

Capt. William Barry Postlethwaite, M.B., R.A.M.C., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He set a splendid example of untiring energy and contempt of danger to his stretcher-bearers throughout the operations, repeatedly leaving his aid post under heavy fire to attend to the wounded. He organised bearer-parties and went forward with them into No Man's Land and brought in a large number of wounded.

Lt. Percy Harold Preston, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He laid and maintained a forward wire to an observation post near the front line and observed the fire of his battery, thus rendering valuable support to the infantry. During this time he was under heavy shell fire. This officer has always shown great zeal and devotion to duty, with coolness and gallantry under fire.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Harold John Pullman, Ox. & Bucks. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company with great skill and determination in an attack. When two preceding waves were held up, he sent up flanking parties and rushed the enemy blockhouses. He re-formed his company and proceeded towards his objective.

2nd Lt. John Murdow Purves, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when laying forward cables. This officer and his party were confronted with a very heavy hostile barrage and intense machine-gun fire; with great determination he pushed on with four men and succeeded in getting his telephone lines across a river. His personal courage and perseverance set a splendid example to his party, and it was entirely due to his disregard of his own safety that the work was successfully carried out, the party being under heavy fire all the time. He was severely wounded whilst engaged on this duty.

2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) Frederick Hamilton Ralls, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company with great skill throughout the operations, reorganised the troops after an enemy counter-attack, and by his quick grasp of the situation prevented the enemy from making further progress. The information received from him was always reliable and of the greatest service to Battalion Head-Quarters.

2nd Lt. Cecil James Randall, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took in hand the consolidation of an outpost line under very heavy shell fire, gathering together men of other units. He inspired all around him by his gallantry and coolness under fire.

Temp. Lt. Warren Pye Ratcliff, R. Suss. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as transport officer. He was responsible for the supply of rations, water and material for the battalion, and always got his supplies through regularly, bringing his

pack train close up to the front line sometimes twice a day and always under shell fire. He carried out his duties in a most able manner, inspiring confidence by his coolness and contempt of danger.

2nd Lt. Edward Francis Ratliff, Rif. Bde., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. It was greatly owing to his exceptional coolness in a very difficult position that a small party of which he was in charge was able to hold up a large body of the enemy who were working round his flank.

Lt. George Ernest Ratcliff, Glouc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company with great skill in the attack, capturing the enemy position and two machine guns. He reorganised two companies and consolidated the position. By his skill and coolness under heavy fire he greatly contributed to the success of the operations.

Lt. Kenneth Rayner, Midd'x R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While in command of a party detailed to rush an enemy post, he led it forward without a check, although under very heavy rifle fire. He rushed the enemy with the bayonet, and by his example of determined leadership succeeded in carrying out his task, and, with the exception of one man, who was killed, he led back the whole party safely to our trenches after the conclusion of the operation.

T./2nd Lt. John Joseph Reddy, R. Ir. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of a carrying party, which he led forward under intense fire, with supplies to the front line. Finding the troops there held up, he organised his party as a fighting unit, and took charge of a post, which he held throughout the day against threatened counter-attacks. He was able to send back valuable information whereby an enemy concentration for a counter-attack was broken up. He showed great coolness and ability in a difficult position, and set a splendid example to his men.

2nd Lt. Cecil Gilbert Reeves, Ox. & Bucks. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he led his platoon on a series of concrete blockhouses with the greatest skill, under heavy fire; his coolness and example were largely responsible for their successful capture.

T./Qr-Mr. and Hon. Lt. John Thomas Regan, R. Ir. Regt.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in bringing up a convoy of rations and supplies to his battalion under a heavy barrage of shell and gas shell. By his great coolness and presence of mind under very trying conditions he kept the convoy on the move, and thereby succeeded in getting all the supplies to the battalion.

2nd Lt. Harry Norman Reynolds, R. War. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company in an attack, and