

pulated his Lewis guns with great ability and coolness under heavy shell and machine-gun fire for nearly two hours. During this period he was severely wounded, but continued to direct the fire of his guns until a suitable relief for him was found. By his fine action the enemy was effectively checked in his advance and suffered severe casualties.

T./Lt. Evan Matthew Richards, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of the firing of projectors against enemy strong points. He went out in the face of intense fire and connected up electrical connections which had been cut, and then fired the batteries from the open directly behind the position—a very daring act, the guns being liable to burst and the concussion being very great. He thus succeeded in firing 100 per cent. of the projectors allotted to him.

Lt. Alan Richardson, R.F.A., S.R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a section ordered to silence an enemy machine gun. In order to locate the gun he and his signaller went through enemy barrage for nearly a mile to battalion headquarters, obtained such information as was available, and then established lamp communication with his section. For nearly an hour he and his signaller, under heavy artillery and machine-gun fire, sent observation of the shooting back to his section. The fire of his guns was instrumental in silencing the machine gun.

Lt. William Francis Roach, Glouc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When another unit had reached the objective, he rendered valuable assistance in collecting the men together, all the officers having become casualties. This he did under very heavy shell and machine-gun fire.

T./2nd Lt. Thomas Robinson, L'pool R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer made two night reconnaissances, bringing back useful information of the enemy position with a view to a raid. On the night of the raid he set out the directing tapes and discs for the raiding parties right into the enemy's barbed wire, and was in a large measure responsible for the success of the operation. He showed great coolness and daring, setting a fine example to his men.

T./Lt. Edmund Alphonsus Rudman, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while maintaining forward communications during a retirement. He handled his men so successfully that communication was maintained between villages under heavy shell fire and most adverse conditions. Throughout, his behaviour inspired the confidence of his men.

Lt. Tom Rushworth, Durh. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He held a bridgehead with a small

party of men under heavy machine-gun fire until completely outflanked. He then withdrew his party successfully, and took up another position in the rear, where he kept touch under circumstances of great difficulty with the division on his right.

T./Lt. Gerald Henry Berkeley St. Ruth, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of a section of four guns during an enemy attack. By his fine example of coolness and cheerfulness he encouraged his men to maintain his guns in action under heavy concentrated shell fire, and to inflict heavy losses on the enemy. When forced to withdraw he showed great initiative in the selection of new positions, and was undoubtedly instrumental in delaying the enemy's advance. Throughout the operations he displayed qualities of a very high order.

2nd Lt. William John Sandell, Dorset. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid by his battalion. Though wounded while advancing between the enemy second and third lines, he continued to lead his men to their objective, which he gained and held, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy. His courage and determination greatly inspired his men.

2nd Lt. Gilbert Allen Dormebran Lloyd Savory, Som. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when a company was sent forward to take over a village. On arrival it was found that the garrison was hard pressed and almost surrounded by the enemy. This officer immediately collected a handful of men and charged through the village, shooting three of the enemy himself before he was severely wounded. His prompt and gallant action was of great value in restoring the situation.

T./Lt. Frederick Charles Saxon, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in repeatedly rallying and reforming the line. When nearly surrounded he reconnoitred a way out, and extricated his men to a more favourable position, and then returned through the enemy's advanced posts and brought in twenty-five men who had been cut off. Later, in command of 300 men, under continuous shelling and machine gun fire, he inspired them to stand and fight, whereby many of the enemy were accounted for.

2nd Lt. Harry Oswald Schofield, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a shell burst in a gun-pit, set the camouflage on fire, and damaged the gun, this officer, with a N.C.O., rushed to the spot, and, despite continuous enemy shelling and the dangerously overheated condition of the ammunition, they removed the clinometer and a large number of rounds to a place of safety and put out the fire, thereby saving much ammunition.