

Lt. (A./Capt.) Christopher Herbert Oakley, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. He went forward under heavy fire, and coolly reorganised the attacking party with a view to rushing the posts. The entire success of the operation was due to his careful preparation beforehand and skilful leading during the raid.

T./2nd Lt. Hervin Oldfield, York. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of one platoon in a raiding party composed of his own and two other parties. When the other two parties were checked, this officer led his party with great skill and initiative, and managed to enter his objective from the rear. This completely changed the situation, and directly resulted in the capture of eleven prisoners, who were taken by this officer personally. Throughout the operation he showed marked gallantry and powers of leadership.

Lt. Kenneth Mander Oliver, Glouc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of the forward guns during an enemy attack. Under very heavy fire he organised the gun teams and controlled the fire of the guns until all ammunition had been expended. He then withdrew his men and joined up with the infantry in the support line. Though wounded by shrapnel he remained at duty until he had reorganised his men and handed them over to the infantry company commander.

Capt. Michael Francis O'Sullivan, A.V.C., S.R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Seeing hostile shelling near neighbouring wagon lines, he rode over to assist, and in spite of heavy shelling got all horses to safety in the coolest manner. Next night he gave great assistance in getting all ammunition away from a dump under constant shell fire. On more than one occasion subsequently he volunteered for duties of a hazardous nature.

2nd Lt. Sidney Walton Pacey, E. Lan. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer commanded the leading platoon of a company that made a successful raid by night on the enemy trenches. During the raid, after reaching his objective and accounting for a number of the enemy, he was severely wounded, but would not leave until he had collected all his men and completed the task which had been allotted to his platoon.

T./2nd Lt. Frank Southcombe Parker, Notts. and Derby. Regt.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a raid on the enemy's trenches this officer, followed by a N.C.O., attacked a blocking party on the flank, shooting one and capturing three prisoners. He then worked along the front under machine-gun fire, controlling his men and organising an orderly withdrawal.

2nd Lt. John Idris Parry, Ches. R., S.R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of sixty men to form a defensive flank guard to delay the enemy. He fearlessly exposed himself to encourage his men and successfully commanded them until wounded. He set a splendid example of coolness to all.

T./2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) Kenneth Owen Parsons, R. Welsh Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. He remained in "No Man's Land" whilst the raid was in progress, and finding a platoon in difficulties, owing to an enemy machine gun, he took charge and ordered two sections forward on the right, while he and a N.C.O. found a gap in the wire on the left. He rushed the gun and captured it, while the enemy fled. This enabled all the platoons to reach the objective without delay. Afterwards he went out at dawn to search for wounded and missing. His initiative and courage were of the utmost service throughout.

Lt. Alexander Green Paterson, R.W. Surr. R., attd. M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. This officer was commanding a sub-section of machine guns, and when the attacking waves were held up by enemy machine-gun and rifle fire, he pushed forward his two guns in front of and on the left flank of the firing line and silenced the enemy machine guns. While reconnoitring a position for his guns he was wounded, but carried on.

2nd Lt. Keith Paterson, R. Scots, Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a battalion raid on the enemy trenches this officer controlled his platoon with the greatest skill, and although wounded in the leg, led his men on to the furthest objective, when he was again slightly wounded. He was responsible for inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy, and the firm offensive spirit he showed gave great confidence to his men.

Lt. Arthur Francis Henry Peal, York and Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of two mortars which were taken out into "No Man's Land" during a raid on the enemy's trenches. Immediately the operation started enemy shelling became heavy, together with rifle and machine-gun fire; and soon afterwards one mortar became useless owing to a damaged striker. He personally remedied the defect and brought the mortar into action again immediately. By his fine example of coolness and determination he kept his mortars firing exactly to time, each of which expended 80 rounds.

2nd Lt. Claude Luther Pendlebury, Glouc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon in a counter-