

Maj. and Bt. Lt.-Col. (T./Lt.-Col.) John Brydges Cockburn, 2nd Bn., R. Welsh Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer, while commanding his battalion in mopping up a wide area infested by machine guns, was wounded at point-blank range by a machine gun. He kept on superintending the work until the whole area was cleared, more than 500 prisoners and fifty machine guns being captured. His courage and endurance were a splendid example to his men.

Maj. and Bt. Lt.-Col. Sydney Boyce Combe, M.C., 47th Sikhs. (MESOPOTAMIA)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He carried out a reconnaissance of the enemy's position under heavy fire, pushed back the enemy picquets, and assaulted and carried the whole of his objective, three lines of the enemy trenches. Later, though having suffered heavy casualties in officers and men, he successfully beat off a counter-attack. He has shown great judgment and ability in command on all occasions.

T./Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) Ronald Egerton Cotton, 7th Bn., York. R., attd. 10th Bn., Lanc. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a counter-attack by the enemy threatened to envelop the right flank of two battalions, he went forward and restored the situation. This was the second occasion of his defeating a counter-attack, as he had previously, while reconnoitring in the front line, discovered the enemy concentrating, and by promptly organising battalion headquarters and a machine-gun section, dispersed them. His energy and courage on these two occasions, both under heavy fire of all descriptions, were a fine example to his men.

Capt. James Arthur Daniel, M.C., Welsh R., attd. 15th Bn. (T./attd. 14th Bn.).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. He organised a patrol and advanced covering party, who established a bridge-head and covered the crossing over the river of the remainder of the battalion, enabling them to start the attack punctually. He subsequently dealt with some enemy machine guns, and brought on the rear companies to the final objective. It was largely due to his personal influence and power of command that the advance was so successful.

2nd Lt. Ronald Dewar, Manch. R., Spec. Res., attd. 12th Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership. This officer took command of a company after the second day of the attack, and received the main shock of an enemy counter-attack. He was twice taken prisoner and escaped, but was driven from his position, and had to re-form the remnants of his company to form a defensive flank, preventing the enemy from surrounding the battalion. He held his position until relieved, again beating off a third counter-attack at 6 p.m. His skill and determined courage were admirable.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Harold Watson Dick, M.C., attd. W. York. R., attd. 1/5th Bn., E. Lanc. R., T.F.

During an attack he commanded an assaulting company, which at one time was held up by enfilade fire. Taking three men with him, he rushed the enemy post, personally killing the officer in charge, whilst his men caused other casualties. The remainder of the garrison, forty in number, then surrendered to him. His fearless leadership and clever tactical handling of his command were an inspiring example to all.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Charles George Howson Ellis, 5th Bn., W. Rid. R., T.F.

During an attack he was in command of a company considerably in advance of the troops on his right, when a determined hostile counter-attack at one time pierced the line. With great courage and ability, he at once led his reserves into the gap, threw the enemy back, and restored the position at a most critical time. Later, in command of two companies, he attacked a strongly-fortified system of trenches under heavy shell fire, and by his complete disregard of danger and inspiring example was largely responsible for the success of the attack.

Capt. Valentine Joseph Farrell, M.C., Lein. R., Spec. Res., attd. 2nd Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and fine leadership in an attack. In command of a company in reserve, he rushed forward at a time when the advance was held up and cleared up several enemy machine-gun positions on the flank, thereby enabling the whole line to move forward and reach the final objective. Afterwards he reorganised the whole line and sent back valuable information regarding the situation. He did splendid work.

Capt. Nicholas Geldard, M.C., 6th Bn. (attd. 2/4th Bn.), W. Rid. R., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack, when he continually went along the front line, showing the highest courage and skill in directing operations and in keeping in touch with the situation. Although meeting with strong opposition, the operations were successful, and over 150 prisoners taken. His leadership throughout was splendid, and his example kept the morale of his men in a very high state. He was severely wounded.

T./Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) Herbert Thomas Goodland, R. Berks. R., Comd. 5th Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry, coolness and devotion to duty. He led his battalion, which had been in reserve, through a heavy enemy barrage, to reinforce the firing line, and by so doing filled up a dangerous gap and stopped the advance of the enemy. He then personally supervised the consolidation of a vital position under direct fire from machine guns and field guns firing with open sights.

Maj. John Kelly Gordon, "S" Bty., R.H.A. (MESOPOTAMIA.)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He commanded his battery with