Although the wires were blown to pieces, he obtained and kept up communication with his battery from an exposed position under heavy shell fire, by his determined courage and devotion to duty enabling his battery to carry out important registrations.

Lt. Harry Keith Williams, Devon. R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In spite of half his company having become casualties, he so encouraged and assisted the remainder by his personal example that his line was successfully laid to Brigade Advanced Headquarters. He afterwards repaired over forty breaks in the line under heavy shell fire.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Henry Daniel Williams, R.F.C., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst carrying out artillery observation. Although attacked by two machines, he carried on with his work, driving one off and destroying the other. He has consistently shown courage and perseverance in carrying out his work, and set a very fine example to his squadron.

T./Capt. Hugh Vulcan Williams, R.W. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company with splendid push and determination until he was wounded after penetrating the enemy's wire. It was entirely owing to his gallant leadership that the objective was gained in face of hostile shelling and machine gun fire.

T./2nd Lt. Lewis Gower Williams, S. Wales Bord.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in continually passing through an intense artillery fire to gain touch with the units on his flank. Although wounded, he refused to go to the dressing station until touch had been gained and the garrison reorganised for the defence of the line.

T./2nd Lt. Llewellyn Williams, R.W. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the advance to and defence of a position. During the advance he, with three men, captured a total of 100 prisoners, and, after nearly all the officers of his battalion had become casualties, he assumed command, acting throughout with great ability, and finally leading the battalion out of the line after forty hours' continuous action.

T./2nd Lt. William John Williams, R.W. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company officer was wounded he took command, rallied his men, and kept them well in hand under very heavy fire, and showed a splendid example of steadiness throughout.

2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) Eric John Willis, Dorset. R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. It was owing to his personal courage and decisive action at a critical moment during the attack that the battalion on his right was able to take their objective, although they were held up by an enemy machine gun, and had been also compelled to assist the next brigade.

T./2nd Lt. Arthur Reynolds Wills, R.W. Surr. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although wounded during heavy fighting and told by the Medical Officer to leave the line, he returned to the trenches and carried on with his duty, setting a splendid example to all ranks by his pluck and coolness.

T./2nd Lt. Eric Wilson, Gen. List and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in one of three machines engaged on photographic reconnaissances they were attacked by a formation of nine hostile scouts. A determined resistance was offered to this attack, which was beaten off, and the photographs were then taken. Whilst returning to the aerodrome, this officer turned back alone to take some further photographs, and, observing six hostile machines approaching, he promptly attacked them at close range, and after a sharp fight brought one down and drove off the remainder. He then completed his photography.

T./Capt. Hubert Francis Wilson, M.B., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He repeatedly led stretcher-bearers under heavy fire, and succeeded in evacuating all the wounded on his front; and when most of the stretcher-bearers had become casualties, he organised a party of riflemen, with whom he worked for eight hours in the open under shell fire, and continued to clear many wounded. He then returned and led up another large party, with which he succeeded in clearing the front, having displayed splendid courage and devotion to duty throughout the day.

2nd Lt. Jarvie Webb Wilson, E. Surr. R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when leading a raiding party against enemy trenches. While cutting the wire his party was discovered by an enemy searchlight and heavily fired upon. Notwithstanding this, he made three determined attempts to go forward, but was frustrated each time. Recognising that a further attempt was useless, he successfully withdrew his party back to our lines, bringing in all his wounded. Previous to this raid