

Lt. William Frederick Welch, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He maintained communication by lamp under intense shell fire after the buried cable was cut. He was very successful on other occasions in maintaining communication in the face of great difficulties.

Lt. Leonard Alfred Welsh, Lord Strathcona's Horse.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of the brigade pack train carrying rations. When the enemy commenced a heavy bombardment all along the mule track and many casualties were sustained, although his animals stampeded he succeeded in recovering all the rations and delivering them to the dump, and then repaired the mule track. During six days he never failed to deliver his rations, though passing through a severe barrage each time.

Capt. John Douglas Young, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a company in the front line. He personally reconnoitred two farms in hostile territory, finding one occupied and taking possession of it, locating machine guns, and obtaining all information necessary to ensure the capture of the other. When the commander of the company on his left became a casualty he took command of both companies, and by redistributing them in shell holes greatly reduced losses. He drove off an attack, dispersing parties of the enemy with machine-gun and rifle-grenade fire.

1116 C.S.M. Charles Peacock, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went forward in an attack although wounded at the assembling position. When all the company officers had become casualties he led his men forward with great determination until he was wounded a second time.

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2nd Lt. James Sutherland Beavis, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a raid on the enemy he was leader of the flank storming party, and led his men with splendid dash and excellent judgment. He was the first to enter the enemy trench, and did not leave until the last of his party had withdrawn. On several occasions he rendered invaluable service in reconnoitring the ground in front of the enemy line, and supplied information which materially assisted in the success of the whole operation.

Capt. Norman Gorton Booth, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a most successful raid on the enemy's trenches. He organised and trained his party with great ability, and his skilful leadership resulted in heavy casualties being inflicted on the enemy with only slight losses among his own men.

2nd Lt. Alfred Percival Brown, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a raid on the enemy line he

directed the advance of the raiding party, and though on his arrival at the enemy trenches he was bombed, he got his party together on the flank and entered the trenches. Moving along the parapet, he personally directed his men, heavy casualties being inflicted on the enemy. On the completion of his task he withdrew his party, and went through the trenches to see that no wounded men had been left behind.

Lt. Cecil Olbers Clark, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a patrol. He was suddenly challenged by two of the enemy with fixed bayonets at a few feet distance, and having no time to draw his revolver, he hit the nearest on the head with his stick, took them both prisoners, and brought them into our lines.

Lt. Henry Lawrence Foster, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a raid on the enemy trenches he showed splendid leadership, and his courage was of a high order. He was in charge of the raid and fought his party with great ability, inflicting casualties on the enemy, with trifling loss to his own force.

Lt. Leslie Hubert Holden, F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst on a special mission he dropped a bomb direct on a support trench full of the enemy, causing them to scatter, and another bomb upon a strong point which was holding up our advance. He also bombed a large group of enemy infantry, and turned his machine gun on them from a height of 100 feet. He rendered very valuable service throughout the operations.

Lt. Richard Watson Howard, F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst separated from his patrol owing to thick mist he drove down an enemy aeroplane out of control. He then engaged a hostile two-seater, which he forced to land in our lines. On another occasion, though attacked at a height of 400 feet by an enemy two-seater, he manoeuvred, shot the observer, and caused the hostile machine to land, apparently in difficulties, but intact. He has consistently done excellent work at very low altitudes.

Lt. Frederic George Huxley, F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He dropped a bomb upon a gun which was being moved to the rear, damaging it and killing three horses, and another bomb on a wagon, which was blown over, two of the personnel and one of the horses being killed. He then engaged a body of 300 troops marching along a road, and scattered them, causing fourteen casualties. Later, having disorganised a large advance party of enemy infantry with bombs and machine-gun fire, he shot down an enemy scout. He is a very keen and daring pilot.

Capt. Charles Launcelot Moule, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When he was at a forward dump a heavy hostile barrage was put down in the