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2nd Lt. Meinhard Nicolay, York. L.I., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When taking part in an attack with a company other than his own he assumed command of it, after all the other officers had become casualties, and gallantly led it forward another 700 yards to its objective through a heavy artillery and machine-gun barrage, finally securing and re-establishing the outpost line. His leadership and initiative under very trying circumstances were most commendable.

Capt. Ronald Norman, Ches. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in command of a party which carried out a raid on the enemy's lines. He personally led the party detailed for the demolition of a tunnel in the enemy's lines, and by his determination and good leadership successfully accomplished his task. He carried the preliminary training of the party, and the excellent results achieved were due to his efforts and personal example.

T./2nd Lt. Harry Pearce, Dorset R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy raid. The position held by his platoon was surrounded by the enemy, but he so inspired his men by his magnificent example of courage and coolness that they succeeded in driving off the enemy and inflicting heavy casualties on them.

2nd Lt. Terence Patrick Phillips, Lond. R., attd. Cam. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a raid on the enemy's trenches he led his party to within thirty yards of the hostile position, and when held up by the wire and fire of the enemy immediately opened a rapid rate of fire, inflicting considerable casualties on the enemy. He was the last of his party to return, bringing in a wounded N.C.O. himself. Throughout the operation he displayed conspicuous dash and determination.

T./2nd Lt. Harry Piggins, S. Staff. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a fighting patrol of ten N.C.Os and men. He left eight of the party outside the enemy's wire and with two N.C.Os approached a post which they found to be occupied by five of the enemy. They at once attacked the enemy and killed them all. Leaving one N.C.O. to cover their advance, he then made his way down a sap with the other N.C.O., and after advancing some thirty yards they encountered and killed two of the enemy who were standing outside a small "pill-box." At the sound of firing three more of the enemy came out of the "pill-box" and attacked them, and these they also killed. He was then forced to withdraw owing to the approach of a party of about twenty of the enemy. He showed magnificent courage, initiative and determination throughout the

enterprise and obtained much valuable information.

T./2nd Lt. Evan Pybus, Gen. List and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He carried out valuable photographic reconnaissances of enemy areas. Though on one occasion he was attacked by twelve enemy machines, he succeeded in taking the required photographs. 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.

T./Capt. Geoffrey L. Reckitt, R. Suss. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He carried out a raid on the enemy's trenches at very short notice at a time when identifications were urgently required. He handled his party with great skill and set them a splendid example of contempt of danger. By his keenness and initiative he contributed very largely to the success of the operation.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Harry Ribton-Cooke, R.W. Surr. R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst he was visiting the forward posts of his company the enemy attempted a strong raid. Immediately appreciating the situation, he continued to visit all his posts in turn, despite the heavy hostile barrage, encouraging the garrisons and instilling all ranks with the utmost confidence. Displaying an utter disregard of danger throughout, he was undoubtedly responsible for the discomfiture of the enemy, who suffered severe losses.

T./Capt. Henry Drummond Robb, R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On his camp and its vicinity being heavily shelled he was compelled to conduct his sick parade along roads which were at the time under heavy shell fire. He succeeded in leading his wounded cases safely under cover, and later remained behind to attend to the men of a neighbouring unit, which had also suffered some casualties as a result of the intense shelling. His courage and devotion to duty were of the highest order.

T./2nd Lt. Harry Noel Cornforth Robinson, Gen. List and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While on an offensive patrol he had trouble with his petrol pressure and was forced to turn back towards our lines. On his way back he saw seven enemy scouts attacking two of our artillery machines. He immediately dived on to the enemy and drove one of them down. During this operation one of his guns jammed. The enemy still continued the attack and he again dived on them, but his remaining gun also jammed. Though both his guns were out of action and he had very little petrol left, he continued to dive on the enemy repeatedly and eventually