

men and the tenacity with which they held their positions were largely due to the splendid personal example of this officer, and the stand made by his battalion was of the utmost importance.

Maj. (T./Lt.-Col.) Albert Richard Henchley, R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. In two days he succeeded in evacuating some 1,500 patients. He got away his personnel and lorries under shell and machine-gun fire, and proceeded to a hospital elsewhere from which he evacuated 300 wounded by ambulance trains. His unit was the last to leave the town. His coolness and resource were the means of saving a large number of wounded from falling into the hands of the enemy.

Lt. Albert Maurice Kerby, M.C., R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While his battery was being heavily shelled with gas, shrapnel and high explosives he constantly exposed himself, moving from gun to gun and encouraging the detachments. He then went to the observation post to make a report. Whilst visiting the advanced wagon lines he was severely wounded. It was mainly due to his gallantry and fine example that the battery maintained its rate of fire.

2nd Lt. Philip McGiveney, Lanc. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He captured the first objective with his platoon. His company was subsequently ejected by a counter-attack. He, with a handful of men, returned to the attack and retook the objective. He was wounded in the face, but went on single-handed and bombed and took prisoners the occupants of three posts. Later, arranging another bombing party, and advancing again, he was badly wounded in the spine and had to be taken away. It was due to his splendid courage and dash that his company recovered from its reverse and succeeded in re-engaging and inflicting severe casualties on the enemy.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Charles Howard Goulden Millis, M.C., N. & Derby. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He rode up and down the firing line under heavy fire organising the defence, distributing ammunition and encouraging the men to hold the line at all costs, until, as was inevitable, he was severely wounded. His fine example of courage inspired those around him, and contributed greatly to the holding of the line.

Capt. (A./Maj.) Percival Pickford, M.C., Ox. & Bucks. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. Throughout the fight he continually moved between battalion headquarters and the front line, and

when the situation was critical he personally took a handful of men and placed them exactly where they were required. But for his courageous example and quick initiative the battalion might several times have been surrounded.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Edward Benjamin Pope, Glouc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when an important tactical position was in grave danger. He succeeded in rallying the line and led forward in face of heavy rifle and machine-gun fire. Heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy, and the line was re-established in its former position. Throughout he showed the greatest courage and resource.

Capt. (A./Maj.) Arthur Geoffrey Francis Ramsden, R.F.A. (S.R.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While his battery was subjected to an extremely heavy bombardment he kept all his guns in action, firing his programme and S.O.S. Finally, with only one gun left, he ran it out of the pit, engaged the advancing enemy over open sights, assisted by rifle fire of his detachment, so holding the enemy off. He managed to get his gun on to a trolley and got it away, and eventually withdrew the survivors of his detachment, after inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy.

Capt. (A./Lt.-Col.) George Frederick Edwin Rapson, Wilts. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a counter-attack. He first carried out a personal reconnaissance of the ground under heavy machine-gun fire, and then led his men to the attack in a most gallant manner. Several times the attack was driven back by heavy machine-gun fire, which caused many casualties, but he gained and held his objective. His courage and fine leadership set a splendid example.

Capt. (A./Lt.-Col.) Stephen Rhodes, York & Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when, in command of his battalion, he organised and successfully carried out a counter-attack. Throughout the whole operations he handled his men with great skill, and set a fine example of courage and endurance. The success of local operations was largely due to him.

Capt. (A./Maj.) George Sumpter, M.C., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. In the first position he took on the enemy with observed fire coming across the open, causing them very heavy casualties and checking their advance for three hours. During this time, by blowing it up twice, he prevented the enemy building a bridge. Four days later he took on with open sights the advancing enemy infantry and two 7.7.cm. guns. He knocked the first gun out with ten rounds, and soon after knocked the other out. Two days later again he took on an enemy battery in the open and knocked out the four guns. He did splendid service.