

a strongly held nest of concrete posts. Though wounded during the operations, he continued to command his battalion with great ability for four days until it was relieved, and by his devotion to duty set a magnificent example to all ranks.

2nd Lt. (T./Capt.) Edward Gray, M.C., Durh. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he led his men with great initiative and determination on several enemy strong points, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy and killing ten himself. During the consolidation of the captured position and subsequent enemy counter-attacks he walked up and down his line under fire with absolute disregard of danger, and kept his commanding officer well in touch with the situation. On another occasion he personally led an attack against an enemy strong point, capturing a machine gun and ten prisoners. Throughout the operations he set a magnificent example of courage and devotion to duty.

T./Maj. Thomas Cecil Howitt, Leic. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of his battalion during an enemy counter-attack. He displayed conspicuous ability in handling his battalion and in reorganising the defences of the front line. He went forward through a very heavy enemy barrage to make a personal reconnaissance, and his coolness and decision contributed very largely to the defence of the line.

2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) Dennys Brian Marriott Jackson, Sea. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although wounded early in the attack, after having his wound dressed he rejoined his company and assumed command of it, and also of another company. He led them forward to their final objective, and commenced consolidating. He also carried out a personal reconnaissance, in which he was responsible for knocking out an enemy post of six men.

Capt. Clive Hardy, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He led his company with great ability to the capture of their objectives. With two or three men he attacked a concrete machine gun post, which he captured with two machine guns and some thirty prisoners. Though wounded, he remained at duty for forty-eight hours until his company was relieved. He showed the greatest initiative and determination.

T./Capt. (A./Maj.) Allen Maxwell, R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his battalion during an attack when his commanding officer became a casualty, and with great energy and determination led his men forward under heavy and continuous fire. Throughout the attack and during the enemy counter-attacks which followed the capture of the position he set a magnificent example to all by his courage and devotion to duty.

T./Capt. David Sidney Alexander McKimm, M.C., Shrops. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. In spite of an enemy counter-attack being then in full progress and certain of the assaulting troops being diverted to meet the new situation, he launched his attack with the greatest skill and determination. He directed the assaulting parties, and personally held up with Lewis gun fire enemy bombers who were checking the advance. As he advanced he collected a mixed detachment of men of various units and established a forward line, getting into touch with the troops on his right. He showed magnificent leadership, courage and resource throughout.

T./Capt. Francis John Campbell Moffat, Gord Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He was in command of the right attacking company, which was opposed to a very powerful system of the enemy's defences. He led his company forward with the greatest courage and determination under heavy fire, but they were eventually held up by a machine-gun firing from a concrete emplacement. This he attacked single-handed, putting all the team out of action. He was badly wounded during this encounter, but, inspiring his men to further efforts, he led them several hundred yards further before he fell exhausted. His splendid courage and determination were undoubtedly responsible for the success of the attack.

2nd Lt. Alexander Munro, Sea. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although wounded early in the morning, and the only surviving officer in the company, he was mainly responsible for overcoming the very strong resistance of the enemy. He continued in command of the company, and was again wounded, but refused to leave until the situation was cleared.

2nd Lt. Ferdinand Charles Richard Prior-Wandesforde, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his battery was in action under heavy enemy shell fire a bomb store close to one of the guns exploded, killing the battery commander and causing other casualties. Seeing that the gun and its detachment were in great danger, he rushed to the bomb store and extinguished the fire at great personal risk. He then assumed command of the battery and kept it in action under very difficult conditions. On several previous occasions he behaved with great gallantry, and set a magnificent example to his men.

Capt. (A./Lt.-Col.) James Rowbotham, M.C., High. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an enemy counter-attack the front line became somewhat disorganised owing to a shortage of ammunition. He personally issued fresh supplies, and by his total disregard for safety and brilliant leadership succeeded in restoring a very difficult situation.