

saved many casualties to the personnel, his determined and gallant deed enabling the battery to keep in action.

2nd Lt. William Leeming Harrison, R.F.C., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in aerial fighting. He destroyed two enemy machines and drove down others out of control. He always showed a splendid spirit of dash, keenness and tenacity, coupled with determination and skill in attacking enemy aircraft.

T./2nd Lt. Walter Hayward, N. Staff. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid on the enemy's trenches. Finding the enemy's wire uncut in front of his objective, he rushed forward, cut the wire and led his men through the gap. He then attacked and killed or captured the whole of the enemy garrison, and repulsed a determined counter-attack by which the enemy endeavoured to cut off his retreat. His magnificent courage and determination at critical moments had a most inspiring effect on his men and undoubtedly prevented the enemy from gaining the upper hand.

T./2nd Lt. Tom Heap, Ches. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of a raiding party after the officer in command had been killed early in the operation. He led his men to the final objective with great dash and determination, under heavy fire, and carried out the withdrawal in a most skilful manner. He showed splendid leadership and courage.

T./2nd Lt. James Fyfe Holmes, Sco. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led a raiding party into the enemy's trenches with great skill and determination. He cleared two hundred yards of enemy trench, killing the whole enemy garrison, and captured a machine gun. He showed splendid leadership and set an admirable example to all ranks under the most difficult conditions.

Lt. Harold Lancelot Hopper, W. Rid. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his raiding party in a bold and skilful manner against the hostile trenches, and during the course of the operations four prisoners were captured and valuable identifications secured.

2nd Lt. (T./Capt.) Geoffrey Forrest Hughes, R.F.C., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While leading his formation over the enemy's lines he was attacked by twelve enemy machines, two of which he shot down. On the following day, when in charge of a patrol, he attacked seven enemy triplanes, drove down one out of control, and forced three others to land. On another occasion, while in charge of a patrol, he was attacked by a large number of enemy scouts; owing to his skilful flying his observer succeeded in shooting down one of the enemy machines, which broke up in the air. He always

showed the greatest coolness and courage in action, and, as a flight commander, led his formation with splendid courage and determination.

T./2nd Lt. Joseph Hurst, Lanc. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He remained in a forward shell-hole all day in order to observe the enemy's movements, and located a party of about forty of the enemy preparing to make a raid on one of our posts. When they started to advance he opened fire on them with a Lewis gun, killing some of them and scattering the remainder, thereby preventing the raid. He showed splendid initiative and determination.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Ernest Hugh Johnson, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On a tunnel, in which the personnel of the battery were sheltering, being blown in and all the officers becoming casualties, he took charge and superintended the task of extricating the buried men. At the same time, thanks to his untiring and gallant efforts, the battery was kept in action, and after the position had been shelled during the whole of the day he succeeded in moving the battery safely to a new position on the following night. His marked courage, determination, and gallant example undoubtedly kept the battery in action during a very trying period.

2nd Lt. Albert Edward Lester, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a raiding party. The enemy showed some resistance, but he at once overcame it, killing or capturing all the occupants of an enemy post. It was entirely due to his energy in training the party and his skilful leadership during the raid itself that the operation was carried out successfully with only three casualties.

T./2nd Lt. Frederick Tom Linton, R. Welsh Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a raid he supervised the whole of the operations on the right half of the raid, and when some confusion occurred owing to the majority of the flank parties becoming casualties through shell fire, he reorganised the remainder and led them on to fulfil the tasks allotted to them. He proceeded backwards and forwards between the enemy front and support lines, assisting in the capture of prisoners and a machine-gun. His coolness and fine leadership inspired all ranks with confidence.

2nd Lt. Paul Llewellyn, Welsh Gds., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led a raiding party into the enemy's lines with the greatest dash and gallantry. Though severely wounded, he was the last to leave the enemy's trenches, and directed the withdrawal of the party and the collection of the wounded under heavy machine gun fire from both flanks. He set a splendid example of courage and determination.