

Lieutenant (temporary Lieutenant-Colonel) Roland Boys Bradford, M.C., Durham Light Infantry.

For most conspicuous bravery and good leadership in attack, whereby he saved the situation on the right flank of his Brigade and of the Division.

Lieutenant-Colonel Bradford's Battalion was in support. A leading Battalion having suffered very severe casualties, and the Commander wounded, its flank became dangerously exposed at close quarters to the enemy. Raked by machine-gun fire, the situation of the Battalion was critical. At the request of the wounded Commander, Lieutenant-Colonel Bradford asked permission to command the exposed Battalion in addition to his own.

Permission granted, he at once proceeded to the foremost lines.

By his fearless energy under fire of all description, and his skilful leadership of the two Battalions, regardless of all danger, he succeeded in rallying the attack, captured and defended the objective, and so secured the flank.

Temporary Second Lieutenant Tom Edwin Adlam, Bedfordshire Regiment.

For most conspicuous bravery during operations.

A portion of a village which had defied capture on the previous day had to be captured at all costs to permit subsequent operations to develop.

This minor operation came under very heavy machine gun and rifle fire.

Second Lieutenant Adlam realising that time was all important, rushed from shell hole to shell hole under heavy fire collecting men for a sudden rush, and for this purpose also collected many enemy grenades. At this stage he was wounded in the leg, but nevertheless he was able to outthrow the enemy, and then seizing his opportunity, and in spite of his wound, he led a rush, captured the position and killed the occupants. Throughout the day he continued to lead his men in bombing attacks.

On the following day he again displayed courage of the highest order, and though again wounded and unable to throw bombs, he continued to lead his men.

His magnificent example and valour, coupled with the skilful handling of the situation, produced far-reaching results.

Temporary Second Lieutenant Henry Kelly, West Riding Regiment.

For most conspicuous bravery in attack.

He twice rallied his Company under the heaviest fire, and finally led the only three available men into the enemy trench, and there remained bombing until two of them had become casualties and enemy reinforcements had arrived.

He then carried his Company Serjeant-Major, who had been wounded, back to our trenches, a distance of 70 yards, and subsequently three other soldiers.

He set a fine example of gallantry and endurance.

No. 11213 Serjeant Robert Downie, Royal Dublin Fusiliers.

For most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty in attack.

When most of the officers had become casualties, this Non-Commissioned Officer, utterly regardless of personal danger, moved about under heavy fire and reorganised the attack, which had been temporarily checked. At the critical moment he rushed forward alone, shouting, "Come on the Dubs."

This stirring appeal met with immediate response, and the line rushed forward at his call.

Serjeant Downie accounted for several of the enemy, and in addition captured a machine gun, killing the team. Though wounded early in the fight, he remained with his company, and gave valuable assistance whilst the position was being consolidated.

It was owing to Serjeant Downie's courage and initiative that this important position, which had resisted four or five previous attacks, was won.

No. 15888 Serjeant James Young Turnbull, late Highland Light Infantry.

For most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty, when, having with his party captured a post apparently of great importance to the enemy, he was subjected to severe counter-attacks, which were continuous throughout the whole day. Although his party was wiped out and replaced several times during the day, Serjeant Turnbull never wavered in his determination to hold the post, the loss of which would have been very serious. Almost single-handed, he maintained his position, and displayed the highest degree of valour and skill in the performance of his duties.

Later in the day this very gallant soldier was killed whilst bombing a counter-attack from the paradocs of our trench.

No. 2442 Private Frederick Jeremiah Edwards, Middlesex Regiment.

For most conspicuous bravery and resource. His part of the line was held up by machine-gun fire, and all officers had become casualties. There was confusion and indication of retirement.

Private Edwards, grasping the situation, on his own initiative dashed out alone towards the gun, which he knocked out with bombs.

This very gallant act, coupled with great presence of mind and a total disregard of personal danger, made further advance possible and cleared up a dangerous situation.

No. 3281 Private Robert Ryder, Middlesex Regiment.

For most conspicuous bravery and initiation during an attack.

His company was held up by heavy rifle fire, and all his officers had become casualties. For want of leadership the attack was flagging.

Private Ryder, realising the situation, without a moment's thought for his own safety dashed absolutely alone at the enemy trench, and, by skilful manipulation of his