

during an attack. He showed fearless courage during the assault, and when held up by machine guns he continued to press on. His example inspired all ranks in his company, which captured some eighty prisoners.

2nd Lt. George William Palethorpe, A.M.I.C.E., R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When engaged in digging a trench on the flank of a captured position, his party came under an intense hostile barrage, 60 per cent. of them becoming casualties. He organised a defence with such skill that the subsequent attack was completely repulsed with considerable loss to the enemy, afterwards remaining for over two hours consolidating the position. It was largely due to his energy and courage that the flank of this important position was held.

T./Capt. Charles James Lodge Patch, R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in attending to a wounded officer in the front line and removing him to a place of safety. During the whole time he was under shell fire, by which he was wounded in two places, but disregarded his own wounds until those of the officer had been dressed. His devotion to duty and contempt of danger when under fire have been most marked on many occasions.

2nd Lt. Gerald Leighton Patterson, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went forward under very heavy fire and sent back most valuable information. He set a splendid example of courage and initiative throughout the operations.

2nd Lt. Frederick Charles Peacock, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his battery at a critical time in a most able manner, keeping it in action during a heavy bombardment with great success. Although wounded, he retired for only one day, showing a splendid example of gallantry and devotion to duty.

T./Lt. Frank Gordon Pedley, M.D., R.A.M.C. (Lt., Can. A.M.C.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in proceeding to a dug-out, which had been hit by enemy shell fire, and saving the lives of many of the occupants. He afterwards went through a very heavy barrage to attend to a badly wounded officer, whom he eventually brought back to the dressing station. On both occasions he displayed the utmost gallantry and disregard of danger.

Lt. George Clark Percy, Sco. Rif., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With his platoon he formed part of a working party in front of our front line. Although subjected to heavy artillery fire, he showed complete disregard of danger, attending to the wounded and encouraging the men. When finally ordered to withdraw, it was due to his great coolness and good

leadership that his platoon got safely back to our lines, and having seen the last man in, he returned and remained with a badly wounded officer under heavy fire until assistance reached him.

T./2nd Lt. Reginald Clarence Werrett Pickles, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an intense hostile barrage he continued to organise and encourage the defence of a captured position, upon which he was engaged in digging a trench. Although wounded, he did not leave the trench until wounded for a second time, when both his arms were rendered useless. Before leaving the front line he furnished the officer commanding the division with information as to the state of the defence. He set a splendid example of courage and devotion to duty.

T./2nd Lt. Stanley Thomas Pink, S. Wales Bord.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst in charge of divisional trench tramways. The lines required frequent repairs owing to the constant shell fire. This he rapidly and effectively carried out, and ensured the successful running of the tramways without any serious interruption, thus keeping the needs of the advancing troops well supplied.

Capt. George de Chierri Pirie, Sco. Rif., Spec. Res. and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has done exceptionally fine artillery work on two occasions whilst carrying out a shoot. He was attacked by hostile scouts in superior numbers, whom he dispersed, and then completed his work. On another occasion, when by his means the artillery had knocked out three guns of a hostile battery, he descended to a low altitude and prevented the removal of the remaining gun, by dispersing the enemy with his machine gun.

T./Capt. William Henry Poole, Midd'x R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed great skill and courage in wiring our front line under a continuous barrage of shell and machine gun fire. By his personal example and utter disregard of danger he inspired his men to complete the task. He repeatedly showed the same qualities of leadership whilst digging communication trenches under exceptionally difficult circumstances and heavy and accurate shell fire.

T./Lt. (T./Capt.) Frank Yabsley Prout, N. Lan. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He commanded the leading company of his battalion, and, after gaining all objectives, at once organised the whole of the battalion front and consolidated the line, showing complete self-possession and ability under a trying fire. He also rallied and reorganised another unit, and assisted them to their objectives.