

2nd Lt. (temp. Capt.) Vernon Randell Watts, Bedf. R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his company and led them forward. He occupied and commenced to consolidate his position under heavy fire. He held on until rendered unconscious by wounds.

2nd Lt. John Harold Wellington, attd. E. Yorks. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading a patrol through enemy wire into their trench, which he bombed with great success. He afterwards brought his men back safely under heavy fire, showing great coolness and excellent leadership.

Temp. 2nd Lt. Archie Reid Wells, Essex R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as Brigade Signalling Officer. He went out continually under heavy fire to repair telephone wires, and it was due to his fearless energy that communication was kept up. Later in the day he organised the support line under heavy shell fire and repelled an enemy counter-attack.

2nd Lt. Robert Whistler, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He acted as F.O.O., and both the men with him had become casualties. He repeatedly went out across the open under heavy shell fire to repair his lines. He made every possible effort to maintain communication throughout the whole day, and on returning to the Brigade handed in most valuable information.

Temp. Lt. John Brittain White, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As F.O.O. during the assault he rendered invaluable assistance throughout. He maintained communication under heavy shell fire, and when he found he could do no more useful work as F.O.O. he assisted in bringing in wounded.

2nd Lt. Cyril Spencer Whitehead, Manch. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a raiding party. On reaching the enemy trench they found themselves heavily outnumbered, but, led by this officer, they fought their way in, killing many of the enemy. When compelled to withdraw, though himself severely wounded, he assisted a wounded man halfway back, when he fell exhausted.

Temp. Lt. Robert Parker Musgrave Whitham, North'd Fus. and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On four successive days he showed remarkable courage and ability in bombarding enemy positions, and working in conjunction with our artillery he rendered them most valuable information.

Temp. Capt. Eric Edward Allen Whitworth, S. Wales Bord.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of the assaulting line. He led his men in the most gallant manner, and was largely responsible for the success of the operations. He was wounded.

Temp. Lt. Walter Milo Whitworth, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Commanding two machine guns, he handled them with great skill and courage, and got his guns into action on the captured trench under heavy fire and adverse weather conditions.

Temp. 2nd Lt. Cecil Harold Wight, Midd'x R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in connecting up support posts with the front line trenches under heavy fire. His initiative, coolness and skilful use of ground working from one shell hole to another, and in full view of the enemy, for 3½ hours enabled him to accomplish this very hazardous task with complete success.

Capt. William Wilbeforce (R. of O.), W. Kent R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company in the most gallant manner, and was largely responsible for the success of the operations. He set a fine example to his men.

Temp. 2nd Lt. Harold Wilcoxon, Welsh R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company in a raid on the enemy trenches with marked ability. In the preliminary reconnaissance he worked for many nights in No Man's Land.

2nd Lt. John Williams, Welsh R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon with great courage and ability. His able training beforehand was of the greatest value to the success of the enterprise.

Temp. Capt. John Victor Williams, M.B., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took a party of bearers up, and, crossing the open under very heavy shell fire, dressed all the wounded and returned with them, going out later and coming in with the lost squads. He worked for four nights and days.

Temp. 2nd Lt. William John Williams, S. Wales Bord.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a succession of patrol actions. He has continually shown great dash and courage in carrying out his patrol duties, attacking and dispersing superior forces of the enemy and taking many prisoners.

2nd Lt. Harry James Wolsey, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst in charge of an ammunition pack train under heavy shell fire. He kept his