

enemy had returned. He led a few men back and killed and dispersed them, and then returned and withdrew his party to the lines. He showed fine courage and leadership.

2nd Lt. John Day, M.M., R. Scots.

When the enemy got possession of one of our posts, wounding the officer in charge, this officer immediately collected some men from the neighbouring post, and under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire attacked the enemy and succeeded in driving him from the post, inflicting many casualties. He showed great promptitude and gallantry, and set a splendid example to his men.

Lt. Eric Neville De Geijer, G. Gds., Spec. Res.

This officer, after careful and repeated reconnaissances, led a strong patrol into an enemy post in face of heavy machine-gun fire from neighbouring posts. The patrol cleared up the situation, which had previously been obscure, and obtained valuable information. Although wounded, he withdrew his patrol successfully without losing a man. He did splendid work and behaved most gallantly.

2nd Lt. Frank Devonald, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the whole battery position was set on fire by intense hostile shelling, one gun being completely demolished by a direct hit, he displayed great courage and resource, and in spite of the heavy bombardment succeeded, with the assistance of two other officers, in extinguishing the fire and in saving the other guns and a large quantity of ammunition. His conduct throughout was admirable.

T./2nd Lt. Charles Devonshire, attd. Devon. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and prompt courage during an attempted enemy raid on his post. Owing to the nature of the ground the enemy got within bombing distance without being seen; but he immediately at great personal risk fixed his Lewis gun into a point of vantage, and at the same time ordering his men to open rapid fire, he drove the raiders off. Some days later, he went into a stream and mended a bridge under heavy fire, so that wounded could be evacuated.

T./2nd Lt. Bernard Dimond, E. York. R.

This officer led his men with fine energy during our attack, and when the objective was reached he conducted the difficult work of consolidation under heavy fire with great coolness. During the advance he ensured the safety of the flank of his own unit, and helped its advance by the close touch he kept with the battalion on the left. He took forward a patrol to cover the consolidation, and was able to cut off the retreat of a large number of the enemy. By his disregard of personal danger and gallant bearing he inspired his men, who were suffering heavily from shell fire, with confidence and steadiness.

T./2nd Lt. Thomas Dower, Tank Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He caused great confusion among the enemy with his tank, and ran over a nest of machine guns, which were holding up the advance. After reaching the objective his tank became ditched, but he dug it out in spite of heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, and eventually got it into action once more. He set a fine example of courage to his crew, and was responsible for the capture of some fifty prisoners.

Lt. Eric Alvan Dudeney, Yeo.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in command of his platoon during a vigorous enemy counter-attack. In one of the bombing posts his men had all become casualties. He rushed forward, bombed the enemy, who were about to get over the block, and single-handed drove them back over fifty yards, holding them until another block had been made, and thereby recapturing over fifty yards of trench. On several occasions he ran along the parapet and gained ground by bombing the enemy, thus setting a fine example to his men.

2nd Lt. Charles Dunlevy, Lancs. Fus.

For daring initiative and determination. He stalked an enemy post with a party of four in broad daylight and captured two prisoners, prisoners being urgently required for identification at the time.

Lt. (A./Capt.) William Reginald Easterbrook, Ches. R., Spec. Res.

During an attack on the enemy defences this officer was in command of the company, which, without artillery preparation or barrage fire, captured a substantial portion of the enemy's trenches which was screened by a belt of wire and a thick hedge. Under cover of rifle grenades and Lewis gun-fire, he captured the objective and took two machine guns. His leadership and example largely contributed to this successful result.

Lt. Arthur John Tolcher Eccles, E. Surr. R., S.R.

When the signal office had been made untenable by high explosive and gas shells, five men of the section being severely gassed and he himself suffering from the effects of gas, he nevertheless managed to move his office over a quarter of a mile away, and to get all his lines through an hour and a half before zero; he maintained excellent communication afterwards, throughout the day, in spite of the heavy casualties of the section. His courage and endurance were most conspicuous in very trying circumstances.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Norman Edge, Manch. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and leadership in an attack on an enemy post. He was in command of the assaulting party, and it was due to his skill and coolness that the post was captured. He personally reconnoitred down the enemy trenches on his flanks, and was the first to enter the post and capture a prisoner.