

London Regiment), Commanding 9th Battalion.

This officer commanded his Battalion in an attack, the success of which was due to the excellent organisation he had established in his Battalion and to the fighting spirit he had fostered in it.

Captain John Macrae, 1st Battalion, Seaforth Highlanders (Ross-shire Buffs, The Duke of Albany's).

For conspicuous gallantry. He took command of his Battalion at a critical moment when all the senior officers had become casualties, and by his coolness and energy saved a critical situation. At one time in the darkness he fell into the hands of the enemy, but escaped by the use of his fists.

Captain Sackville William Sackville Hamilton, 70th Field Company, Royal Engineers.

For conspicuous gallantry and resource when in charge of Royal Engineers, consolidating captured craters. Captain Hamilton's example under heavy shell and grenade fire, and his energetic dispositions, contributed largely to the success of the undertaking.

Captain Donald Lord Weir, 2nd Battalion, The Leicestershire Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry. He took command of his Battalion when his Commanding Officer had been wounded, and led it with marked ability. Later he showed great skill and coolness in withdrawing his men in the dark under heavy fire.

Lieutenant Alexander Ralph Abercrombie, 1st Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After an assault he found himself with one man only in the hostile saphead. Lieutenant Abercrombie sent this man back for support, and bombed, meanwhile, along the sap. When his supply of bombs was exhausted, he fell back, and with rifle fire held the sap for three hours single-handed. He has done most excellent work.

Lieutenant (temporary Captain) William Robert Aufrere Dawson, The Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment), attached 6th Battalion.

For conspicuous gallantry. Though severely wounded, Captain Dawson rejoined his company as soon as his wounds had been dressed, remained at his post till an attack had been repulsed and was again wounded later. His example of courage, endurance, and devotion to duty was one of a very high order.

Temporary Second Lieutenant (temporary Captain) Walter Henry Beasley, 181st Tunnelling Company, Royal Engineers.

For conspicuous gallantry. He was in charge of operations by which a large part of the enemy's gallery was destroyed. He explored their mining system until finally overcome by foul gas.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to confer the Military Cross on the undermentioned Officers and Warrant Officer, in recognition of their gallantry and devotion to duty in the field:—

Temporary Captain Frederick William Butler, 5th Battalion (Pioneers), The Northamptonshire Regiment.

For conspicuous coolness and disregard of danger. When most of his Company Officers had been killed or wounded, his personal example and energy enabled the work allotted to his Company to be completed successfully.

Temporary Captain Desmond Warwick Croft, 5th Battalion (Pioneers), The South Wales Borderers.

For conspicuous daring and initiative under very critical conditions. He rendered assistance to the garrison of a work that had been partially destroyed, and with a small party of men he returned to the post, organised the defence and held it till relieved.

Captain (temporary Major) Neville Bowes Elliott-Cooper, The Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment), attached 9th Battalion.

For conspicuous ability in organising an attack and in consolidating craters subsequently gained.

He has shown great ability in many difficult situations.

Captain Ronald Charles Llewellyn Morice, 37th Dogras, Indian Army.

For conspicuous gallantry. He pushed close up to the enemy's trenches under heavy fire, made a careful reconnaissance, and, though severely wounded, rendered a useful and accurate report.

Captain Eric Mackay Murray, Queen Victoria's Own Corps of Guides, Indian Army (attached Royal Flying Corps).

For conspicuous gallantry and determination. He has flown continually in all winds and weathers, and carried out many daring reconnaissances with great skill.

Temporary Captain The Honourable Roland Erasmus Philipps, 9th Battalion, The Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although wounded severely he kept his men well in hand, himself killing four of the enemy with his revolver. He stuck to his post and repelled three attacks.

Temporary Captain Philip Brodrigg Purves, 8th Battalion, The Prince of Wales's (North Staffordshire Regiment).

For conspicuous courage and ability when in command of a raiding party.

The bombing party having withdrawn unexpectedly, Captain Purves organised reliefs and successfully brought in ten wounded. His personal example was invaluable in very difficult circumstances.