

Lt. (A./Capt.) Henry Lionel Lovell-Hewitt, Wilts. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Early in an attack he was shot through the right elbow and his arm was broken. He continued to lead his company to the assault, and did not leave the firing line until he had succeeded, under a heavy fire, in linking up with the companies on either flank, and only when the position was assured did he allow himself to be taken exhausted to the rear. He showed great pluck and determination.

2nd Lt. John Frederick Lowe, L'pool R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer led a raiding party against an enemy post. Finding it evacuated owing to the preliminary bombardment, he led his men on until a pocket of the enemy was discovered. After a sharp encounter, in the course of which he was slightly wounded, he brought all his men back with two prisoners, and subsequently remained on duty until relieved. His conduct was mainly responsible for the success of the raid.

2nd Lt. Peter Lowe, R. War. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. When the enemy were threatening the left flank, he got his Lewis gun to work with good effect and inflicted severe casualties on them; he personally led a bombing party to check the enemy from advancing up a communication trench, and was largely responsible for the defeat of the enemy on that flank. He set a very fine example to his men.

Lt. Christopher Henry Erskine Lowther, W. Rid. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of a raiding party. He rushed two enemy posts in daylight, bringing back four prisoners and killing the remainder of the garrison. He brought back his party 600 yards across "No Man's Land" without suffering a single casualty. The success of this raid was due to his previous reconnoitring and splendid leadership.

2nd Lt. Albert Victor Lucas, R. War. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while leading a raid. He had made five reconnaissances of the ground and possessed the complete confidence of his men. On reaching the machine-gun post he personally shot the sentry and obtained the first identification. He then made a fine attempt to carry away the machine gun, and only withdrew after seeing that it was permanently put out of action.

T./Capt. William Lumsden, M.B., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While in charge of bearers carrying wounded over an exposed hill-side swept by shell and machine-gun fire he saw a bearer fall. He at once ran to him and dressed his wounds, after which he remained with him until dusk, the man being unable to walk. He then assisted him across country to a place of safety. His conduct was splendid.

Lt. Hylton Spencer Lynch, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while one of a party working on a gun position in advance of the front line wire. He collected arms for his men to assist in defending the front line trench, and although the enemy was approaching and the place was under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire, he took out a party and filled a gap in the wire. Together with a party of infantry he put up a stubborn resistance. He showed fine courage and initiative.

2nd Lt. Leonard George Maddox, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led a daylight patrol and brought back valuable information which enabled the battalion to move forward and establish posts in the old lines. Later, he did fine work in getting rations and ammunition through to the forward outpost company under heavy shelling of gas and high explosives.

T./Capt. Ezra Manning, attd. R. Berks. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He maintained his position all day under heavy artillery and machine-gun fire under exceptionally trying conditions. Next day he showed great courage and initiative in working round the enemy's right flank with a handful of men. He personally led a bayonet charge and captured one officer and eight other ranks, his action enabling the battalion to occupy an important point which it had been impossible to capture frontally. He did fine service.

2nd Lt. Leon Charles Marsden, R. Lan. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer was the leader of a party which crawled through the crops and surprised some enemy outposts. His patrol work previous to the raid was excellent, and during it he showed firm leadership and coolness. Although wounded he brought his party safely back with the loss of only one man, whose body was recovered. He refused medical aid until the wounds of three other men of the party had been attended to. The party took two prisoners and killed others.

T./2nd Lt. Henry William Marsh, Wilts. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during recent operations. He led a counter-attack with great dash and ability against the enemy, who were attacking his front line posts. He set a fine example to all ranks under his command.

T./2nd Lt. Alexander Marshall, North'd Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He was badly gassed and sent to the dressing station, but refused to remain in hospital, and after resting an hour returned with a party of stragglers to defend the canal bank, and remained in action for the rest of the day. His devotion to duty and courage were a fine example to all ranks.