

heavy shell fire, and he remained directing his command until relieved on the following morning. His courage and resource under most trying conditions were admirable.

Maj. (T./Lt.-Col.) Frank Leslie Parkin, York. L.I., attd. W. Rid. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in command of a rearguard action. He showed exceptional ability in withdrawing his command under difficult conditions, with very small loss under intense shelling and machine-gun fire.

Capt. Clifford James Peard, Som. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer led his company in an attack in a wood, which was a mass of broken branches and tangled wire. He captured his first and second objectives, taking many prisoners and killing large numbers. Counter-attacked on his second objective, he for a long time made a determined resistance, but realising the position was becoming untenable, withdrew, reorganised, and again forced his way forward by bombing attacks. His dash and skill throughout had a great effect on the men.

T./Maj. John Hesketh Pearson, M.C., N. & Derby R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. At a critical period he led a successful counter-attack, driving back the enemy and capturing four machine guns and some prisoners. By his prompt action and gallant leadership he restored the situation.

T./Maj. Noel Gervis Pearson, M.C., S Wales Bord.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in organising several minor counter-attacks and in carrying out many daring reconnaissances by night, when he invariably brought back valuable information. His cheerful spirit and courageous example inspired great confidence in all on many critical occasions.

Capt. (T./Lt.-Col.) Arthur Ernest Percival, M.C., Essex R., attd. Bedf. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during recent operations. He handled his battalion cleverly, showing power of command and knowledge of tactics. He set a fine example during several critical periods.

2nd Lt. George Powell, Notts. & Derby. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer in command of a company fought a skilful rearguard action, enabling the battalion to take up a fresh position. On several occasions he went out to reconnoitre, gaining important information, and once, when out with only three men, brought back four prisoners. A few days later, when all other officers had become casualties, he led the battalion in a brilliant attack, gaining the objective, and inflicting heavy losses on the enemy. His example throughout ten days' fighting was of inestimable service.

Capt. (A./Maj.) Harold Price-Williams, M.C., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At a critical period he went forward under intense fire of high explosive and gas shell to ascertain the situation, and then returned to encourage his men to deal with the charging enemy with open sights. He showed fine courage and leadership.

T./Capt. Ralph Broomfield Pritchard, M.C., North'd Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the battalion was ordered to fill a gap in the front line, this officer, in charge of the advanced guard, acted with such dash that it was mainly through his fine work that the battalion was able to do so. Later, he again advanced and occupied the old line, getting into touch with the flanks, and capturing three men of an enemy patrol. He held the line for the next four days under heavy fire, and finally was severely wounded when leading his company in a counter-attack as it gained its first objective.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Mervyn Phippen Pugh, M.C., R. Berks. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his C.O. was killed, this officer assumed command of the battalion, and in difficult and intricate situations withdrew from position to position, always keeping it intact and ready for further fighting. When, after four days, the battalion was relieved, he personally reorganised the four companies, nearly all the officers having become casualties. His determination and leadership carried the battalion safely through several critical phases.

Maj. Alwyn Leslie Raimes, D.L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer organised and led a counter-attack, and, although wounded by a rifle bullet in the thigh, he continued to carry on, holding the enemy up for some hours. Until the success of the attack was assured, and the line re-established, he refused to leave his battalion. While in command of the battalion his example to the men had a great effect.

Capt. (T./Maj.) Charles Reid, Gord. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While commanding a battalion in the outpost line, during a heavy bombardment with gas shells, although affected by the gas, remained in command, and reorganised the line under shell and machine-gun fire. During prolonged fighting, though practically without sleep, his confident bearing and disregard of danger gave encouragement to all under his command.

T./Maj. Horace Arthur Reid, M.C., R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when commanding his company. He held his position against heavy odds until ammunition was practically exhausted. Seeing a wounded officer lying in a shell