

2nd Lt. Roy Seymour Provis, Leic. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led two platoons as moppers up to an assaulting company with great success. Upon reaching his objective, he took the leading part in organising parties which were without leaders, blowing up hostile dug-outs and inflicting heavy damage upon the enemy. Although knocked down by a shell, he accounted for many of the enemy himself, and his skilful leading contributed very largely to the heavy losses of the enemy at the cost of only three wounded men to his company.

T./Lt. Harold Kirkpatrick Purdy, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in extinguishing a burning gun-pit, in spite of heavy shelling and two burning dumps close by.

T./2nd Lt. Frank Alexander D'Arbly Raper, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At a critical moment, when three gun teams had been practically annihilated by shell fire, he restored confidence by his coolness and courage, enabling the battery to open fire at zero in perfect order. He afterwards opened fire upon the enemy and compelled them to retire at a time when our infantry were falling back before superior numbers. For two days he so inspired his men that they were at all times collected and ready to open fire.

T./Capt. Henry Rayne, K. Afr. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With a few men he maintained his position for four hours against a party of at least 300 of the enemy, and eventually succeeded in driving them off, with heavy casualties. He set a magnificent example to his men.

T./Lt. John Philip Reed, York. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company in the attack with exceptional skill and courage, consolidating under heavy machine gun fire and maintaining cheerfulness under trying circumstances, which greatly inspired the morale of his men.

2nd Lt. Peter Reid, York & Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When on patrol with his platoon he was wounded, but remained with them for four hours, obtaining very useful information, capturing prisoners and killing seven of the enemy. Before having his own wound dressed, he saw that all the wounded had been taken to the dressing station, and he handled his men with great coolness and boldness throughout.

Capt. John Arthur Talbot Rice, Lrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when holding a post with his squadron. Although wounded and heavily attacked from three sides, he held on to the rear of his

position, organised a counter-attack, and with the aid of reinforcements regained the whole of his post and consolidated it. When reinforcements arrived he only had twenty-three officers and men left out of his original squadron.

2nd Lt. William Henry Richardson, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in establishing visual communication from the front line in an advance, with a battalion on the flank. He made several journeys across the open under heavy fire, and succeeded in re-establishing communication when it was interrupted. Whilst thus engaged he noticed a number of severely wounded men who had been lying out some days. Organising a party, he succeeded in bringing them all in under fire, taking over six hours in doing so.

T./Capt. Basil White Ridley, S. Lan. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in carrying out daring reconnaissances during an attack. He obtained and sent back valuable information at a time when communication was exceedingly difficult, and he showed exceptional coolness and initiative under fire.

2nd Lt. Cuthbert Eustace Ridsdale, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a heavy hostile barrage when an ammunition dump was set on fire, he and another officer succeeded in extinguishing a fire, thereby averting a serious explosion, with consequent loss of life.

T./Lt. Frederick William Roberts, R.W. Kent R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Having captured his company's objective, he took command of other companies of different regiments, which had become disorganised under heavy shell fire, and although wounded, remained at his post, setting a splendid example of coolness and initiative under trying circumstances.

2nd Lt. Richard Percy Emmett Roberts, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. For four nights in succession he brought his convoy of ammunition through heavy hostile barrage, and, although warned that it was too dangerous to proceed, he took the view that the guns must be supplied with ammunition, and by his coolness and skilful leading, delivered it without delay.

T./Capt. Laurence Cecil Sebastian Roche, R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of forward stretcher bearers. He worked under an intense barrage fire with his bearers, collecting and successfully evacuating large numbers of wounded, throughout a continuous barrage of sixteen hours. His gallant conduct and personal disregard of all danger greatly inspired his men in the execution of their duty.