

attack with great vigour and determination. When the front line had been retaken he immediately pushed forward with a patrol of ten men, and after posting picquets at the exits of the tunnels, he himself with three men entered the tunnels and captured one officer, fifty-nine other ranks, and seven machine guns. He did splendid service.

T./2nd Lt. Lewin Henry Pepler, A. Cyc. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When owing to a withdrawal a situation had arisen which required to be carefully reconnoitred in order to be definitely cleared up, this officer, who was in command of a patrol, rode into a village, where he came into contact with an enemy patrol, which he dispersed in a most gallant manner, after which he completed his reconnaissance and returned with valuable information.

T./Qrmr. and Hon. Capt. William Kelland Pethed, Yorks. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in withdrawing his stores during a hostile attack, while he was also in charge of stragglers of various units. When bombed by enemy aeroplanes, he got his personnel lined up on the road and brought one machine down. He restored order among excited animals and transport drivers, directed the traffic, and finally brought his transport to safety. On numerous occasions, whether bringing up stores or getting them away under heavy shell fire, he has displayed great coolness and initiative and set a fine example to younger men and to the battalion.

2nd Lt. Alexander Phillips, H.L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After his company commander became a casualty he commanded the company with great ability and lost no chance of inflicting loss on the enemy during his attacks. It was due to his initiative that the enemy were driven out of a house in front of his positions, prisoners and a machine gun being captured in this operation.

2nd Lt. Elton Walter Pickles, Worc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While his battalion was retiring he collected some twenty men and turned and attacked the enemy with such effect that their advance in that neighbourhood was checked for at least half an hour.

T./Lt. Thomas Gordon Playford, M.D., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Assisted by an orderly, he dressed the wounds of several officers on the roadside under heavy shell fire. Later, he established a dressing station in a village which was rapidly being enveloped by the enemy, and succeeded in clearing all his casualties before it was evacuated.

2nd Lt. Archibald Stanford Polhill, Midd'x R., S.R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He collected a platoon from stragglers of different

units and with them put up a stout fight for many hours against the advancing enemy. Afterwards, he rejoined the remnants of his own battalion, and by his staunch and energetic bearing maintained them as a fighting force throughout the remainder of the retirement.

2nd Lt. Walter Percy Porter, R. Fus., S.R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of a raiding party which successfully entered the enemy's lines and captured two of the enemy, thereby obtaining an important identification. He displayed fine courage and leadership.

T./Capt. David Mitchell Ramsay, Arg. and Suth'd Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of a raiding party. He led his men with great skill and courage, inflicting numerous casualties and personally capturing three prisoners. To his careful organisation and dashing leadership the complete success of the raid was due.

2nd Lt. John Charles Reed, R.F.A., S.R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while left in charge of a vacant position which was being cleared of ammunition and material. Enemy shell-fire having killed two of his men and wounded others, he went to their assistance in spite of exploding dumps of ammunition, and brought two wounded to a place of safety.

Lt. John Frederick Rees, Mon. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of half a company. When the left flank was pushed back, under heavy machine-gun fire, he pushed out a defensive flank and gradually withdrew his line in conjunction with the unit on his left. On several occasions he made personal reconnaissances and brought back valuable information.

Lt. Sydney Twynam Forsaith Rees, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed great resource when forward observation officer of his battery, remaining in observation and directing the fire of his battery from advanced and exposed positions under heavy fire. Again, when his detached section was heavily shelled, he displayed a fine example of coolness in clearing the wounded.

Lt. Thomas Winford Rees, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of a patrol. He pushed on with half his patrol, and charged a line of enemy rifle-pits in face of considerable bombing, springing into a rifle-pit himself and shooting one of the enemy, after which he pursued the remainder for a short time with his patrol.

2nd Lt. Cyril Herbert Repton, Devon. R., S.R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in defending a bridgehead. He mani-