

a large gap in the line between his division and the next, whereupon he returned to his company and led it forward into the firing line. He then personally visited and organised the whole line of his advance, and later took command of another company which had lost all its officers, at the same time organising many odd parties into a definite unit, thus completely filling in the gap in our line. All this work was performed in the open under heavy fire from the enemy, who were about 300 yards away. By his splendid control and grasp of the situation he frustrated hostile attempts at counter-attack and saved what might easily have become a very serious situation.

T./2nd Lt. Robert Whyte Paulden, Sea. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty under very trying circumstances. When a hostile counter-attack was pressing our line very hard he went up and down rallying and encouraging the men at great personal risk, and by his splendid example and courage he undoubtedly saved a most acute situation.

2nd Lt. (T./Capt.) Reginald Guy Pearse, Notts. & Derby. R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at a critical stage of an attack. Owing to an unforeseen change in the direction of the leading waves a gap, which was dangerous, was caused. Seeing this he at once threw his third wave into the gap and attacked and captured the position, taking several machine guns, one officer and forty prisoners. Throughout the whole operation he displayed admirable initiative and complete disregard for his own safety, and, although wounded, refused to leave his company until satisfied that the position was secured.

T./2nd Lt. John James Peddie, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With a party of eight sappers he led a very successful raid upon the enemy's trenches. Although six of his men became casualties before reaching the front line he continued with the two remaining men and gained his objective, which was a machine-gun dug-out. Having captured the gun and its crew he continued on his way and bombed several enemy shelters, afterwards returning and blowing up the dug-out. Throughout the whole operation he was under continuous and heavy fire, and the success of the raid was entirely due to his courage and resource.

Lt. José Campbell Penney, R. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. It was largely due to his coolness and fine leadership during an attack on the enemy's trenches that his company kept close to our barrage and maintained its direction in the darkness, thus achieving their objective with very slight loss.

T./2nd Lt. Alexander Augustus Norman Pentland, Gen. List and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On a recent occasion he flew to an aerodrome fifteen miles behind the enemy lines, descended to within twenty feet of the

ground, and fired into eight hostile machines. On his return journey he attacked a train with considerable effect from a low altitude. He has in addition brought down several enemy machines, and has always set a splendid example of fearlessness and devotion to duty in attacking enemy balloons and troops on the ground.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Donald Burman Petch, Leic. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. When the officer commanding the assaulting companies became a casualty he assumed command and pushed forward to the third line of the enemy's trenches, which he occupied, inflicting heavy casualties upon the enemy. He organised the withdrawal of the raiding party, and later brought back wounded to our line under heavy fire, behaving throughout the operations with the utmost coolness and courage.

2nd Lt. William Peters, R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After the signalling officer and forward observing officer of a corps had been seriously wounded, and he himself slightly wounded, he took the signalling party forward himself and established and maintained communication under very heavy barrage fire. On several occasions he accompanied the linesmen and repaired the line under heavy fire, encouraging them in their work by his own gallant personal example and disregard of danger, and it was owing to his courage and devotion to duty under exceptionally trying circumstances that communications were maintained throughout his division.

2nd Lt. Ross Thomson Philip, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an intense hostile bombardment of his battery two guns were put out of action, the camouflage set on fire, and the ammunition started exploding. He at once collected a party and worked for twenty minutes under continuous shell fire and amidst exploding ammunition until the fire was extinguished and the guns recovered. By this prompt and gallant act the guns were saved as well as a quantity of ammunition.

2nd Lt. Stephen Thomas Phillips, R.W. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Throughout the advance he displayed great coolness and gallantry, dealing with many critical situations as they arose, and afterwards successfully organising the defence of his section.

Lt. William Edward Philpots, L'pool R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After the main objective had been captured, he led his company to an advanced position, where he dug himself in and held on for forty hours without support, until his trench collapsed from the incessant rain. He remained at his post for five hours after he had been severely wounded, and did not return until ordered back by his Battalion Commander.