

the air. He reorganised his platoon, led it against the enemy, and drove them back, thereby securing the flank.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Peter Purcell-Gilpin, S. Gds., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the situation was very obscure after an enemy attack he carried out a daring and valuable reconnaissance over difficult and unknown ground, and in pitch darkness. He located the enemy, and enabled the battalion to take up a defensive position. He did splendid work during the following day and night, helping to clear the situation and reorganising scattered parties of men.

T./2nd Lt. George Forrest Raeside, R. Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. By his determined and fearless leadership he gained his objective in an attack, in spite of severe opposition. He showed the greatest courage and energy throughout the operations.

Capt. (T./Maj.) Wilfred Taunton Raikes, S. W. Bord., Spec. Res. and M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst in charge of the divisional machine guns, he, time after time, went through the heaviest barrages to visit his guns, and it was entirely due to his personal supervision of the organisation of the machine-gun defence that the enemy were so successfully checked. Throughout the operations he rendered invaluable service, and displayed untiring energy, courage and endurance.

Capt. Thomas Alexander Rattray, Yeo.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He commanded one of the leading companies throughout an engagement with the greatest skill, and by his courage and judgment contributed largely to the success of the operations.

Lt. Geoffrey Earle Raven, W. York. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a platoon detailed to keep touch with the battalion on the right during an attack. When the company on the right was held up by an enemy machine gun he advanced his own platoon, put the machine gun out of action, and enabled the company on his right to advance. He never lost touch with the battalion on his right, and greatly assisted in clearing up the situation after the final objective had been captured.

T./2nd Lt. Ernest Herbert Rawson, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the enemy approaching the battery from flank and rear he showed great presence of mind and skill in swinging his guns round and engaging the advancing enemy. He commanded his guns with marked courage all day under most trying circumstances, affording a fine example of cheerfulness to his men.

T./2nd Lt. Stanley Richard, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an enemy attack, and whilst under intense artillery fire, he performed

magnificent work, keeping his guns in action, being with one gun himself in an exposed position until gun and team were blown up. Being the only one remaining unwounded, on his own initiative he moved up to his other three guns, which he continued to keep in action and supplied with ammunition, until these also were put out of action and he was wounded. Throughout he set a fine example of courage, and was of great assistance in checking the hostile attack.

T./2nd Lt. William Richards, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst in charge of four machine guns he suddenly found himself attacked in rear by large numbers of the enemy. Realising the situation, he moved his four guns and two guns of another section across the front of the enemy attack, and from a commanding position brought devastating fire to bear on the enemy at close range, which entirely held up their advance. With three additional guns he organised a defensive line, and having located two hostile machine guns, he put these out of action as soon as they opened fire, and also dispersed two other gun crews which were coming into action. Later, he took charge of another four guns, which he placed in defensive positions on the flank. He set a fine example of initiative, resource and courage during a critical period.

2nd Lt. William Victor Richards, Dorset. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He reconnoitred a route in daylight under heavy shell fire and at night led the battalion forward. When he was leading a party of guides forward to guide a relieving battalion, they came under heavy shell fire, which caused casualties in the party. He reorganised them, and successfully met the incoming battalion at the appointed time. He rendered very good service as sniping officer in locating and putting out of action enemy snipers.

Qr.-Mr. and Hon. Capt. Henry Shred Roberts, Essex R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy were seen from the brigade transport lines to be advancing about 400 yards away and many scattered parties of different units passed through the lines, after seeing his transport moved off in good order under heavy shelling, he assembled all available details and reinforced the remainder of the brigade details. He captured six prisoners, and after holding the ridge for four hours, the two senior officers being wounded, he took command, and with his party offered a strong resistance to the enemy.

2nd Lt. John Roberts, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of a party building a gun position, and when they were heavily shelled, he ordered the men to take cover. When one of the party was severely wounded, he and one man went back, and though twice knocked down by shells succeeded in carrying him to cover.