

stance being when he was in charge of a large "Labour Company" working party engaged in constructing light railways. They were subjected to heavy fire. By his coolness and presence of mind they were conducted out of the shelled area without any casualties, although the bombardment was intense. He subsequently displayed very great gallantry in personally digging out men who had been buried by shell fire and in cutting trenches across No Man's Land under very trying conditions, in which he set a very fine example of energy and courage under fire.

2nd Lt. Patrick Stapler Thompson, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in taping out a jumping-off line for an infantry attack under exceptionally difficult and dangerous conditions. He crawled out, and successfully completed his task, working by means of a luminous compass. He was exposed the whole time to machine-gun fire from the enemy, who were posted in shell holes at close range. He had previously made a daring and successful reconnaissance of the captured ground under fire, in order that no time should be lost in getting his men to work. He set a magnificent example.

2nd Lt. Robert Thompson, North'd Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst on patrol. He led his small party with exceptional skill and good judgment to the attack of an enemy strong point, which he successfully bombed, and eventually withdrew without casualties. The fine leadership which he displayed was all the more praiseworthy owing to the fact that he had been misinformed in the first instance as to his objective, that he encountered a strong hostile patrol on the way which he most skilfully avoided, and, finally, that our mortars opened fire upon the strong point just as he was about to commence his own attack. He proved equal, however, to coping with the difficulties and delay caused by these incidents, and handled his men throughout with remarkable ability and determination.

T./2nd Lt. Charles Everard Thorne, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although wounded and badly shaken on the previous day, he led his party to where he had been ordered to construct a strong point, and though temporarily driven in by hostile shell fire he successfully completed the work. He displayed great pluck and splendid devotion to duty.

T./2nd Lt. Albert Edward Todd, R. Ir. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in commanding his company when he was the only officer left. He had a most difficult task, meeting with strong opposition from machine-gun and shell fire, but he dealt with every situation as it arose with promptness and decision, setting his men a splendid example of coolness and gallantry. He had not been in action before.

2nd Lt. (T./Capt.) William Henry Tosdevine, S. Staff. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although he received his orders too late to take the full advantage of the barrage, he led his company to the attack with the utmost skill and fearlessness, with the flanks exposed, and successfully gained his objective. It was due to his indomitable energy and great power of control that his men, who were greatly fatigued and harassed by shell fire, were got forward and encouraged to consolidate the final objective.

T./2nd Lt. Richard Michael Trevethan, Gen. List and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when on offensive patrols. He has continuously displayed the greatest dash and determination in attacking enemy formations, regardless of their superiority in numbers, and has shot down at least four, driving others down out of control.

2nd Lt. Austin Stanley Trotter, Bedf. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At a critical moment, when his front line was held up, he called on his men, who had been badly shelled, to follow him, and rushed ahead of them. By thus reinforcing at the right moment, he caused the enemy to surrender in large numbers. He was then severely wounded in the thigh, but his personal gallantry and fine leadership had so inspired his men that they dashed on without him and gained their objective.

2nd Lt. John Leslie Turing, Seaf. Highrs., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid upon enemy trenches. This officer was in command of two sections acting as "moppers up." He had a very difficult piece of ground to cross to get to the enemy lines, but in spite of the platoon in front of him losing direction, he led his men with remarkable precision and judgment. He captured three prisoners, ascertained valuable information as to the enemy trenches, and returned with his men to our lines without loss of any kind, having displayed splendid coolness and sound leadership.

2nd Lt. Edward Maxwell Tyler, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when under very heavy shell fire with his battery. He entered a wrecked gun-pit amidst burning and exploding ammunition and suffocating fumes, and helped to remove the wounded and extinguish the flames, doing so at great personal risk. By this very gallant action he undoubtedly saved the wounded in adjoining dug-outs, and enabled the fire of his battery to be maintained at a time when it was most important to do so. He was twice all but overpowered by the gas fumes, but persisted in his work with the utmost pluck and determination.

Lt. Richard Barker Ullman, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in digging out three men who had been