

T./2nd Lt. George Frederick Douglas, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of gas projectors emplaced in a very exposed position. A hostile barrage being put down on and behind the projector emplacements he distributed his men in shell holes, and, without calling for any assistance from them, himself completed the final connections. Withholding his fire until the appointed time he fired four out of the five batteries, only returning to cover after having assured himself that all the projectors had fired. This involved careful and cool-headed work in a very exposed position and under exceptionally heavy fire.

2nd Lt. Roger Garnett Clayton Drake, Som. L.I., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he became detached with ten men from the main force. Although practically surrounded by the enemy he fortified a shell hole and held on in a forward position until the arrival of reinforcements restored the situation. He showed great determination and fearlessness under heavy fire.

T./Lt. Lowry Sinclair Duncan, R. Ir. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of a carrying party during an attack and led his men through a very heavy machine-gun and artillery barrage, successfully delivering the supplies to the forward lines. He did valuable work in reorganising scattered troops, and collecting water and ammunition into dumps ready to be sent forward, all the work being carried out under heavy fire.

T./Capt. Claud McDuff Durrant, W. Rid. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in gaining a portion of his objective under exceptional difficulties and heavy fire. Although half his company were casualties he held on to his objective and handed it over on relief.

Lt. Louis du Vergé, R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an action. He constantly dressed the wounded in the open under heavy shell fire, and showed complete disregard for his own safety.

Temp. 2nd Lt. Richard Sharples Eckersley, K.R.R.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He remained in the line for six days and made a most valuable reconnaissance of No Man's Land and the enemy's wire. In the assault he was one of the first to enter the enemy's trenches, capturing a machine-gun, putting several of the enemy out of action and capturing others.

T./2nd Lt. Robert Anderson Edgar, attd. Durh. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He took command when his company commander was a casualty, and led his men successfully in the attack and organised the defence. He personally killed an enemy sniper who had caused many casualties.

2nd Lt. Ronald Irving Edwards, Herts. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. When his company was held up by machine-gun fire from an enemy strong point, he rushed the strong point at the head of his company and killed all the enemy. By his initiative and quick grasp of the situation he enabled the advance to continue. He showed exceptional courage and leadership.

2nd Lt. Henry Swanston Eeles, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the battery was being heavily shelled the camouflage over three gun-pits caught fire, and the ammunition in the dump was ignited. He at once left the sap, and, with the assistance of a bombardier, put out the fire and prevented further damage to the dump. His prompt action prevented the dump from blowing up, and saved the destruction of the guns and possibly loss of life.

T./Lt. (T./Capt.) Robert Ellerington, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He brought two enemy machine-guns into action and repelled two hostile counter-attacks. He was always on the move, conversant with the situation, and was of great value in the defence of the new line. He showed great coolness and courage throughout a most trying time.

T./Capt. Henry Hawes Elliot, M.B., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during several days' operations. He was out under very heavy fire finding wounded men, attending to them, and helping them back to the aid post, and, though wounded, continued at duty. When his aid post received several direct hits, he succeeded in evacuating all the wounded to a safer position. He set a fine example to his stretcher-bearers.

T./Capt. William Ellis, R. Ir. Rifles.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of his company. When many men of other units were falling back, having lost their officers, he rallied the men, reformed the line, and held on to it under heavy fire until relieved.

2nd Lt. Herbert William Esson, Gord. Highrs., attd. M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He kept his gun in action in the open under heavy fire for several hours. His battery suffered heavy casualties, and he himself was wounded; nevertheless, he displayed great resolution in reorganising the battery, and kept his gun in action until he was again wounded.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Hugh Lancelot Evers, Worc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although severely wounded at the commencement of an attack, he continued to command his company for three hours, and did not leave to have his wound attended to until he had seen his company established in their position after the attack.