

until his brigade was relieved, displaying devotion and personal courage which were worthy of the highest praise. His gallant conduct has been brought to notice on more than one occasion by officers commanding units to whose wounded he had attended.

T./Capt. Hubert Arnold Pallant, M.C., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Hearing that a number of men belonging to another battalion were on the enemy bank of a river, and unable to cross it owing to the bridge being destroyed, and to their being apparently unable to swim, he hurried to the scene, swam the river fully clothed, and induced the men to enter the water and cross with the aid of a rope. The most exhausted one he personally conveyed across. During this time the enemy were continually shelling both the river and the banks. He set a splendid example of energy and devotion to duty.

T./2nd Lt. Sidney James Pegler, Rif. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack in leading bombing parties and consolidating a line of shell holes under heavy machine-gun fire and sniping. He on two occasions displayed the utmost fearlessness in personally attacking hostile bombing parties which were attempting to force their way past his flank, and driving them back with Lewis gun and bombs. His dash and initiative were magnificent, and it was chiefly owing to his example that all the objectives gained were held.

Lt. (T./Maj.) Richard Pennell, K.R.R.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at a critical moment when a hostile counter-attack had driven our troops back in a village. With the greatest promptitude and presence of mind he burnt all his papers, turned out his headquarters, and advanced under machine-gun and rifle fire, picking up all the stray men he met. He then passed down the whole of the brigade front, giving orders to his own battalion and another for an immediate counter-attack, during which he displayed great courage and coolness, and it was due to his gallant conduct that the counter-attack was successful.

Lt. David Parker Petrie, Sco. Rif., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company gallantly to the attack, and when held up by machine-gun fire and snipers he quickly rallied his men and personally led a vigorous assault on the enemy's position. He accounted for more than one of the enemy himself, captured a machine-gun and a number of the enemy, after which he led what remained of his company to the next objective under very heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, in spite of which he captured another machine-gun and the entire team. Later in the day, by his energy and forethought, he repulsed several hostile counter-attacks, and throughout the operation his coolness and gallantry set a splendid example to his men.

Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) Colin Kynaston Potter, M.C., N. Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He commanded his battalion in an attack, captured all his objectives, and personally directed the consolidation of a position, which he held against hostile counter-attacks even after the division on his right had given way. This was largely due to his excellent dispositions and his very gallant personal example.

Capt. John Hedley Thornton Priestman, Linc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in making a valuable and daring reconnaissance under very heavy shell fire, during which he was wounded. His information was so precise and accurate that it enabled our barrage to break up hostile counter-attacks. A fortnight later, he made a similar reconnaissance in the same area with equally good results, and, in addition, finding the situation critical on our left flank, he ordered up a battalion on his own initiative in support, and thus enabled the line to be restored.

T./2nd Lt. Albert Charles Henry Robinson, att'd. York. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company in an advance over difficult ground, and although checked by very heavy gun fire from a concrete fort, succeeded in capturing the fort and gaining his objective. He successfully consolidated and held the second objective line through a very trying period of 36 hours, during which his men were continuously and heavily shelled and fired at from aeroplanes. Throughout the whole operation he displayed the utmost courage and the finest leadership and devotion to duty.

Capt. (A./Maj.) Percy Richard Sargeant, R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His battery was very heavily shelled for three days, in the course of which he continually went about exposed to heavy fire, seeing to the safety of his men, with utter disregard of danger. His fearlessness and calm disregard of his own safety set the finest possible example to the officers and men of the battery.

Capt. (T./Maj.) (A./Lt.-Col.) Alan Abbott Sharland, E. Lan. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under his successful handling his battalion captured and held its objective in spite of heavy counter-attacks, and of the fact that its right flank was for some time exposed to very heavy machine-gun fire. He visited the position gained, and at once organised a defensive flank.

Capt. and Bt. Maj. (T./Lt.-Col.) Robert Lowe Sherbrooke, Notts. and Derby. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under his skilful handling his battalion captured and held all its objectives though repeatedly counter-attacked. He visited the position under heavy machine-gun and shell fire, and although slightly gassed before the action he remained with his bat-