

Lt. (T./Maj.) George Francis Osborne, R. Suss. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While in defence of a wood he went up to the front line, and finding that the left flank was in danger, he returned to the reserve company and led them up, and so disposed them that the enemy were driven back. He showed great ability and courage.

2nd Lt. Howard Dudley Errington Owen, R.F.A.; Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in command of a section of guns, a party of enemy infantry suddenly opened machine-gun fire from a wood 300 yards distant. He lost a lead driver almost immediately, but got his own horse in between the lead horses and started the team again. Under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, he managed to get both guns and all his men safely away. His coolness and capability prevented the guns falling into the enemy's hands. He behaved splendidly.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Tom Owen, S. Staff. R., attd. R.A.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has carried out many successful low reconnaissances, bringing back good reports. When on artillery patrol, he succeeded in completely disorganising the traffic on a main road, getting direct hits on troops and transport by artillery. On this occasion it is estimated forty lorries were destroyed. He also attacked enemy troops and transport with bombs and machine guns with success.

T./Lt. William Headon Owen, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an intense enemy bombardment, when a portion of the trench was blown in and several men buried, though badly shaken himself, this officer organised a digging party, extricating the killed and wounded. That night he conducted a party to an old R.E. dump close to the enemy, and got some tools, which enabled him to consolidate the position.

T./2nd Lt. James Philip Owen-Holdsworth, Gen. List and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the last six months he has carried out fifty-two bombing raids on the enemy lines of communication, their aerodromes and their rest billets, often flying in very bad weather. Descending to a low altitude he has obtained several direct hits, both on their hangars and their billets. On several occasions he has returned with his machine riddled with bullets. He has set a fine example of courage and determination.

Lt. Alfred Paul Barrow Paget, R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The enemy put down a heavy barrage, but he remained with his section the whole day. One of his guns was hit twice, and all the detachment killed or wounded except two. He brought up a fresh detachment and kept his guns in action. His perseverance and courage under heavy shell fire greatly inspired all ranks.

Lt. Frederick Pargeter, Lrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a counter-attack. He led his men forward through the hostile barrage, and, under heavy machine-gun fire, succeeded in driving the enemy out of a wood. His determination and control of troops, consisting of other units besides his own, undoubtedly ensured the success of the operations.

T./2nd Lt. Hugh Alan Panting, R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the brigade withdrawal. All the battalions had gone except about 200 of mixed units, when information was received that the position was to be maintained. For two hours the line was held in the hope of reinforcements arriving, until the survivors were reduced to less than forty. Five times he rallied the men, and, although wounded, never left his post. Eventually the post became untenable, and he was ordered to withdraw. Throughout he displayed the highest courage and determination.

T./2nd Lt. William Harold Parker, Worc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty throughout long operations. When his company commander was killed, he assumed command and maintained his position, covering the withdrawal of troops of other units with great courage and skill, inflicting heavy casualties on the advancing enemy.

T./2nd Lt. James Balfour Parks, R. Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the officer commanding his company was killed, he took charge at a most critical time, and held the line intact against massed attacks. Later, with the remains of his company, he twice formed defensive flanks, enabling the men of other companies to withdraw in good order.

Lt. (A./Capt.) William Ferguson Parrington, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in commanding the rearguard and covering the retirement of the infantry. He most skilfully extricated his battery from almost certain capture, avoiding the congested roads and leading his guns across country subject to hostile machine-gun fire. Later, he ran a single gun into the open and engaged hostile infantry, laying over open sights.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) William Henry Parsloe, Linc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He remained with his company in the front line after companies on his left had retired, although his right flank was exposed to enfilade machine-gun fire. He put up a magnificent fight against large numbers of the enemy, inflicted severe loss on them, and then conducted a well-disciplined withdrawal. By his coolness and example he enabled two companies on his left to retire, and undoubtedly saved what might have been a break through on the part of the enemy.