

having handled the situation with skill and judgment.

Lt. Leonard Ralph Stephens, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and fine leadership in charge of a platoon in action. He led his men with great courage and skill, and, on gaining the objective, immediately began the work of consolidation. Throughout the operations his splendid example greatly encouraged all ranks with him.

Lt. Charles Merton Stodart, A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Prior to an attack, he made a difficult reconnaissance to select a site for a continuous Wave Wireless Set, and conducted the wireless personnel to the position selected. On the night of the attack, he acted at the observation post as forward observation officer, and when the infantry advanced, he followed them under heavy shell fire, maintaining communication, and phoning back valuable information, which was passed to brigade headquarters. Throughout the operations he afforded a fine example of courage and devotion to duty.

Lt. Andrew John Sweetman Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a heavy barrage of high-explosive and gas shells, this officer went out in the dark with his linesmen, and remained out patrolling the lines and repairing breaks until the afternoon, thus enabling communication to be almost uninterruptedly maintained.

Lt. Richard Saunders Swinbourne, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His platoon took part in an attack on an enemy strong point. Thanks to his personal reconnaissance and skilful leading, the objective was gained with only one casualty, an important trench system cleared and ten prisoners taken.

Lt. Fernleigh Silas Tall, A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a day when the enemy were shelling a main road with high explosives and gas this officer, on three separate occasions, rescued wounded men under great difficulties. When an ammunition wagon and team received a direct hit he went and carried one of the men to safety, returning again through the barrage to rescue a second. Later on he assisted in rescuing three more men. His conduct and example throughout the day were of great value to others.

Lt. George Stanley Telfer, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a night attack, although twice wounded, this officer at first declined to leave his post. Later he was ordered to do so, but returned after having his wounds dressed. He displayed admirable leadership during the attack, and his reconnaissance during consolidation led to the capture of a strong post which was menacing the right flank.

Capt. Ewing George Thomson, Aust. A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer tended wounded in the open from 4 a.m. to 11 a.m. one morning. During this period he was under very heavy high explosive and gas bombardment, but, although suffering from the effects of gas, he stuck to his aid post. His rapidity in evacuating wounded from the gassed area no doubt saved many lives.

Lt. William Crawford Tomkin, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer was in charge of a section of Stokes guns. Finding that the advance of our attack was being checked by the fire of a machine gun, he pushed forward one of his guns in spite of the heavy fire of the enemy and put the machine gun out of action, enabling our advance to proceed. Later on, with his runner, he attacked an enemy post, capturing eight prisoners. His cheerful energy and fine courage in the face of difficulties were, throughout the action, of great help to his men.

Lt. Robert Edmonds Tree, I.C.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a determined enemy attack. He was wounded in the shoulder and his company was forced back about fifty yards. He at once re-organised and led a counter-attack, driving the enemy out of his old position and advancing a short distance. This advance secured our left flank for the rest of the day and was of great importance.

Lt. Leslie Trenerry, Aust. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer, in charge of an ammunition convoy, came under very heavy shell fire when passing along a sunken road, the two leading teams of mules being killed and the leading wagon set on fire. He immediately diverted the remainder of the convoy and then returned to assist the wounded, although the shell fire was still intense, and there was danger of the burning wagon exploding at any moment. He got all the wounded under cover and extinguished the fire.

Lt. Harry Melbourne Moir Wall, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while leading a patrol. He pushed ahead with two men, and, meeting an enemy patrol, broke them up, and captured three prisoners, which he brought back under heavy fire to the remainder of the patrol. He showed great coolness and courage. He has previously done fine work.

2nd Lt. Aubrey Austell Walls, M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer made three journeys, through heavy machine gun and rifle fire, with bombs, which he realised were necessary for the defence of a strong point we had just captured. He afterwards supervised digging a trench with a coolness and contempt of danger which set a fine example to his men. After daylight, when an officer was badly wounded during a reconnaissance, he went out