

T./2nd Lt. Ernest James Hemsley, R. Suss. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon with great skill and dash under heavy machine-gun fire in a counter-attack, killing several of the enemy and taking several prisoners. His coolness and good leadership won the confidence of all ranks.

T./Lt. Eric Hemsoll, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Though wounded he twice rallied and reorganised parties of infantry and made a determined defence against enemy attacks. His determination and fine example had great effect in delaying the enemy's advance.

T./2nd Lt. Harold Henry Henderson, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of machine guns. When almost entirely surrounded he co-ordinated the fire of his guns to cover the retirement of other troops, eventually firing himself the only gun left in action. When the retirement was completed he succeeded in making his way back. On another occasion, taking one gun and team and a handful of infantry, he advanced 2,000 yards across open country under fire. The position being untenable he successfully withdrew to one in rear. By his example of cheerfulness he constantly encouraged his men at a critical period.

2nd Lt. Henry John Hensman, Herts. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the brigade was being heavily pressed during a retirement this officer organised and led forward details of Brigade Headquarters, making a successful counter-attack which held up the enemy. The success was largely due to his energy and determination. His work throughout the operations was untiring and an example to all.

2nd Lt. (T./Lt. and A./Capt.) Edward Grafton Herbert, R. War. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the commander of the company had been killed, this officer took command. Under very heavy fire he showed himself regardless of personal safety, visiting his sections, some of which were almost surrounded. It was largely owing to his exertions that six successive attacks by the enemy on our positions were annihilated by our fire. The skill with which he handled his company, his courage and his initiative were admirable.

Lt. Guy Robert Nelson Heseltine, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He acted as liaison officer between his brigade and the infantry brigade, and displayed marked courage in getting and bringing back information to his brigade.

Lt. Thomas Ridley Hetherington, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He carried out most useful reconnaissances under heavy

fire of all kinds, and sent back accurate information as to dispositions. He displayed fine courage and set a fine example to all.

T./2nd Lt. Archibald George Frost Hewett, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a machine-gun section. He stopped two heavy attacks on a bridge, collecting stragglers and reorganising the defence. Later he kept a gun in action till all ammunition had been fired and all his team except himself were casualties. His example and influence were the mainstay of a very successful defence.

2nd Lt. John Williams Leslie Hewitt, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of two sections of trench mortars. In face of the rapidly advancing enemy he showed great coolness, and by skilful control of fire did much to check the enemy advance and inflict severe casualties.

T./2nd Lt. Frank Hibbert, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst in charge of a party constructing a line of strong posts. When one party had all become casualties he went forward alone and personally dressed the wounded men. Later, he obtained a fresh party and completed the work. He was under shell fire throughout.

T./2nd Lt. Leslie Hickman, Durh. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a counter-attack he outflanked an enemy machine gun, killing the crew and capturing the gun, thereby saving his company from heavy casualties.

Lt. (A./Capt.) William Barry Hicks, North'd Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The company commanded by this officer was separated from the remainder of the battalion by a river. He covered the retirement of the battalion and held the position for five hours afterwards, although completely isolated, and sustaining many casualties. He afterwards extricated his company in a most able manner, and rejoined his battalion two days later. The bridge by which the river was crossed was blown up as soon as the rear company was over. A few days later he led a counter-attack with great dash. He did splendid service.

Lt. George Lloyd Higginbottom, Manch. R. and M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer was in command of a machine-gun section in reserve, which was ordered to take up a position near a wood to check the enemy attack. He collected some infantry who were disorganised owing to loss of their officers and N.C.O.s and organised them into an escort for his guns, which he moved up under heavy fire into excellent positions. He directed the fire so effectively that heavy attacks were beaten off, and dur-