

Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) Christopher Vaughan Edwards, York. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in going forward under shell and rifle fire and making a daring personal reconnaissance in order to clear up an obscure situation. By his action he not only managed to ascertain the actual situation and to take the necessary measures, but also set a fine example of coolness, and greatly encouraged both officers and men. He has previously displayed great judgment and gallantry under fire.

2nd Lt. Cyril George Edwards, W. York. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Having gone out with a N.C.O. to reconnoitre the enemy's wire, they were attacked by bombs. The first one he seized before it exploded and threw it back, and, when the second fell, realising that they could not both escape unharmed, he threw his legs over it to smother the explosion, and thus protected the N.C.O. By this splendid act of gallantry and self-sacrifice he saved the life of his comrade at the risk of his own. The N.C.O. was able to drag him back to our lines, where he showed great pluck in reporting the information which he had gained by his daring reconnaissance.

Lt. Harold Thomas Forster, M.C., R. Berks. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took over command of his battalion when his colonel had become a casualty, and led them with great skill to their objective, twice changing direction in order to avoid hostile barrage. He then made a personal reconnaissance and ascertained the position of the enemy, after which he formed a defensive flank, and was able to re-establish his line when it had been driven back by determined hostile counter-attacks. He remained perfectly cheerful throughout, showing a fine example of fearlessness and contempt for danger.

T./Major John Simpson Foulkes, Manch.. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack on the enemy trenches he personally closed with a party of the enemy and inflicted severe losses on them, and although wounded in the back by a bomb, continued to control the operation until its conclusion. He set a magnificent example to his men.

Maj. Charles Clifford Furness, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. By his daring and exceptionally fearless personal reconnaissances of the positions which his brigade were about to occupy, he gained and brought back information which was invaluable to the operations, and, although under heavy shell fire and machine gun fire, displayed a coolness and determination to report accurately upon the situations which were of inestimable value to the subsequent moves and action of his brigade.

T./Lt. Godfrey Power Geddes, Gord. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although dazed and much shaken by

the explosion of a shell, he, as Adjutant, took command of the front line when all the other officers had become casualties, and coolly and energetically directed the work of consolidation and organisation. He also repulsed an enemy counter-attack by his able handling of the battalion's Lewis guns. On the following day, when very heavily counter-attacked, he directed a short retirement to a stronger defence line, from which he held up the enemy and eventually drove them back when reinforced, personally leading the attack. Although wounded in the hand, he behaved for three days with the utmost courage and ability, filling a responsible position under very trying conditions and practically unaided, by his fine personal example inspiring all ranks to most untiring efforts in attack and defence.

Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) William Reid Glover, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He commanded his battalion with great ability and fearlessness under very heavy fire. His example tended to maintain the morale of his men under the most adverse conditions, and it was mainly due to his personal efforts that his battalion was reorganised after being compelled to fall back, and the system of defence re-established.

T./Maj. Lord Dudley Gladstone Gordon, Gord. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in personally supervising the construction of two artillery tracks over newly captured ground. Throughout the day he set a splendid example of gallantry and coolness, personally carrying out reconnaissances under heavy fire from rifles and machine-guns, and it was due to his fearlessness and disregard of danger that the track was successfully completed.

2nd Lt. Horace Frederick Gough, N. Staff. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He rallied part of a neighbouring battalion that had lost all its officers and had been forced back from a most important position. He personally led a counter-attack, and retook the position at the point of the bayonet, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. He then consolidated the captured position, and remained in command until relieved. By his gallantry, individuality, and resource he undoubtedly enabled the troops on his flank to regain a highly important position.

Maj. the Hon. Walter Edward Guinness, Yeo.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as Brigade Major. Previous to an attack his reconnaissance and arrangements for the assault were excellent, and during the action itself he went forward and made a complete and thorough personal reconnaissance regardless of enemy shelling and rifle fire. He remained on an exposed position for two days, keeping in close touch with the situation under continuous shell fire, and by his prompt action on his own initiative staved off at least one counter-attack.