

2nd Lt. Robert Nelson Carson Towell, R.G.A. (Spec. Res.).

For devotion to duty and courage as brigade field observation officer. He advanced with the infantry, and, although under continuous shell and machine-gun fire throughout the day, he was indefatigable in establishing and maintaining communication, finding observation posts, reconnoitring the front line and obtaining and transmitting information.

T./2nd Lt. Joseph Henry Turner, R.W. Kent R.

For conspicuous gallantry with his company in an attack. Machine guns and small parties of the enemy were concealed in low-lying ground by the river and were causing many casualties. This officer manœuvred his company with great courage and skill, and, taking the enemy on the flank and rear, cleared the position, and thus enabled the advance to be continued.

T./2nd Lt. Sidney James Upfold, R.W. Kent R.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. He handled his platoon with great courage and skill on two occasions, when held up by machine-gun nests. Engaging the enemy's attention in front, he led small parties to a flank, and rushed the positions, capturing the guns and their detachments.

Lt. (A./Capt.) William Urquhart, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative during an attack. He went forward with two men, and captured a party of about fifty enemy machine-gunners. Later, he was of the greatest assistance in guiding other troops forward and leading the attack. Throughout he displayed splendid leadership, and inspired all ranks by his courage and confidence.

2nd Lt. (T./Lt.) Douglas Claude Venning, R.F.A.

He got the battery into action under the most intense shell fire, after three hours' persistent gassing. With remarkable coolness he gave out the individual lines of fire to each gun, standing in the open, after which he remained walking up and down the position, encouraging the men, with a perfect disregard of his own safety.

T./2nd Lt. Frederick Copeland Walker, Tank Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry while in charge of a party detailed to tape the routes of the Tanks to the front line. Although wounded in the head early in the evening, he succeeded, in spite of very heavy fire, in getting all routes taped. During subsequent operations he rendered good service, and was of much assistance in guiding Tanks under heavy fire.

2nd Lt. Harold Arthur Walker, West Riding R.

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership. When his company commander was wounded he took command, and led the men, who were weary with hard fighting, forward to the objective. His fine example of courage and cheerfulness greatly helped to maintain the spirit of his men.

2nd Lt. Leslie Frederick Walker, W. York. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership. He rallied the men of his platoon, who had become disorganised through heavy casualties from machine-gun fire, and, leading them forward with great dash, he rushed an enemy post, capturing four machine guns and twelve prisoners. His personal example at a critical moment undoubtedly restored the situation.

2nd Lt. Robin Edgar Walker, R.F.A., S.R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Though badly gassed, he laid out a wire from the rear battery position to his observation post under heavy enemy bombardment. During the attack he carried out his duties as forward observation officer with great pluck and determination, and sent back useful information.

T./2nd Lt. Norman Ward, D.C.L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership. He led his platoon, which formed part of a raiding party, over very difficult ground with great skill, and attacked an enemy machine gun, when he was severely wounded. His conduct throughout was an example of courage and determination, and he greatly assisted in the success of the operation.

Lt. Augustus Lubbock Watkins, Tank Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He advanced eleven miles in the light Tank he was commanding, displaying great initiative in discovering targets. He got out of his Tank and stood upon it, under a very intense fire from machine guns, in order to obtain a better view and locate the positions of enemy guns. He ran over and crushed a machine-gun nest that was holding up the infantry. He set a splendid example to his men.

No. 5441 C.S.M. Frederick William Watson, D.C.M., Yorks. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership. When the officers of two platoons became casualties he took command and led the men forward with great dash and skill. He was cut off with part of his platoon, but fought his way back to the company. His courage and resolution were remarkable, and his cheerfulness inspired all who were with him.

2nd Lt. James Ernest Anthony Webster, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He led his platoon against a position which was holding up our advance with machine-gun fire, and captured it with great dash, inspiring his men by his brilliant example of courage. Later on he held an isolated portion of the line with great resolution, enduring a heavy bombardment for forty-eight hours.

2nd Lt. Phillip Wells, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He went forward