

2nd Lt. Dalton Thomas Walker Neville, D.C.M. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While in charge of a patrol, reconnoitring the enemy's side of "No Man's Land," this officer located two enemy posts. Attacking with dash and skill, the enemy being taken quite unawares—two being killed and three brought over for identification. The withdrawal was made under machine-gun fire, and in face of a counter-attack, but he piloted his men back without casualties.

Capt. Stanley James Nichol, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an advance this officer was in charge of a portion of the front line. His duties were performed with judgment and intelligence, and the information which he sent back was of great value. The following night he personally reconnoitred, and allotted objectives to commanders of front line companies. The whole operation was under his direct control, and, although wounded, he carried on until the front line had been consolidated. On his return to battalion headquarters he gave clear information as to the dispositions.

Lt. Thomas Brown Norman, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon successfully to his objective with great dash and courage, and when the enemy later gained a footing in the trench, he drove them out and re-established the position. He set a fine example to his men.

Lt. Percy Edward Nuttall, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer led his platoon in a night attack on a nest of machine guns in the edge of a wood, five being captured. When the objective was reached he was the only officer left with the company. He took charge and reorganised it, his example, under heavy fire, cheering and inspiring the men. The next day he discovered a party of the enemy, with a machine gun forming up in some low ground. Getting a Lewis gun, he fired it himself, causing 30 casualties, and scattering them. Later, he inflicted a further 15 casualties on the same party crossing a ridge. He was eventually wounded himself. He did splendid service.

Lt. George Victor O'Connor, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as liaison officer, when he was most helpful along the line, in spite of very heavy enemy fire. He was then severely wounded and crawled out to a neighbouring telephone and gave full particulars of the situation to battalion headquarters, refusing to be evacuated until he had dictated a report and made a sketch map, which proved of great value.

Lt. Ernest Ellerman Paterson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company commander was wounded early in the attack this officer took command, and under heavy artillery and machine-gun fire re-organised the company

and advanced on the objective. He was suddenly confronted with a hostile machine gun detachment, who were bringing their guns into action. He immediately attacked and captured the gun, making prisoners of the men. His company suffered heavy losses both in officers and men, but he maintained their spirit and endurance by his cool handling of the situation and his courage and composure under heavy fire.

Lt. Joseph Pearce, L.H.R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in digging trenches under heavy shell fire, keeping the men at work by his example. He remained on duty forty-eight hours, digging in the trenches, dressing the wounded, and re-organising the posts which were knocked out.

Lt. Charles Eliel Pizzey, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer rendered valuable service throughout three days' operations. The information furnished by his reconnaissance was invaluable, and helped greatly to the success of two advances. He showed marked ability in adapting captured machine guns for use against the enemy, instructing the gunners and helping them in every way. He led a storming party and cleared out a trench, and his energy and coolness throughout was a great asset to the morale of the men.

Capt. Victor Bernard Portman, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company with great success and took his objective. Though wounded he then changed his position for a less exposed one, which he dug in. All his officers were wounded. He showed fine courage and good leadership.

Lt. Clarence Gordon Prescott, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a heavy attack on his position the enemy gained a footing in a farm on high ground and were causing casualties by enfilade fire. He at once rallied his platoon and led a brilliant charge on the house, driving the enemy out and killing forty. He showed fine courage and by his prompt action he saved a very critical situation.

Lt. James Adam Purcell, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed fine courage and leadership in leading his platoon against an enemy strong point, gaining his objective and capturing thirty-five prisoners, two light trench mortars and a machine gun.

Lt. John McIntyre Rae, M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As battalion intelligence officer his work with a party of scouts was of the greatest service, both in attack and defence, his information being both accurate and comprehensive.