

beat off strong counter-attacks by his skilful handling of his own and captured enemy machine guns.

2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) William Orr, R. Sc. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in keeping his company firm and reforming a continuous line when the troops on his left withdrew in face of an enemy counter-attack. He thereby enabled the key of the position to be retained.

2nd Lt. John Alwin Oughtred, E. York. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the leading line in an attack was held up, he led his company forward and assisted in the capture of the objective. He then reorganised the different units, who had become mixed up, and consolidated the position. He showed splendid leadership and contempt of danger.

2nd Lt. Griffith Charles Owen, R. Welsh Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a heavy bombardment and attack. Sixty of his men had never been in the line before. On seeing that the enemy's first wave had reached his forward posts and were putting down an egg-bomb barrage he ordered his company forward and established his line some 150 yards in front after a severe hand-to-hand fight, in which many casualties were inflicted on the enemy, who were driven off. Though slightly wounded, he reorganised his company.

2nd Lt. (T./Lt.) Roland William Andrew Painter, Midd'x R., attd. M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the barrage machine guns were buried and the officer in charge wounded, he moved the support guns up through the enemy barrage and reorganised the teams, being wounded while doing so.

Lt. George Bowden Parkes, Lanc. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of forward dumps and supplies. He personally guided and directed carrying parties over difficult ground, often under heavy shell fire, to the advanced troops.

T./Lt. Anthony Deane Parkin, Notts. & Derby. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company very gallantly in the attack, capturing fifty prisoners, five machine guns, and one trench mortar, and inflicting heavy losses on the enemy. Under his leadership the position was quickly consolidated and counter-attacks were driven off.

T./2nd Lt. John Herbert Parmenter, attd. Essex R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Finding that about ten of the enemy, with a machine gun, were checking his advance, he took four men and at once attacked them with bombs on a flank, covering his advance with rifle fire. The enemy were killed and the machine gun was captured.

T./2nd Lt. Edward Kingsley Parrish, E. York. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When part of the leading battalion was held up during an advance, he pushed on with a party of men and helped to capture the objective, which he consolidated with great skill. He showed great courage and initiative throughout.

2nd Lt. John Merry Paterson, H.L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his company when his company commander was wounded, and led them most ably against a strong enemy position. He captured the position, and, though wounded, remained with his men until severely wounded a second time. He showed magnificent leadership and courage.

2nd Lt. James Dennis Payne, Gen. List, and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While on patrol with two other scouts he attacked a formation of seven enemy two-seaters, bringing down two himself while the two scouts brought down two more. Besides these, he has accounted for five other machines, and at all times shown the greatest gallantry.

2nd Lt. George Samuel Pegler, Worc. R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Before the attack he marked out the assembly positions under most difficult conditions and under very heavy fire. In the attack he took command of his company when all the other officers were casualties, and showed the greatest skill and determination in leading them to their objective. He set a splendid example of courage and coolness under fire.

2nd Lt. Arthur Berkeley Penlington, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When two ammunition dumps were set on fire, and the men showed signs of unsteadiness, he, with the assistance of the serjeant, put out both fires and walked up and down the battery through heavy fire, encouraging and cheering the men at each gun. His fine example steadied the men and kept the battery firing continuously.

Lt. Norman Victor Peters, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in rushing out of his dug-out to extinguish the flames in a burning gun-pit. Over fifty cartridges exploded before the fire was extinguished, which prevented it reaching the dump of high explosive shells, and thus saved the probable destruction of the gun.

Rev. Stephen Henry Phillimore, A. Chaplains Dept.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He made frequent visits along the front line during the operations to assist the wounded, and showed complete disregard for the heavy sniping and shelling. He set a splendid example of courage to all ranks.