

battery was under heavy shell fire and blocked with traffic for a considerable time.

Capt. George Montagu Parkin, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His battery was very heavily shelled and there were several casualties, including the battery commander. On being informed he immediately came up from the waggon lines, through a heavy barrage of gas shells, and took command. Though the shelling continued he reorganised his men and was able to get the battery into action at the time ordered. He kept the battery in action the following night under a heavy bombardment. He set a magnificent example of coolness and courage to his men.

T./2nd Lt. Bernard Austin Peace, W. York. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as forward reconnaissance officer of the brigade. Very early in the action he established himself, under heavy fire, in an exposed position, where he could maintain touch with the whole situation, and sent back valuable and accurate reports throughout the day. Owing to his vigilance early information of an impending counter-attack was received and the attack was frustrated.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Norman Kirkby Peace, A. Cyc. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of traffic under very heavy fire, by his courage and disregard of danger he kept the road clear, organised the traffic, and got the wounded away with a minimum of delay. Throughout the operations he showed great courage and devotion to duty.

2nd Lt. Basil Peacock, North'd Fus., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of a wiring party, getting his men to work under heavy machine-gun fire within ten minutes of the objective being reached, and completing the wiring in time to defeat several counter-attacks.

2nd Lt. Walter Sidney Peel, Linc. R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He took command of a party whose officer had been wounded and led them forward to the capture of an important strong point. Later, when he was the only officer left, he took charge of the company and organised the consolidation. Throughout the whole operation he displayed great coolness and leadership.

2nd Lt. Alan Christopher Temple Perkins, R.G.A., Spec. Res., attd. R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The machine in which he was an observer came into collision with another when he was at a height of 4,000 feet and had its right hand bottom plane so badly damaged that it got into a spinning nose dive. Seeing this he immediately climbed to the outer bay of the left-hand plane and by his weight there enabled his pilot to right his machine and to land without further damage.

2nd Lt. Walter Harvie Petrie, Manch. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the assembly for the attack he showed great coolness in forming up his platoon under heavy shell fire, and though blown up by a shell before the attack began he led his platoon forward until he was badly wounded. He then continued to encourage his men, setting a magnificent example of coolness and pluck throughout.

T./2nd Lt. Karl Pfeuffar, R.W. Kent R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy had penetrated our front line and occupied a concrete dug-out, he first kept them at bay by throwing bombs from a position within twenty-five yards of the dug-out, and then led a counter-attack across the open in the most fearless fashion, which took the enemy completely by surprise. It was due to his fine personal example that fourteen prisoners were taken and the position entirely re-established.

T./Lt. Jacob Noel Phillips, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. A train loaded with ammunition was set on fire by bombs from hostile aircraft, endangering not only the remaining ammunition in that train, but also another train which was drawn up beside it. On seeing the fire he immediately got an engine, coupled it to the second train, and drew it clear. Two trucks were on fire, and these he extinguished with buckets of water. He carried out the whole operation with only four men, having ordered the rest to safety. His prompt action undoubtedly prevented a serious disaster.

T./2nd Lt. Walter Maurice Pierce, Gen. List & R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst on artillery patrol his machine was attacked by a hostile scout. Although he was wounded by the first burst of hostile fire, he continued to work his gun, and succeeded in driving off the enemy machine, which is believed to have been severely damaged. When taken to the C.C.S. he insisted on being sent to his squadron, in order to make a reconnaissance report on movement behind the enemy's lines. After doing this he was taken back to the C.C.S., where he was operated on and the bullet extracted. This officer has proved himself a most reliable observer. He has done consistent good work, and many of his reports have been of the greatest value.

Temp. 2nd Lt. John Arthur Pinnegar, Rif. Brig.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a company in an attack. On being checked by an enemy machine gun, he rushed forward with his orderly, captured the gun and killed the entire garrison of the strong point. For five days he kept his men efficient and cheerful under most difficult conditions, and his personal pluck and courage inspired the whole company.