

only by one Non-commissioned Officer, he carried 8 "knife-rests" (entanglements), and placed them in position within 40 yards of the enemy's line.

On the night of 6th-7th August, near Armentières, he was in charge of a party wiring in front of our fire trench. A German machine-gun was turned on the party, but Lieutenant Sproxton, after withdrawing his party, returned with the same Non-commissioned Officer, and, with utter disregard to danger, they completed the work.

Second Lieutenant (temporary Captain) Arthur Ashford Benjamin Thomson, The Royal Warwickshire Regiment, attached Royal Flying Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and determination on 29th August, 1915, near Neuve Chapelle. When ranging a heavy gun on the German trenches he stayed up over two hours in heavy rain, with clouds at about 500 feet. At one time he found himself in a cloud on the far side of the German trenches; but, after coming back under heavy fire, he continued to observe with the greatest bravery and skill, only returning when too dark for more work. His gallant conduct resulted in 10 direct hits on the enemy's parapet.

Second Lieutenant (temporary Lieutenant) Harold Henry Walton, 7th (Robin Hood) Battalion, The Sherwood Foresters (Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment), Territorial Force.

For conspicuous gallantry and energy on several occasions:—On the night of 30th-31st July, 1915, near Ypres, when ordered to re-occupy an advanced sap, he was heavily bombarded with trench mortars and rifle grenades, several of his men being killed and buried; but by his cheerful example and gallant conduct he kept his men in hand and held on to his position. Had the enemy been able to get a footing in it the defence of the next trench would have been very difficult.

On the night of 3rd-4th August he led a patrol up an evacuated trench. It was not known if it was occupied by the enemy or not, and the information he brought back was of great value.

Lieutenant Walton has frequently reconnoitred close up to the enemy's trenches and obtained valuable information.

Temporary Second Lieutenant Raymond Burke Williams, 176th Company, Royal Engineers.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Givenchy on 25th August, 1915, when in charge of a mine. He went down the gallery immediately after the end had been blown in and ordered the men out owing to gas fumes. He then endeavoured to rescue the men till he was himself overcome by fumes, and had to be dragged out; but as soon as he recovered he again went half way down the mine and directed further rescue operations.

Second Lieutenant Williams has been in charge of mines in the Givenchy area since 7th July, and has consistently shown the greatest coolness in difficult operations necessitating rapid charging and blowing up of mines in very close proximity to the enemy's counter mines.

War Office,
2nd October, 1915.

REGULAR FORCES.

COMMANDS AND STAFF.

The undermentioned appointments are made:—

Personal Staff.

Aide-de-Camp—

Lieutenant Hector C. S. Munro, Seaforth Highlanders (Ross-shire Buffs, The Duke of Albany's), and to be seconded. Dated 22nd September, 1915.

ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S AND QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL'S STAFF.

Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General—

The name of Captain Harold J. Solomon, The Army Service Corps, is as now described, and not as stated in the Gazette of 24th September, 1915.

SPECIAL APPOINTMENT.

(Graded for purposes of pay as a Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General.)

Major John T. Dreyer, Royal Artillery. Dated 1st April, 1915.

The undermentioned temporary appointment is made:—

Staff Captain, Ministry of Munitions—

(Graded for purposes of pay as a Staff Captain at the War Office.)

Temporary Lieutenant Sir T. S. Pyne, Knt., C.S.I. Dated 28th June, 1915.

ESTABLISHMENTS.

ROYAL FLYING CORPS.

Military Wing.

The undermentioned appointments are made:—

Equipment Officers—

Dated 1st September, 1915.

Captain R. C. Donaldson-Hudson, Territorial Force Reserve, from an Assistant Equipment Officer.

Lieutenant G. C. R. Mumby, Special Reserve, from an Assistant Equipment Officer, and to be temporary Captain whilst so employed.

Second Lieutenant M. Spicer, The Northamptonshire Regiment, from an Assistant Equipment Officer, and to be temporary Captain whilst so employed.

Captain A. F. A. Hooper, The Prince of Wales's (North Staffordshire Regiment), from a Flying Officer.

Lieutenant H. Burchall, Special Reserve, from an Assistant Equipment Officer, and to be temporary Captain whilst so employed.

Assistant Equipment Officers—

Temporary Second Lieutenant H. T. Tizard, Royal Artillery, and to be transferred to the General List. Dated 2nd July, 1915.

Dated 21st August, 1915.

Second Lieutenant (temporary Captain) C. G. Martyn, The Monmouthshire Regiment, Territorial Force.