

reconnoitring patrols. Regardless of personal risk, he moved up and down the final objective, reorganising the companies and establishing touch all along the line. He conducted the withdrawal in good order and organised parties to assist the wounded back to our lines. Throughout the operation he displayed great courage, resource, and skill.

2nd Lt. Harold James Plenderleith, Lanc. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He set a splendid example of coolness and initiative when at a critical moment a Bangalore torpedo failed to explode. Subsequently he led the assault on the enemy post with great gallantry through only partially cut wire under heavy shell and machine-gun fire. It was mainly due to his initiative and soldierly bearing that the raid was so successful.

2nd Lt. (T./Capt.) Edmond Robert Harris Pollak, R.F.A. and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst observing a shoot on a hostile battery, he was attacked by two enemy tri-planes, one of which he engaged and succeeded in driving off. On the second machine attacking him, his observer being wounded and his forward machine gun being out of action, he put his machine into a spin down to within 500 feet of the ground, during which time flames began to come out of the engine. These ceased, however, when his machine was once again on a level keel, but on their breaking out again he landed his machine, and was partially successful in extinguishing them. He has always shown great coolness and determination under the most trying circumstances.

2nd Lt. Robert Ramsay, R. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In preparation for a raid on the enemy's lines he carried out a most valuable reconnaissance. He led a small patrol through the enemy's first belt of wire and succeeded in locating two enemy posts. During the assault he handled his men with great skill and coolness, and after reaching all his objectives withdrew without a casualty.

T./2nd Lt. Frederick William Redshaw, M.M., Y. & L. R., attd.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went out with a N.C.O. just before dusk to examine a derelict Tank close to an enemy "pill-box." Seeing four of the enemy 15 yards away, he shot one of them, while the N.C.O. killed another with a bomb. The other two made off, and at once opened heavy machine-gun fire from the "pill-box," but he succeeded in regaining our lines with the N.C.O. He showed splendid courage and initiative.

2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) Matthew Wilson Richmond, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When ordered at short notice to support with his guns a raiding party, he carefully selected his position and made most accurate observations in broad daylight in

the open and in close proximity to the enemy. Despite enemy shelling and machine-gun fire during the operation his battery fired a very large number of rounds with the greatest accuracy, he himself manning the gun which was firing in closest proximity to our infantry. By his thorough reconnaissance, organisation, and devotion to duty, he contributed largely to the success of the operation.

2nd Lt. (T./Lt.) Arthur Francis McCausland Riggs, York. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a raid, on noticing that the enemy were placing a machine-gun in position in the "pill-box" which was his objective, he dashed forward and inserted a bomb in the loop-hole, which, on exploding, utterly destroyed the gun. Having summoned the enemy to surrender without effect, he personally superintended the bombing of the "pill-box," later entering it and securing identifications from nine of the enemy who had been killed. Throughout the operation he displayed the utmost gallantry and dash.

2nd Lt. Frederick Roberts, O. & B.L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of a fighting patrol, he was heavily fired on and rushed by a party of the enemy forty strong. By his coolness and gallant example he reorganised his party, engaged the enemy in a hand-to-hand struggle and drove them off. With four other ranks he covered the successful withdrawal of the remainder of the patrol, who carried back three of the four casualties. He then collected a stretcher party and returned to the remaining wounded man, who was safely brought in to our lines. By his cool determination, initiative and fine fighting spirit he kept his patrol together, and broke up an enemy attempt on one of our isolated posts.

T./2nd Lt. Sydney Gordon Russell, Worc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When two of his platoon posts had been raided and occupied by the enemy, he at once went forward to eject the enemy. Finding that the latter were about fifty strong, he returned, collected more men from other posts, and, working round from the rear of the raided posts, succeeded in re-occupying them from the right flank. Having reorganised and supervised the evacuation of the wounded, he went round the whole of his company's front to ascertain whether the whole of his front was intact. It was due to his rapid grasp of the situation, and great skill and coolness that the line was re-established by daylight.

Lt. Carl Russell Colley Salter, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the attack, after his company commander had become a casualty, he took charge of the company, which he reorganised under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, repulsed an attack on his flank, and personally led a charge against the enemy on his front.