

others completely out of control. By his spirit and gallantry he has set a fine example which has inspired the pilots of his flight to successfully attack enemy formations many times more numerous than their own.

(M.C. gazetted 1st January, 1917.)

T./2nd Lt. Alfred Ernest Wheatley, M.C., R.W. Surr. R., att'd. M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Having gone forward with an attacking battalion, he skilfully disposed his two guns to cover both flanks, and finding that the officers of the leading companies had suffered heavy casualties, he rendered valuable assistance in consolidating the position. This work was being seriously hampered by fire from an enemy machine gun. He ordered his guns to open fire, and silenced it, inspiring all ranks with the utmost confidence by his personal example and skilful handling of his guns.

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T./2nd Lt. Lyndall Theodore Whitby, M.C., D. of Corn. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company with great energy and determination in the attack, and remained with them, though wounded early in the operations. He showed great ability and inspired great confidence in his men.

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2nd Lt. Sydney Herbert Wilkes, M.C., Worc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of his company during an attack on a strong enemy position. He showed able leadership in working his company forward to their assembly position through a heavy barrage with very slight casualties. At a critical moment he displayed correct initiative and a clear grasp of the situation in ordering his company to advance, whereby all the objectives were captured and consolidated. Throughout the whole operation he showed a magnificent spirit of leadership and contempt for danger, which had the greatest moral effect on all under his command.

(M.C. gazetted 4th June, 1917.)

T./Capt. Matthew Wilson, M.C., Arg. & Suth'd Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. By his skill and coolness under fire he was able to direct his company in the attack and maintain direction after it had been lost by the leading battalion. Later in the day, a counter-attack was repulsed and the line held firm, largely owing to his courage and initiative. The following day, though buried and wounded by shell fire, he fell in again, marched his company forward and gained his objective, having set throughout the operation an example of devotion and contempt of danger which greatly inspired all ranks.

(M.C. gazetted 24th June, 1916.)

Lt. (T./Capt.) Alexander Lyttleton Wood, M.C., S. Staff. R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in entering a cellar which had been destroyed by a shell and was full of gas, in order to rescue a severely wounded gunner.

This act of courage was done at the greatest possible personal risk, as he had to remove his gas mask in order to locate the wounded man, and the street outside was under heavy shell and gas bombardment.

(M.C. gazetted 1st January, 1917.)

2nd Lt. Walter Bertram Wood, M.C., Hamps. R. and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in attacking enemy aircraft. On several occasions he has shown admirable dash and determination in attacking hostile machines single handed, destroying some and driving others down out of control. He has also displayed great daring in attacking enemy infantry and transport with machine-gun fire at very low altitudes, in spite of attacks by hostile aircraft whilst so engaged.

(M.C. gazetted 17th September, 1917.)

T./2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) James Barclay Murdoch Young, M.C., R. Berks. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Though wounded in the attack he refused to go back. On his own initiative he formed a defensive flank when the troops on his right were held up. During a withdrawal he commanded a mixed party of men, keeping them well in hand. During the night he assisted in digging out men who had been buried under heavy shell fire, and did not go back until ordered to do so the following morning.

(M.C. gazetted 17th September, 1917.)

8859 S./M. Henry David Grant, M.C., Sco. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At a time when the situation was obscure during a hostile counter-attack on our lines he went out on patrol with three others, made a daring and skilful reconnaissance, and returned with valuable and accurate information as to the position of our own line and that of the enemy.

(M.C. gazetted 27th July, 1916.)

#### AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Lt. Leo Tennyson Gwyther, M.C., Fld. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an intense bombardment of his battery position a stack of howitzer charges was set alight. With great promptitude and coolness he ran over and pulled away the burning boxes, beating out the fire with his gas helmet, and thus saving any further damage. Although his hands were severely burnt he remained on duty, setting a splendid example of pluck and devotion to all ranks.

(M.C. gazetted 10th January, 1917.)

Lt. Arthur Henry Humphrey, M.C., Fd. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in commanding his battery when the commander was killed and the senior officer severely wounded. Although only attached to it the previous day he took immediate and full control of his battery at a critical period of the action, continually moving among the guns under heavy fire with splendid coolness and total disregard of his personal safety.