

shell fire for many hours, bandaging and succouring the wounded. Whilst carrying a wounded man back to the dressing station, he was blown up by a shell and severely wounded in both thighs and back. His courage was exceptional, and his example did much to ease the sufferings of the wounded.

T./2nd Lt. Evershed Heron, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He reached the final objective with great dash and promptitude, and brought his guns into action on a forward position, thus rendering our lines safe against counter-attack.

T./2nd Lt. John Pearson Heron, York. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in commanding his company after all the officers had become casualties. He showed great initiative in consolidating the captured position under heavy shell fire, and did excellent work digging fresh trenches when the original ones had been blown in by hostile artillery.

2nd Lt. Harold Spurgeon Hobby, York. R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in taking charge of his company and completely reorganising it after the Commander had become a casualty. Although twice wounded, he refused to leave the line, and remained until the battalion was relieved, displaying great ability and cheerfulness in spite of his wounds, and setting a splendid example to his men.

Lt. (A./Maj.) Herbert Hobday, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although wounded himself, he brought two wounded men out of a gun-pit whilst his battery was being heavily shelled, and then rallied his men and withdrew them to a flank. Later, he went forward at great personal risk to a line which was in advance of the line held by our infantry and successfully registered the guns of his brigade. He was heavily shelled whilst doing so.

Lt. John Hodgart, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when the enemy concentrated heavy fire on his battery and set fire to the ammunition. Although severely bruised by falling masonry, he assisted to extinguish the fire and to remove the wounded, setting an invaluable example by his courage, especially as there was a dump of lethal shells close by.

Capt. Edward Marshall Holmes, York & Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company during a raid with the greatest courage, although 50 per cent. of his men became casualties in the first ten minutes. He then worked for two hours inside the enemy lines, collecting and bringing in all his wounded. It was largely owing to his fine example and leadership that the company were able to advance under a

very heavy barrage, and afterwards to retire in good order.

T./2nd Lt. Edward Reginald Home-Gall, R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as Battalion Signalling Officer. He personally superintended the laying of wires under heavy shell fire, and was most successful in obtaining and maintaining communication throughout the action.

2nd Lt. Patrick Joseph Hourihane, R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With fine disregard of danger, he and three gunners rushed to the rescue of their wounded comrades under a heavy bombardment and organised stretcher parties to carry them to the dressing station. This gallant action undoubtedly was the means of saving many lives.

2nd Lt. William Norman Dolbey Hull, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a heavy bombardment of his battery he showed great coolness and presence of mind in getting the men clear of the position, although himself wounded in several places, personally inspecting all dug-outs to see that no men remained. His gallantry under fire has always set a magnificent example to his men.

2nd Lt. William Thomas James, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his company when his other officers had become casualties, and consolidated and held a position for twenty-four hours, although subjected to repeated bombing attacks and sniping from all sides. His conduct and bearing throughout were most creditable, and set a splendid example to his men.

T./2nd Lt. Walter Woodhead Jenkinson, W. York. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When every other officer in his company was wounded in the assault, he personally reorganised his company and consolidated the position with great ability. He was slightly wounded on five different occasions and in seven places during the action, but remained unflinchingly at duty.

2nd Lt. Robert Crake Jephcott, S. Staff. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon through heavy shell fire to construct a strong point. He carried out the work allotted to him, in spite of his being wounded, and of having to work under direct observation of the enemy.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) William Henry Johnson, Ches. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his men splendidly against the enemy, and accounted for several of them himself. He was badly wounded, but he set a fine example to his men on this as on all other occasions.