

of a German sap, discovering two rifle pits and noting accurately the formation and wiring of the sap. During the whole time he was subjected to heavy fire.

Temporary Lieutenant Thomas Hamilton Carlisle, 171st (Mining) Company, Royal Engineers.

For conspicuous gallantry on the night of 12th September, 1915, near Armentières.

With another Officer he entered a mine, which was in a highly dangerous state at the time owing to gas fumes following an explosion, in order to rescue a man who had been overcome.

Their prompt action undoubtedly saved the man's life.

Lieutenant William Harold Hillyer, 3rd London Field Company, Royal Engineers, Territorial Force (attached 171st Mining Company).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in mining operations at "Hill 60," near Ypres, between 2nd and 17th April, 1915. The task of completing and charging one of our mines was one of great difficulty and strain. Lieutenant Hillyer worked and watched long hours at the end of a gallery 165 feet long and 3 feet by 2 feet 3 inches in size, knowing that the enemy was counter-mining close by. His pluck and endurance were remarkable, and resulted in the successful explosion of the mine and consequent capture of the hill.

Lieutenant Loudoun James MacLean, 57th Field Company, Royal Engineers.

For conspicuous gallantry and determination during the nights of 25th to 31st August, 1915, when he skilfully erected a bridge over the Yser Canal near Boesinghe under heavy rifle fire.

Although he lost several of his men, he carried the work through satisfactorily.

Temporary Lieutenant Eric Guy Sutton, 7th Battalion, The Royal Sussex Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry on the night of 12th September, 1915, near Armentières. With another Officer he entered a mine, which was in a highly dangerous state at the time owing to gas fumes following an explosion, in order to rescue a man who had been overcome.

Their prompt action undoubtedly saved the man's life.

Temporary Second Lieutenant Fred Bell, attached 173rd (Tunnelling) Company, Royal Engineers.

For conspicuous gallantry and determination at Cambrin on 6th September, 1915. After the Germans had broken through into one of our mining galleries he went down into the working under fire, cleared out the enemy with his revolver in the dark, and held the ground till a sandbag revetment could be built.

This action contributed greatly to the successful completion of the mining operations.

Temporary Second Lieutenant Ernest William Byrde, 173rd (Tunnelling) Company, Royal Engineers.

For conspicuous gallantry and skill in France, when he was engaged in pushing

forward advanced galleries through those of the enemy, thereby determining the success of the mining operations.

Second Lieutenant Charles Henry Dowden, D.S.O., 2nd Battalion, The King's Royal Rifle Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry on 5th September, 1915, near Le Rutoire. He crawled out in broad daylight 200 yards in front of our advanced trench, which was 300 yards in front of the firing line, and reconnoitred the enemy's position from a point within 200 yards of their front line, bringing back very valuable information.

On 6th September he crawled out again and completed his reconnaissance, being fired on from a German sap.

On both occasions Second Lieutenant Dowden went out entirely on his own initiative.

Temporary Second Lieutenant Gilbert Hart, 173rd (Tunnelling) Company, Royal Engineers.

For conspicuous gallantry and skill in France, when he was engaged in pushing forward advanced galleries through those of the enemy, thereby determining the success of the mining operations.

Temporary Second Lieutenant Bernard Russell, 2nd Battalion, Princess Charlotte of Wales's (Royal Berkshire Regiment).

For conspicuous gallantry and ability on the afternoon of 12th September, 1915. Knowing that a detailed reconnaissance of the enemy's line in front of his brigade would be of value, he went out alone on his own initiative, and reconnoitred the enemy's wire, barricades and parapet, working in some places along the front face of the enemy's parapet itself in broad daylight. His reconnaissance proved to be of the greatest value.

Temporary Second Lieutenant Horace Scott Shield, Royal Flying Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and skill when on patrol duty with Corporal T. Bennett on 13th September, 1915.

When over Bois De Biez, at about 10,000 feet, he sighted a German Albatross, and at once dived and attacked it at about 7,000 feet, being subject at the time to heavy anti-aircraft gun fire. The German Albatross used a machine gun very conveniently mounted, but Corporal Bennett handled his gun with such skill that he disabled the German machine, which side-slipped and then nose-dived to the ground in our lines.

Second Lieutenant Shield has been exceptionally keen in pursuing German machines whenever seen, and on this occasion he manœuvred his own machine with admirable judgment and courage.

Second Lieutenant (temporary Lieutenant) Charles Sproxton, 1st/4th Battalion, Alexandra, Princess of Wales's Own (Yorkshire Regiment), Territorial Force.

For conspicuous gallantry and resource on many occasions in securing the defences of his Company line, notably the following:—

On the night of 5th-6th July, 1915, near Wulverghem, although exposed by the enemy's flares to heavy rifle fire and assisted