

Lt. Oswald Henry Darlot, 1/22nd Bn., Lond. R.

He led the company of headquarters details with great gallantry and skill through an intense barrage of high explosive and gas shells, and when, favoured by a thick mist, the enemy broke through on the flank, he handled the men under his command with conspicuous coolness, and protected the exposed flank of the battalion.

T./2nd Lt. William Davidson, Lan. Fus., attd. 10th Bn.

After an attack on a hostile front line, the enemy developed a counter-attack, and began to get round the left flank of a position held by a mixed body of troops. On his own initiative he collected some men, and in turn outflanked the enemy in the open. His example, courage and leadership throughout were admirable, and he undoubtedly saved what looked at one time a dangerous situation.

Lt. Daniel Octavius Davies, 5th Bn., R. Welsh Fus., T.F., attd. Hawke Bn., R.N.V.R.

For conspicuous gallantry while acting adjutant during an attack. Under intense enemy fire of all kinds he was instrumental in getting the battalion forward, and when heavy casualties were being inflicted after the objective was reached, he led on the line to a trench system some 300 yards ahead. Later, he carried out dangerous reconnaissances and brought back valuable reports. Throughout he showed fine courage and leadership.

Lt. Edward Emerson Davies, Mon. R., and 2/4th Bn., King's Afr. Rif. (E. AFRICA)

For conspicuous gallantry and cool leadership. He attacked a strong enemy post during the night. The attack was held up by heavy fire, during which he dragged a wounded man under cover, and, reorganising his men, charged the enemy, who fled, abandoning all their baggage and dead.

T./2nd Lt. John Lloyd Davies, 92nd Fd. Coy., R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of a section. He succeeded, under enemy fire, in placing four infantry bridges so expeditiously over a river that the bridges were in position in time for the first of the attacking infantry to cross. After finishing this he collected his men and proceeded to repair roads and remove obstacles in a village.

T./Capt. Purser Davies, M.B., R.A.M.C., attd. 6th (London) Field Amb., R.A.M.C.

He worked with little or no rest for sixty hours in the open under heavy fire, dressing and evacuating the wounded. His conspicuous example of gallantry and self-sacrificing devotion to duty were an inspiration to the stretcher-bearers, whose services he organised with great ability. He saved many lives by his skill.

2nd Lt. William Alfred Davies, 9th Bn., attd. 2/4th Bn., Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer, who was battalion intelligence officer, was sent forward to reconnoitre a new line in a wood which was being heavily bombarded. He went about rally-

ing and reorganising stragglers who had lost direction, and re-established the line. In addition, he located and killed three snipers who had been causing a lot of trouble. His good work led to excellent results.

Capt. John Dawson, 565th (Wilts.) Army Troops Coy., R.E., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He worked continuously for forty-two hours on end under shell fire, and it was due to his splendid example of tireless energy that the water point was completed by the required time.

Lt. David Deacon, 121st Hy. By., R.G.A.

This officer was in charge of an ammunition party at night, the ammunition being dumped at the battery position, which was in full view of the enemy, and no light could be shown. A violent concentration was placed on the area and in the vicinity of the battery position. He at once took charge of the situation, and in spite of darkness and consequent confusion, showed conspicuous gallantry and skill in extricating men and horses from the danger zone.

Capt. (A./Maj.) Guy Egon René de Miremont, 2nd Bn., R. Welsh Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of his battalion in two days' fighting. On the first day his battalion was on the left flank of the brigade, and after fighting its way to the slope of a ridge, found itself in the air, the division on the left having been checked. The two leading companies were almost cut off, but bringing up his two remaining companies and battalion headquarters he formed a defensive flank, and saved the situation. Two days later he reorganised his battalion under heavy machine-gun fire in some intricate fighting in a village. His vigorous action and personal example was a great asset.

T./2nd Lt. Thomas Nelson Derby., R. Ir. Regt., attd. 1st Bn., R. Dub. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. When his platoon was checked by heavy machine-gun fire he rallied his men, and though severely wounded continued to direct them forward. His splendid pluck and endurance encouraged his men, who successfully took the final objective.

Capt. John Dewar, No. 5 Group, 1st Lovat's Scouts.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in making two daring and important reconnaissances. First, when the situation was obscure and touch had been lost in places, he went forward through the infantry line for about 1,000 yards until he got in touch with the enemy, and was able to report on their dispositions. The next time was when touch had been lost with the retreating enemy, and he went forward alone until he had located them, with the result that our artillery engaged them and drove them further back. He rendered great assistance to the infantry and artillery.