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2nd Lt. Percy Howard Edridge, Lanc. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He organised and carried out a successful raid on the enemy's trenches. His party captured two prisoners, and returned without a casualty. He showed splendid coolness and initiative throughout the operation.

T./2nd Lt. William James Elliott, R.W. Kent R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid on the enemy's lines. He took charge of the raiding party, the officer in command being wounded before the raid began, and led it with great determination and skill to the objective. He showed utter contempt of danger throughout the operation, and set a most valuable example to his men. He finally conducted the withdrawal in perfect order.

T./Capt. John Fairclough, R. Welsh Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in command of a raiding party, on the majority of the two right flank parties becoming casualties from shell fire, he, with the aid of another officer, speedily reorganised them, and the task allotted was successfully carried out. The success of the raid was greatly due to his thorough preparation and devotion to duty prior to the raid, and during the operation his coolness and fine leadership inspired all ranks with confidence.

T./Lt. Austin Lloyd Fleming, R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He attacked a formation of three enemy machines, and forced the leading machine, which was a two-seater, to land, although the other two were attacking him from behind. He then attacked and destroyed another of the enemy machines, and engaged the third, which succeeded in escaping. He destroyed four enemy machines during one month, and showed splendid courage and skill on many occasions.

2nd Lt. Herbert Alfred Ford, Dorset. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was sent out to locate some advanced posts of a neighbouring unit, the position of which was in doubt. When both the men with him were wounded by machine gun fire at close range he bandaged one of them and carried the other 250 yards back to the nearest post. He went out again, completed his reconnaissance, and then, in spite of the increasing daylight, made his way to the other wounded man, and with the help of his orderly carried him in under machine-gun fire. He set a splendid example of courage and resource.

T./Capt. John Bertram Fox, Gen. List, and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a period of two months he led his formation on six long-distance bomb-

ing raids into enemy territory. On the last occasion, though engaged by three separate hostile formations, he dropped his bombs with excellent effect over his objective and brought the whole of his formation back to the aerodrome intact. His formation accounted for three enemy aeroplanes destroyed and four driven down out of control. He has carried out upwards of 40 successful operations, his skill and leadership being of the highest order.

2nd Lt. Thomas Geraghty, E. Yorks. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the advanced dressing-station being set on fire by a bursting shell he left his place of safety and, collecting a party of his men, went to the assistance of the officer in charge of the dressing-station. He helped to extinguish the flames and to extricate men buried in the debris, finally carrying away some of his own men who had been wounded. He displayed resource and initiative of a high order.

T./2nd Lt. William George Greenaway, R. Irish Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He located an enemy machine-gun emplacement some 300 yards in front of our lines, and crawled out in daylight, with three men, to attack it. Though he was observed by the enemy while crawling through their wire he rushed the post, drove off the enemy, and captured the machine gun. He set a splendid example of daring and initiative.

Capt. David Percy Hall, R. Muns. Fus., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a raid upon the enemy's trench system he led his party up to its objective and was the first to enter the hostile trenches, where his fine example of courage overcame all attempts at opposition. After giving the order to withdraw he remained behind to ensure that all his party had left the enemy's position. The success of the undertaking was in a great measure due to his gallant and skilful leadership.

T./2nd Lt. Arthur Hanley, K.R. Rif. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Though badly crushed and shaken by being blown up in a "pill-box," he carried on with his duties and rendered great service in reorganising the defences. Throughout the night he remained at duty, seeing that the troops counter-attacking were supplied with ammunition and bombs. His endurance and determination afforded a splendid example to all ranks.

2nd Lt. John Thomas Hartwell, R.G.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When one of the guns of his section had been put out of action by a direct hit he at once proceeded to the pit, and, with the assistance of a N.C.O., repaired the damage and got the gun ready for action again. During the whole of the twenty-four hours he showed great judgment, and undoubtedly