

with untiring energy and determination throughout the day and night, and set a splendid example of courage and coolness to his men.

Capt. Lindsay Mackie Scott, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He carried out a difficult reconnaissance in broad daylight in order to report upon the position of detached posts, and obtained very valuable information. He continually showed ability and courage under heavy fire.

2nd Lt. Cyril Frederick Seaward, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in command of a support platoon in an attack, and, seeing the leading company suffering severe casualties, he at once led his platoon forward to support them, filling a gap in the line as the advance proceeded. He did valuable work when the objective was captured in making the position secure, and set a fine example of coolness and courage to his men.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Edward Harold Sharp, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the consolidation after an attack, when the officer in command of another company was killed, he took command and consolidated the position quickly. He set a fine example to his men throughout.

Lt. Thomas Melville Sim, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in directing traffic under heavy shell fire during four days with little rest. His fine example, coolness, and judgment had a marked influence when excitement would have added to the dangers caused by heavy congestion on a narrow road.

Capt. Frederick Stuart Varnham, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his commanding officer was wounded, he took command of the battalion until a relief was sent. He then led his company and successfully consolidated the captured objective. He set a splendid example to his men of determination and courage, which contributed largely to the success achieved.

2nd Lt. Douglas James Bruce Walker, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his company when he was the only officer left and reorganised the company, which had lost direction, and led it to the objective. He consolidated the position with great skill and repulsed three counter-attacks. He showed great initiative and determination throughout.

2nd Lt. Frederick William Wilson, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as brigade grenade officer. He went forward each day and night with ammunition and trench stores under heavy shell fire. He superintended the divisional dump, and reorganised another dump when the officer in charge was killed.

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2nd Lt. Victor William Allen, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his men with great determination and skill in the attack. When an enemy machine gun was holding up the advance, he dashed forward alone, and bayoneted the gunner and crew, thus saving many lives and enabling his platoon to capture their objective. He showed great courage and determination.

2nd Lt. Clifford Osborne Connock, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon with great ability in the attack. On reaching the objective he moved about fearlessly, organising the defences. He was blown up by a shell, and, though badly shaken, continued to organise and direct his men in a most gallant manner. He was continually under shell and machine-gun fire during counter-attacks and bombardments, but showed an absolute disregard of danger, and was a magnificent example to his men.

2nd Lt. Louis Herbert Forbes, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He reorganised and led his company forward to the final objective, when his company commander had become a casualty. Whilst consolidating the position he exposed himself fearlessly, and moved about the line among his men throughout a heavy barrage. By skilful handling of his rifle and Lewis gun fire he broke up a party of the enemy assembling for a counter-attack. He showed magnificent courage and skill throughout.

2nd Lt. Francis Hugh Fuller Hatchard, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. Two other officers became casualties, and the advance was held up by machine-gun fire from a "pill-box." He immediately took command, and attacked the "pill-box" with four men under heavy machine-gun and shell fire, capturing it and destroying the garrison. Later, he captured another "pill-box" in the same manner. He set a splendid example of courage and devotion to duty.

Lt. William Lorraine King, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon with great dash and coolness in the attack. At the final objective, when his company commander was wounded, he took command of the company, fearlessly exposing himself in directing the consolidation of the positions, and during counter-attacks and a bombardment steadied his men by his magnificent example.

2nd Lt. Douglas Cecil Mackie, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his company when his company commander was killed at the beginning of the attack, and led it with skill and judgment. On reaching his objective he sent in accurate reports of the enemy's movements, and enabled the artillery to break up three attempts at a counter-attack. His coolness and courage had a splendid effect on all ranks.