

zero under heavy shell fire, he led them forward in good order and took all his objectives. He was severely wounded, but waited to see that the company was entirely successful before handing over. He then sent in a clear report.

Lt. Arthur Walter Osborn, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of his battery after his battery commander had been wounded, keeping his men at their guns during a long and heavy hostile bombardment, although himself slightly wounded in the forearm.

Lt. Ernest Trafford Owles, R. Ir. Fus., Spec. Res. and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He made a successful wire reconnaissance along a corps front at a height of 300 to 800 feet under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire. On another occasion while on a reconnoitring patrol he had four encounters with enemy aeroplanes, in one of which he was attacked at 800 feet by five enemy scouts. By his clever manœuvring the enemy machines were driven off, and he completed a valuable reconnaissance. He showed the greatest keenness and determination at his work.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Cyril Joseph Oake, E. Yorks. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a daylight raid. He steadied his company on the way across to the enemy's lines and prevented them from advancing too eagerly into our own barrage. He timed his advance so well that he entered the enemy trench just as they were mounting a machine-gun. The gun was captured and the team were killed or taken prisoners. The success of the raid and the small number of casualties were largely due to him.

Capt. Gerard Edward Palmer, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when leading his company in a raid. He was responsible for killing a number of the enemy, and displayed great energy in superintending the destruction of the enemy's works.

T./2nd Lt. Leonard Oscar Parkes, R.W. Surr. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of the right party in a raid. He personally reconnoitred the enemy's wire on the previous night and found a gap. He led his party to the enemy trench, dispersing the garrison of a strong point, one of the enemy being captured and at least four killed, of whom he shot one with his revolver. At the end of the allotted time he withdrew his party in good order without a casualty.

Lt. William Grindlay Paterson, Yeo.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He patrolled right up to the enemy's outpost line, watched the ground throughout the day and returned with valuable information. He assisted in leading the column at night under heavy fire over difficult country, and later, on his own initiative, cut off and captured a party of the enemy. He showed great gallantry and determination.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Napier Edward Lewis Pearse, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in getting up urgent R.E. stores and bringing his wagons back. When one of his mules shied at a hole in a bridge and went over the side, taking the rest of the team and the wagon with it, he got the other wagons over and himself stayed behind trying to get the mules out, under heavy shell fire.

T./Lt. (T./Capt.) Arthur Hicks Peck, Gen. List and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He engaged singlehanded three enemy aeroplanes, though they had superior height. He drove them back over their lines and prevented them from carrying out their reconnaissance.

Lt. Leonard Jasper Peck, I.A.R.O., attd. Ind. Army.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He laid a track to an advanced position and by careful study beforehand of the obstacles carried out the work with great promptitude. He followed up the attacking infantry as closely as possible under intense fire. The success of the track and its completion in the required time were largely due to his initiative and resource.

2nd Lt. Francis Grove Peddie, North'd Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his platoon through an intense barrage. In spite of casualties and the bad state of the ground he eventually succeeded in advancing his line and consolidating it.

Capt. Edgar Percival, D.S.O., M.B., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of stretcher-bearers. While he was leading a party of sixteen towards the aid post they came under heavy shell fire, and seven were wounded. He got them back and brought up fresh men. One of this party was wounded, and, while an attempt was being made to get him back the patient and three bearers were killed. After replacing these casualties he succeeded in getting through at the third attempt, and removed all the wounded.

T./2nd Lt. Reginald Thomas George Perkins, A.S.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in delivering ammunition to forward batteries. When lorries could not move on account of the road having been destroyed, he decided to deliver by G.S. Wagon. The wagon on which he was riding was struck by a shell, which killed the driver and the horses and wounded him in three places in the back. He nevertheless remained at work for four hours until relieved, and succeeded in delivering the large quantities of ammunition.

T./Sub Lt. Arthur Morson Perry, R.N.V.R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon in an attack on a hostile post, surprised the enemy and captured the garrison. The success was