

Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) Francis Shand Byam Johnson, R. of O., R. Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his battalion became isolated during an enemy attack and both flanks were exposed, by his courage and skill he succeeded in withdrawing his battalion without serious loss. The successful withdrawal was entirely due to his splendid leadership and determination.

Lt.-Col. (T./Brig.-Gen.) D'Arcy Legard, Lrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in command of a brigade during the recent operations he on one occasion obtained valuable information as to the flanks, and undoubtedly saved a critical situation. During a period of twelve days he has handled his troops in a masterly manner, inspiring all ranks by his energy, coolness and cheerfulness.

Lt.-Col. Guy Macaulay Mort, Hrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On it being reported that the enemy had broken through and were about to attack his line in rear, he immediately organised and carried through a counter-attack, which succeeded in recapturing a vital point and thus saving a critical situation. Throughout the day and on subsequent occasions he has displayed cool courage, initiative and fine determination.

Capt. (A./Maj.) Francis Ashley Phillips, Yeo.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was the senior officer in the front line system when the enemy attacked. During the preliminary bombardment he kept battalion headquarters informed as to the situation, and when the enemy launched their attack he organised the defence with the greatest courage and energy. He maintained a determined resistance against heavy odds for over four hours, although he was completely outflanked and attacked from the rear. He led a counter-attack over the open and killed or drove out the enemy who were holding a trench behind his headquarters. When the position became quite untenable he organised a skilful withdrawal. He set a splendid example of determination and resource to his men.

Capt. (A./Lt.-Col.) Robert Bernard Price, M.B., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Prior to the division going into action he took over the duties of Assistant Director of Medical Services at half-an-hour's notice. When on one occasion all casualty clearing stations in the neighbourhood of the division were withdrawn, his improvisation on the previous night of an emergency casualty clearing station further to the rear proved of such inestimable value, that a large number of casualties were able to be dealt with and all the wounded evacuated with the utmost despatch. Owing to his resource, forethought and exceptional powers of organisation the smooth and successful evacuation of all wounded was carried out during the period of twelve days' heavy and continuous fighting in which the division was engaged.

T./Capt. Frank Granger Quigley, M.C., R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While leading an offensive patrol he attacked a very large number of enemy aeroplanes, destroyed one of them and drove another down out of control. On the following day, while on a low-flying patrol, he was attacked by several enemy scouts, one of which dived at him. He out-maneuvred this machine and fired on it at very close range. He followed it down to 500 feet, firing on it, and it spiralled very steeply to the ground in a cloud of black smoke. During the three following days, while employed on low-flying work, he showed the greatest skill and determination. He fired over 3,000 rounds and dropped thirty bombs during this period, inflicting heavy casualties on enemy infantry, artillery and transport.

Lt. (A./Maj.) Arnold Edward Smith, M.C., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a brigade of artillery. When a withdrawal became necessary he carried out a reconnaissance of the route and then skilfully withdrew the brigade under very heavy fire. It was due to his courage tenacity and resource that the operation was successfully carried out.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Oswald Franklin Stein, G. Gds., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a strong enemy attack a party of fifty of the enemy effected an entry into part of the front line trench held by his company. He at once organised a counter-attack, and, sending a party to make an out-flanking movement and cut the enemy's line of retreat, he personally led a bombing attack. Owing to his splendid leadership and his example of courage and energy the enemy were at once driven out with heavy losses. It was largely due to his quick grasp of the situation and prompt and determined action that the counter-attack was successful.

T./Maj. Arthur Stone, Lan. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of a raiding party, portions of which were unable to force a gap through the enemy wire, he proceeded under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire up to the enemy's wire, and having satisfied himself that it was impassable, ordered the parties held up to withdraw. It was entirely due to his coolness and command of the situation that the withdrawal of the parties and the evacuation of the wounded were successfully effected. Throughout the whole of the raid he displayed the most supreme contempt for danger, and inspired all ranks by his magnificent example.

Lt. (T./Capt.) George Edwin Thomson, M.C., Gen. List, and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On one occasion, encountering a number of enemy two-seater 'planes, he dived on one of these and sent it down in flames. On returning to our lines, he dived on to another enemy machine, the observer of which was seen to collapse in his cockpit, the hostile machine going down completely