

2nd Lt. Fred Dyson Hinchcliffe, R.F.A., S.R., attd. D/77th Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a convoy of ammunition wagons of which he was in charge was heavily shelled, and one wagon was set on fire, he succeeded in removing the ammunition and charges at great personal risk, and so prevented an explosion. Later, when acting as forward observation officer, he laid a telephone line under very heavy fire and sent back valuable information.

2nd Lt. Albert Hinds, York & Lanc. R., Spec. Res., attd. 8th Bn. (ITALY)

For conspicuous gallantry in a raid. In charge of the left assault party he led his men forward under heavy fire through the enemy wire. Two prisoners were taken and several killed and wounded. His dash and keenness inspired all ranks under him.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Geoffrey Frederick Robert Hirst, 3rd Bn., G. Gds.

For conspicuous gallantry while commanding his company during an attack. Keeping well up to the barrage he captured all his objectives, including 350 prisoners, three trench mortars, and sixteen machine guns. The consolidation was rapidly carried out, and he commenced to exploit his success without waiting orders.

Capt. (A./Maj.) William James Hirst, M.B., 1st, attd. 2/1st, S. Mid. Fd. Amb., R.A.M.C., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in organising the evacuation of wounded from a village during an enemy attack. He remained behind when the enemy advanced into the village and assisted in removing all the wounded, refusing to leave the village until the last man had been brought in. He has at all times shown great coolness and disregard of danger under heavy fire.

2nd Lt. Eric Hobson, Bucks. Bn., O. & B.L.I., T.F., attd. 2nd Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry during two attacks. He led his men forward under heavy fire with marked coolness and ability, and on each occasion his fine example was largely responsible for the excellent steadiness and discipline maintained throughout.

Lt. William Victor Albert Hodges, R.G.A. (Spec. Res.), attd. 186th Siege Bty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When an ammunition lorry was set on fire by bombs from hostile aeroplanes, with another officer he at once began to remove the burning cartridges and extinguish the fire, though the hostile aeroplanes continued to bomb them and also opened fire with machine guns. By his courageous action the road was kept clear for urgent traffic at a critical time.

T./2nd Lt. Sidney Robert Holbrook, 3rd Bn., M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and skill in handling his battery during an advance. He pushed his guns forward, and in spite of heavy machine-gun and artillery fire engaged with direct fire enemy machine guns

and put them out of action, thus enabling the infantry to advance. He did splendidly.

2nd Lt. Stanley John William Holcombe, 11th Bn., Lond. R., attd. 2/16th Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry while in charge of a patrol sent out to keep touch with the battalion on the flank. Having gained his object he found the enemy holding some dug-outs about fifty yards in front of him. He at once attacked and captured the dug-outs, afterwards establishing a post there himself.

T./2nd Lt. Leonard George Holgate, Lanc. Fus., attd. 10th Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. He led his platoon with the greatest determination, and drove the enemy back, and it was due to his courage and leadership that the objective was gained. He was seriously wounded, but refused to be moved to the rear until three more seriously wounded men were first taken to the aid post.

T./Capt. Jeremiah Holland, M.B., R.A.M.C., attd. 1st Bn., Ches. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under very heavy machine-gun and rifle fire he collected and evacuated wounded from a ridge. He showed utter disregard for personal safety, and by his zeal and energy set a splendid example to those under him, and saved many lives.

2nd Lt. Timothy Albert Cecil Holmes, 5th Bn., North'd Fus. (T.F.), attd. 1st Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and fine leadership. He attacked and captured an enemy post, after which, noticing that the enemy on his left were advancing, he led a party of ten men against them, and in spite of heavy opposition succeeded in taking them prisoners, thereby clearing important posts. The result of these enterprises was the capture of three officers, fifty-six other ranks, and three machine guns, besides the recapture of seven Lewis guns.

T./Capt. Bernard Holt, A.S.C., attd. 8th Bn., Som. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His company formed the escort to four Tanks detailed to clean up a village. With the assistance of the Tanks he inflicted heavy losses on the enemy, and took over 200 prisoners. He showed the greatest gallantry and determination throughout.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Maurice Houdret, 3rd Bn., attd. 2nd Bn., R. Scots.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an advance. He showed great ability as a company commander, went forward and encouraged his men when they were checked, and, after capturing the position, consolidated it skilfully under great difficulties. Throughout the operations he showed marked courage.

T./2nd Lt. Robert Hough, 42nd Bn., M.G. Corps.

He displayed conspicuous gallantry and initiative when he observed a machine gun that was holding up our attack. Although himself wounded, he went forward and attacked the gun, capturing it and the team.