

undoubtedly saved the situation at a critical moment.

2nd Lt. Albert John Honywill, Devon. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the defence of a bridgehead gave way, without a moment's hesitation he charged forward with the counter-attack company, carrying those who had withdrawn with him. He and his men had to charge through a brook up to their waists in water, and over 100 yards in the open, against shell and machine-gun fire, but nothing would stop him. He did splendid work.

No. 5965 C./S./M. (A./R.S.M.) Frederick James Hopcroft, Glou. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Realising that the enemy had broken through at one point, he organised a party and dug a defensive flank. He collected stragglers, rallied them, and put up such a resistance that the enemy advance was checked long enough to enable a brigade of artillery and other units to withdraw.

T./2nd Lt. Colin Robert Hope, York & Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack, when all officers senior to him had become casualties, he took command of three companies, displaying much gallantry and coolness as, regardless of his personal safety, he moved about in the open under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, encouraging and directing his men. His energy and good leadership were productive of results of great value.

Lt. George Frederick Hopkinson, N. Staff. R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a fortnight's operations of a most arduous description, his services in maintaining communication between brigade headquarters and the front line were most valuable, and his example of fine personal courage and coolness under heavy fire, worthy of the highest praise. On one occasion, having been unable to find the battalion to whom he was to convey orders for retirement, he returned a second time, but encountered an enemy patrol, who opened a heavy fire. Eluding the patrol, he came across one of our wounded, whom he helped to get on to his motor-cycle and managed to convey back to safety, though all the time being subjected to heavy fire.

T./2nd Lt. (A./Lt.) William Arnold Hopley, R. War. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During ten days' operations, when in command of two light trench mortars, he was frequently under the heaviest fire of all descriptions. On all occasions he set a fine example of courage and devotion to duty to his men, and his dispositions were marked by skill and ability. On one occasion, when both his mortars were buried and his detachment had been reduced to a quarter of their effective strength, he nevertheless managed to bring the mortars into action again and inflicted severe casualties on the enemy.

T./2nd Lt. John Gilbert Hopwood, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in the organisation and placing in position of new guns, manned by reinforcements just sent out from the base. When close up to the enemy and under shell fire, he arranged the men into gun teams, and issued their guns and equipment, and placed them in position, and this when he himself was exhausted by five days of continuous fighting and marching. On one occasion, seeing some infantry in front of his gun positions short of ammunition, he took up a supply to them across a long stretch of open under heavy enemy machine-gun fire.

Lt. Lawrence Browning Hore, Yeo., seconded, Tank Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer, in command of a section of light Tanks, charged into a large body of the enemy drawn up for the attack, running them down and firing into them at point-blank range. He completely disorganised two battalions and prevented any attack developing. The following evening, in carrying out a reconnaissance under intense machine-gun fire, the two remaining members of his crew were wounded, and his engine developed mechanical trouble, but he completed the reconnaissance and brought his Tank back safely.

T./2nd Lt. Stephen Horscroft, R. Sussex R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He kept his mortars in action under heavy fire until every round was fired, causing the enemy heavy casualties as he was massing for attack, and greatly helping to spoil his attack. He set a fine example of courage and determination.

T./2nd Lt. Cyril Horton, M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of four guns. He showed great coolness and skill in directing the fire of his guns, and held his positions against heavy odds, inflicting severe casualties on the enemy.

Lt. William Henry Horton, Glouc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in commanding the leading platoon on the left of his company. When the officer commanding became a casualty and the attack being momentarily held up by machine-gun fire, he went forward and led on to the objective, thus ensuring the success of the attack. He has commanded his company with marked ability during subsequent operations.

T./Capt. (now T./Maj.) Harry Wilfred House, Wilts. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in collecting stragglers between our and the enemy's outposts. He displayed a total disregard of personal safety, and under severe rifle and machine-gun fire rallied many men who otherwise must have fallen into the hands of the enemy, and so succeeded in filling a gap in our line at a very critical period.