

in action. Though he was the first to be wounded, he supervised, under heavy fire, the work of extricating some wounded men who had been buried. He was again seriously wounded, but refused any assistance until the wounded had been removed. He displayed the greatest courage and gallantry throughout.

T./2nd Lt. Charles Dixon Oliver, Sea. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of a party who had to consolidate a certain redoubt. He led his men up through the barrage and commenced work fifteen minutes after the redoubt had been taken. The work, which lasted seven hours, was completed under heavy shelling and machine-gun fire.

2nd Lt. Roland Giffard Oliver, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his battery was in action under intense enemy shell fire he went from gun to gun cheering and encouraging the men. He several times extinguished fires at ammunition dumps at great personal risk, and rescued several wounded men. Finally, when the withdrawal was ordered, he superintended it with the utmost coolness under intense fire, and did not leave the position until he had ascertained whether any of the guns could again be brought into action. By his magnificent example of courage and coolness he helped to keep the battery in action during 6½ hours of continuous shelling.

2nd Lt. (T./Capt.) Albert Ernest Owins, Worc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the attack he led his company with great ability and enabled his battalion and the battalion on his right, which was losing direction, to attack the proper objectives. During the consolidation of the position he exposed himself fearlessly, and set a magnificent example to all.

T./2nd Lt. Charles John Murray Paige, attd. R.W. Surr. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an action. As battalion signalling officer he moved about both by day and night arranging communication and establishing runner posts, often under heavy shell fire. His energy and determination throughout were most marked.

T./2nd Lt. Hugh Park, York & Lanc. Regt.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy attacked his position he showed great coolness and ability in the manner in which he handled his men. Though wounded early in the attack he remained at his post and brought heavy rifle and machine-gun fire to bear on the advancing enemy. He set a wonderful example to his men, and was largely instrumental in repelling the attack.

2nd Lt. George Lax Parkinson, Durh. L.I., attd. T.M. By.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed great courage and determination in keeping his guns on their allotted task, although in a very intense and

accurate barrage. He had previously performed good work in getting forward the ammunition required for the operations.

T./Capt. John Edward Lennard Payne, W. Rid. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company in an attack with great courage and determination under heavy fire, and showed marked qualities of leadership and coolness at critical moments. During subsequent counter-attacks he held his line intact for two days and nights and also took command of a company that had lost all its officers.

T./2nd Lt. Robert Augustus Pepperall, W. Rid. R., attd. M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He pushed forward through a heavy barrage with a machine gun to his final objective. Finding the infantry without officers he led them to the attack on the objective. Later, he returned and brought forward his machine gun, which he used with great effect in a counter-attack which followed.

T./2nd Lt. Clifford Platt, attd. Ches. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He collected men from his own and other units and organised them as a consolidating party and dug in under heavy fire. He showed great initiative and skill in handling his men under very difficult conditions.

Qrmr. and Hon. Lt. Francis Poole, R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He remained at the advanced collecting station for several days organising the rationing of the wounded, and daily visited the relay posts and regimental aid posts with supplies of medical comforts and dressings. During heavy shelling he helped to withdraw the wounded, and lives were saved by his action and example. He has continuously done excellent work.

2nd Lt. Kenneth Boyd Potter, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As forward observing officer in an attack, he went over with the infantry, and under heavy shell fire continued to send back valuable information for thirty-six hours. Although his lines were cut on many occasions, regardless of his own safety he still continued to send back information at night by lamp. He showed great initiative and resource throughout the operations.

2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) Harry Stanger Powell, R. War. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His company being enfiladed by the enemy, he led a party and captured the position under heavy machine-gun fire. He then reorganised his company and continued the original advance.

2nd Lt. Cyril Norman Poynton, R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his battery when all the other officers were wounded, and kept it in action for six hours in spite of very heavy shell fire and numerous casualties. He