

from shell and machine guns. He was twice driven out of his position before he finally consolidated it. He displayed the greatest courage.

Lt. Alexander George Melles, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took charge of two fighting and reconnoitring patrols during an attack, when the situation was obscure as regards the ground to our front. By his dash and initiative he brought back information of the greatest importance, thereby clearing up the situation. His task, which was performed under heavy shell fire, was an extremely difficult one.

Capt. Malcolm John Morrison, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack upon a village he led his company with great ability, maintaining direction under very difficult circumstances, and when temporarily held up by our own barrage, making the most skilful use of ground during his advance.

Lt. Stanley Natusch, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he most ably led his platoon to its objective, doing excellent work, until he fell severely wounded. Previous to the attack he had distinguished himself greatly whilst in charge of patrols, gaining information which was of the greatest value to his division.

Capt. Arthur Dysant Nelson, Med. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He remained for three days continuously on duty under very heavy shell fire, attending to the wounded of his own and many other units. Owing to his advanced position and untiring energy many lives were saved.

Lt. Bryan Palmes, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an advance he took his guns through a hostile barrage to a forward position, from which he inflicted considerable casualties upon the retreating enemy. His energy and resource were of the greatest value to the assaulting infantry. He set a splendid example to all ranks.

2nd Lt. George Reginald Park, Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When under heavy shell fire with his battery he distinguished himself by attending to two of his wounded men, setting a splendid example of courage and disregard of personal safety. His conduct has on all occasions been marked by the same fine qualities.

2nd Lt. Leonard Parkinson, Mtd. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His coolness and presence of mind in rallying troops that were retiring in action enabled us to hold on to our position and eventually compelled the enemy to retire. This officer has done particularly good work throughout the campaign.

Rev. Stephen Parr, Chapl's. Dept.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed a splendid fearlessness and devotion in attending the wounded under

heavy shell fire on the battlefield. Later, he personally led stretcher parties to the front line, and assisted to collect and evacuate the wounded. Owing to his energy and resource the battlefield was cleared of wounded by the evening. His disregard of personal safety and cheerfulness under trying circumstances did much to maintain the spirits of the men.

Lt. Eric Francis Joseph Reeves, R. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Having led his platoon to its objective he took command of another platoon which had lost its officer, capturing its objective and reorganising the men, afterwards supervising the consolidation under heavy shell fire. Although wounded he sent a report of the situation to his headquarters, and did not relinquish command until relieved by one of his comrades. He set a splendid example to his men.

2nd Lt. Kenneth Scott, Pnr. Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of a tractor line, which was supplying batteries with ammunition, he showed the most untiring energy in successfully carrying out the work by day and night, although the line was steadily shelled for over a week, and was continually being wrecked. His fine example was a great inspiration to all ranks.

Capt. Ernest Frank Selby, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he showed the greatest personal courage in reorganising the whole of the line during a critical moment, supervising the work himself and ensuring the successful completion of the line against counter-attack. During the whole of this time the position was being heavily shelled.

2nd Lt. Leonard Smith, Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in establishing an observation post during an attack, from which he was able to send back information of great accuracy and importance. Although several times shelled, he successfully transmitted the information he had obtained by means of visual signalling.

Lt. George Swan, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During our offensive he commanded his company with great coolness and decision. He showed utter disregard of danger, continually moving about amongst his men whilst consolidating under very heavy fire. He was wounded whilst encouraging his men.

Lt. (T./Capt.) William Watson, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he led his company with the greatest courage and ability, establishing them in position and sending back most valuable information. By his leadership he set a magnificent example to all ranks.

Capt. Frank Norman Whitmore, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an offensive he was invaluable, as company commander, in maintaining touch with the brigade headquarters and

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