

Lt. (A./Maj.) Walter Churchill Hale, M.C., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The battery was subjected to an intense bombardment of gas and other shells, two guns were destroyed, and several casualties were caused. Though he had been wounded earlier in the day, he continued to command his battery under continuous and heavy fire, and kept it in action until relieved late in the afternoon. His courage and resource were of inestimable value at a critical time.

(M.C. gazetted 18th January, 1918.)

2nd Lt. Reginald Harding, M.C., R.W. Surr. R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of a bombing party during a raid, he was the first to discover a party of the enemy advancing towards our front line. He immediately engaged them with the men under his command, his prompt decision being the means of causing confusion on one flank of the enemy. He himself captured two prisoners, and his disregard for personal danger and coolness under trying circumstances contributed largely to the successful issue of the encounter.

(M.C. gazetted 18th July, 1917.)

T./Capt. Frederick Theophilus Hill, M.C., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Several hundred casualties of all branches of the service were passed through his unit during the day, and were evacuated promptly thanks to his zeal, energy and efficient organisation. When the enemy were advancing his unit was the last to leave the neighbourhood, and finally withdrew, when ordered to do so, and when every case had been evacuated, to join the division. He displayed outstanding devotion to duty.

(M.C. gazetted 23rd June, 1915.)

T./Capt. Oswald Horsley, M.C., Gord. Highrs. and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has brought down completely out of control three hostile machines, and of two others which he engaged one he fought to within a distance of 200 feet from the ground, forcing it to land, the second spinning down to the ground out of control, he being unable to observe it crash owing to the presence of other hostile machines. He has carried out accurate and valuable reconnaissances, and has set a magnificent example of determined gallantry and skill whilst leading low-flying and bombing patrols.

(M.C. gazetted 2nd October, 1916.)

Capt. Raymond Percy Gilbert Ireland, M.C., K.R.R.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in command of his company on patrol work he gained touch with a superior number of the enemy. On observing an officer lying on the ground wounded, he helped him back to the support line under heavy fire. He subsequently proceeded through the village, which was being heavily shelled, in order to guide two platoons which were withdrawing. His gallant conduct and quick grasp of the situation enabled him

to extricate his company without loss from a difficult and dangerous position.

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

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) William Irvine, M.C., Arg. & Suth'd Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company was heavily bombarded in the reserve position and suffered many casualties, he moved his men forward into shell holes in front of his trench and reorganised the company in this position. Hearing that the line in front of him was broken he at once led forward a party from his company and some men of other units on to a ridge which commanded an important road, and established a defensive position. His energy and courage were a source of inspiration to his men, and were largely responsible for the successful work accomplished by his company.

(M.C. gazetted 26th September, 1916.)

T./Capt. John Leacroft, M.C., Gen. List and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a period of six months he has destroyed four and has brought down completely out of control six hostile machines. In all he has destroyed eight enemy machines and driven down thirteen out of control. On one occasion, when leading an offensive patrol, his formation destroyed six enemy planes and drove another down out of control without suffering any damage itself. He has displayed exceptional qualities as a leader, and his patrols have always been characterised by vigour and dash.

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

2nd Lt. (T./Capt.) Kenneth Malise St. Clair Graeme Leask, M.C., Devon. R., and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He attacked a formation of five enemy scouts, one of which he destroyed. Later, he carried out a very valuable reconnaissance at a height of 100 feet in order to locate the enemy's position. While thus engaged he observed a large column of enemy troops advancing along a road. He dived down to a height of about 30 feet and attacked and scattered them, and held up their advance for a considerable time. He has done splendid work in attacking enemy troops from a low altitude, showing great courage and determination under heavy fire.

(M.C. gazetted 26th March, 1918.)

Lt. (T./Capt.) Deane Mann, M.C., R.W. Surr. R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy attacked he at once organised a counter-attack and drove the enemy back. On the following day, hearing that the enemy had broken through on the flank, he made a reconnaissance under intense machine gun fire and in full view of the enemy, and brought back valuable information. He set a splendid example of courage and coolness to his men.

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