

T./Capt. Griffith Daniel Ellis, R.W. Fus., attd. 23rd Bn., Ches. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and resource in carrying out dangerous personal reconnaissances of machine-gun positions, with the result that his unit were able to successfully cope with them. He has been conspicuous for his energy and initiative in action.

Lt. John James Emberton, R.F.A. (Spec. Res.), attd. C/15th Bde.

This officer took his section forward in close support of advancing infantry. Heavy machine-gun fire was opened from 1,000 yards range on his teams, and he was also ranged by two hostile field batteries. Handling his section with great courage, skill and rapidity, he eluded the barrage and brought his guns into action at close range. His coolness and quick decision not only saved casualties in men and horses, and probable destruction of guns, but greatly helped the infantry.

T./2nd Lt. Robert Emmerson, Durham L.I., attd. 1st Bn., Wilts. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During some operations near a village this officer led a party of bombers which played havoc with the enemy. He also led patrols in five separate attempts to regain touch with the unit on the right, going out twice one night, and was at last successful in his mission. Three days later, during a slight enforced withdrawal, he constructed a block in a trench, and held on in spite of the enemy's repeated attempts to break through. His leadership and judgment throughout inspired his men with confidence.

Lt. Cyril Espinell Espin, C. Gds., Spec. Res., attd. 2nd Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry in an attack. He led the leading company splendidly, and though early wounded took the final objective and consolidated his position. When forced to withdraw later by greatly superior numbers, he withdrew his command in perfect order, after inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. He showed great courage and ability to command.

T./2nd Lt. Hugh Dimsdale Etheridge, M.M., R. Fus., attd. 17th Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon forward in the attack until it came to a standstill. He then went forward to reconnoitre, and, in spite of intense shell and machine-gun fire, advanced 500 yards, locating the enemy's rearguards, inflicting some casualties, and crawling back with a most valuable report.

Lt. Eric Sigmund Ettliger, D/122nd Bde., R.F.A.

During two days' fighting he displayed great gallantry and coolness, personally supervising the repairs of the lines under heavy fire when he was forward observation officer. He passed through the enemy defence system before it was completely reduced, and secured the surrender of 100 prisoners.

2nd Lt. Arthur Edward Evans, R.F.A. (Spec. Res.), attd. C/150th Bde.

When two guns of his battery had been put out of action and the camouflage set on

fire by heavy shelling, and the ammunition in the gun pits was exploding, he and four N.C.O.'s dragged the remainder of the guns down a slope away from the fire. Shortly afterwards he was again called to come into action in support of infantry, which he did most effectively until he was severely wounded. He displayed great gallantry and remarkable presence of mind in difficult circumstances.

T./2nd Lt. John Evans, 14th Bn., R. Welsh Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer succeeded in reaching the furthest objective in front of a village with about 20 men. He held on here for 30 hours against every conceivable disadvantage, his left resting on a sunken road strongly held by the enemy, and from which he was bombed, and his right being under fire of a machine-gun post. In the night he succeeded in collecting about 50 men from adjoining shell-holes, and at dawn he attacked and captured the machine-gun post with eight prisoners. After resisting six counter-attacks, his ammunition was exhausted, and the seventh attack overwhelmed him. His determination and endurance greatly assisted other important operations.

Capt. James Everidge, Surrey Yeo. & R.A.F. (MESOPOTAMIA)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He performed bold and daring work on reconnaissance, artillery co-operation and contact patrol, and also carried out many successful bombing raids by day and night. He rendered excellent service.

2nd Lt. Henry Fairhurst, 9th Bn., York. L.I., attd. 21st Bn., M.G. Corps.

In command of a section of machine guns he invariably showed a splendid example to all ranks by his coolness and utter contempt for personal danger. On one occasion he moved his guns at a critical moment with great courage and skill, and it was owing to the prompt manner in which this was done that an enemy counter-attack was repulsed.

2nd Lt. John Alexander Mulloy Faraday, I. Gds. (Spec. Res.), attd. 1st Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led a patrol forward some 800 yards, gained touch with the enemy, and, after pushing on a little further, consolidated his position. Two platoons were sent to support him, but were later ordered to withdraw. Under heavy artillery and machine-gun fire he maintained his position for some hours, and covered the withdrawal of the platoons before withdrawing his own party in perfect order. Though the enemy tried to cut him off, and he was badly wounded, he got his party safely back to his lines, together with four prisoners. Throughout he showed fine courage and leadership under most difficult circumstances.

Lt. Cecil Bernard Farey, C. Gds., Spec. Res., attd. Gds. Div. Sig. Coy.

For conspicuous gallantry as brigade signal officer during an attack. He kept telephone communication between brigade and battalion headquarters throughout the