

Lt. Thomas Walford Cave, R.F.A., attd. R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While engaged in taking photographs of an enemy area he was slightly wounded by anti-aircraft fire. In spite of this and the enemy's fire seventeen photographs were taken. Later, while he was again taking photographs over the enemy's lines, his machine was attacked by twelve enemy machines. He shot down one of them completely out of control, after which several photographs were taken. On three occasions, in the course of flights lasting four hours or more, he ranged a siege battery most effectively on hostile batteries, with the result that several gun-pits were destroyed and three explosions were caused. He showed splendid determination and initiative.

2nd Lt. Norman Chadwick, R.G.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After the battery had been heavily shelled he noticed that the largest ammunition recess was on fire, in which there were numerous boxes of cartridges. Single-handed, and at great personal risk, he immediately entered the recess, dragged out the blazing boxes, and put out the fire. Prior to this, after a direct hit had been made on a gun-pit during the bombardment, he was also instrumental in drawing the gun to the back of the pit, thus undoubtedly saving the gun, as another shell burst at the mouth of the pit immediately afterwards. His courage and resource under fire were worthy of the highest praise.

T./2nd Lt. John Stanley Chick, Gen. List and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While leading a patrol of four machines over the enemy's lines he attacked an enemy two-seater machine, which his observer drove down completely out of control. Shortly afterwards the patrol engaged nineteen enemy machines; he dived on to the uppermost machine, and drove it down in a series of spins and side-slips completely out of control. He then attacked two others and brought them down in the same manner, while his observer drove down another out of control. On another occasion his formation, consisting of five machines, attacked twenty-five enemy aeroplanes. He destroyed one of the enemy, and drove down another out of control. He set a magnificent example of courage and skill.

Lt. Stephen Trevisa Sale Clarke, G. Gds., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In preparation for a raid he carried out a valuable reconnaissance, which contributed largely to the success of the operation. He led the raiding party with great determination and skill under intense fire, and remained in a very exposed position throughout directing his men. When the objects of the raid had been attained he withdrew the whole of his party safely, and was himself the last to withdraw. He set a splendid example to his men.

T./2nd Lt. Reginald Francis Clements, R. Suss. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In preparation for a raid on the enemy's lines he carried out several patrols, and the accurate information which he obtained contributed very largely to the success of the operation. He led his men in the raid with great skill and determination, and rushed an enemy post which offered strong opposition, with the result that six of the enemy were killed and two prisoners were captured. He showed splendid initiative and coolness.

T./2nd Lt. Harry Leonard Colley, W. Yorks. R., attd. Y.L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a counter-attack launched by his company to recapture certain posts, he led his platoon forward with the utmost gallantry through a heavy artillery and machine-gun barrage. After the enemy had been ejected from the outpost line he organised rapid rifle fire on the enemy, and turned a captured machine gun on the enemy with appreciable effect. Thanks to his rapid and energetic organisation the heavy hostile machine gun fire was to a great extent quelled, and the sniping activity of the enemy ceased entirely.

T./2nd Lt. Edward Wilme Collier, R. Marines.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a raid on an enemy trench he led his men with great dash to the objective. On seeing the enemy charging the left flank party, he altered his plans and succeeded in cutting off the hostile post from the rear. He personally accounted for six of the enemy, and, with a N.C.O., secured a prisoner. Thanks to his coolness and resource, the whole of the hostile garrison was put out of action.

T./Capt. Lionel Ross Craddock, R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst he was acting as forward observation officer, the enemy opened a heavy and concentrated fire on his observation station, the periscope in which was hit by machine-gun fire. Despite these very trying circumstances, he continued to observe the fire of his battery, until the order to cease fire was given. The fearlessness, determination, and coolness of this officer were most meritorious.

2nd Lt. Nicholas Smith Craig, R. Scots.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a counter-attack. When ordered to gain touch with the unit on his right, he led his men forward over the open in daylight under intense machine-gun fire, and occupied the ground immediately in rear of the original outpost position. He then went forward alone in full view of the enemy, reconnoitred the position, and found that it was not occupied by the enemy. He returned, and moving about in the open still under heavy fire, established his men in good positions. Later, when ordered to withdraw, he sent his men back in small parties, and was himself the last to leave.