

a heavy shell, he continued to carry out his duties with great gallantry, setting a fine example to the gunners whilst under heavy fire. Later in the day, he went forward to reconnoitre an advance battery position under very heavy shell fire, during which his signaller was killed and he himself was buried, and remained buried for about an hour. He was in a state of collapse when rescued, but protested that he must return to his battery.

2nd Lt. Herbert Stanley Prince, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a raiding party. He obtained valuable information of the ground to be crossed by personal reconnoissances, afterwards commanding the raid with such skill that the objective was reached, two prisoners brought in, and casualties inflicted on the enemy with very slight loss to his own party.

2nd Lt. William Prior, Midd'x R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when commanding his platoon. During the advance, finding an enemy machine gun ready for action, he jumped into the trench, and, single-handed, captured the team of one officer and twelve men. Throughout a very trying period of heavy shelling he set a fine example of cheerful determination and fearlessness to all around him.

T./2nd Lt. Walbanke Ashby Pritt, Gen. List, and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in attacking a hostile aerodrome with exceptional dash and determination. Having reached his objective and dropped bombs from a very low altitude, he then attacked and destroyed two hostile machines almost as soon as they had left the ground. A machine gun then opened upon him from the aerodrome, which he immediately attacked. Both on his outward and homeward journey he was under very heavy machine-gun and anti-aircraft fire. On another occasion he attacked a motor-car, and shot one of the occupants from about 50 feet, afterwards attacking infantry on the march and inflicting severe casualties upon them. He has at all times shown constant gallantry and fine offensive spirit.

T./2nd Lt. David Griffiths Prosser, Arg. & Suth'd Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When sitting in a shelter the roof was blown in on top of him, and he was wounded in two places and buried in the débris. As, however, his battalion had been ordered to stand to, he refused to go to the medical aid post, and insisted on leading his platoon in the counter-attack later in the evening. By his plucky conduct and devotion to duty he set a fine example to his men.

T./Lt. Charles Walter Pulford, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a bombardment of enemy wire, when aerial observation became impossible owing to the velocity of the wind, this officer, together with another, went out with telephone equipment and took up a position

in full view of the enemy, where they remained until the mortars were registered and the wire cut. His promptitude and fearlessness were invaluable in promoting the success of the attack.

2nd/Lt. Reginald George Pullen, S. Lan. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at a critical moment. He gathered a few men together and rushed them to the exposed flank, where he held up an enemy bombing party single-handed until reinforced by another company and two tanks. He was severely wounded whilst performing this gallant action.

T./2nd Lt. Richard Balfour Purdon, Cam. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon in a counter-attack with great gallantry, fearlessly moving about under heavy fire and showing no regard for his personal safety. By his energy he was the means of taking several of the enemy prisoners, and assisted very materially in the success of the counter-attack.

Lt. Arthur Frederic Purvis, Scots Gds., Spec. Res., attd. M.G. Gds.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of machine guns. He showed exceptional skill and coolness in guiding his guns forward in support of an infantry attack, and, although severely wounded just after reaching the objective he insisted on continuing to direct the consolidation and to site the gun positions, remaining in charge until he became incapable through weakness.

2nd Lt. Herbert Edwin Quayle, Ches. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack upon the enemy's lines the situation had become very obscure. He therefore went out with another officer in broad daylight, under heavy fire, and carried out a most difficult and dangerous reconnoissance, bringing back information of the highest value to his Commanding Officer.

Capt. David Taunton Raikes, S.W. Bords., Spec. Res., attd. Tank Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He personally led his tanks to their objective under heavy shell and machine gun fire, and, when his tank received a direct hit, which killed the Commander and wounded most of the crew, he went forward on foot with the remaining tanks and directed a successful attack upon hostile machine guns. Finally, when three of his four tanks were placed out of action, he organised a party and salvaged all the Lewis guns under very heavy fire.

2nd Lt. Stuart Blundell Rawlins, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in his forward battery position. He was superintending the work of dumping ammunition when heavy hostile shelling set alight to some of the charges. With great coolness and courage he extinguished the fire, thereby averting a serious disaster both to men, horses and material. His disregard of personal risk whilst thus engaged deserved the highest praise.