

2nd Lt. William Ace Edwards, Notts. & Derby. R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his platoon in an attack. He went forward 100 yards ahead of his men to ensure direction. Finding some machine guns enfilading them which had not been effectively dealt with by the Tanks, he rushed to the emplacement with great determination, covered the crews with his revolver, and enabled his men to surround the enemy. One officer and fourteen other ranks and two machine guns were captured.

Lt. William Maurice Evans, S.W. Bord., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when sent up to reorganise the battalion after almost all the other officers had become casualties. Finding that the left flank had been driven back, he rallied the men and led a counter-attack which regained some high ground, which he afterwards held against numerous counter-attacks. He showed great skill and resource.

Capt. Charles Robert Gerard, G. Gds.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the flank of the battalion became exposed during an attack on a village and the enemy penetrated between the attacking and the reserve companies, he volunteered to go forward and reconnoitre the situation. He reached the village and made his way round a large portion of it, though it was still held by the enemy, obtained most valuable information, and cleared up a most obscure situation. He afterwards collected some men of various units, led them up to the firing line in the face of very heavy fire, and by his skilful fire orders and his grasp of the situation inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy. He displayed the greatest coolness and initiative.

Capt. (A./Lt.-Col.) Philip Mannock Glasier, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. By his personal energy and leadership he succeeded in assembling his battalion in a shallow trench very close to the enemy. The subsequent attack was most successful, resulting in the capture of more than seventy of the enemy, three machine guns and a trench mortar. Prior to the attack he had, with persistence and resource, organised a series of most successful offensive patrols, in which prisoners were taken and serious losses inflicted on the enemy.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Tom Goodall, W. Rid. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When an attack was held up by heavy machine gun and rifle fire, the commanding officer being killed and heavy casualties sustained, and there was grave danger of disorganisation, he went forward amid a hail of bullets to locate the enemy, and signalled back to a platoon of his company to attack. With one man he dashed into a strong point, killing several of the enemy, and thus enabled the platoon to capture an officer and fifty-eight other ranks and two machine guns, and to rescue an officer and a N.C.O. who were prisoners in the hands of the enemy. He showed magnificent courage and determination.

2nd Lt. Guthrie Hallsmith, Suff. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He attacked a strong point which was held in force by the enemy and captured two machine guns and ten prisoners, and then led his men to the objective. He was eventually forced to withdraw by counter-attacks on both flanks, but hearing that an officer had been wounded and left on the field, he went forward alone to search for him. Later, during the night he led forward patrols to search for the wounded.

Lt. John Steven Hamilton, W. York. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company in an attack and captured all his objectives. He then, with one officer and two men, went forward, selected a position commanding the whole front, and remained there till a line of posts could be established. When some troops on his flank fell back during a counter-attack, seeing that they were without officers, he took command, reorganised them, and re-established them in their old position. He set a splendid example of determination and courage.

T./Lt. John Eliot Hancock, Norf. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Owing to his company commander being seriously wounded, he took command of the left company in an attack. When they came under heavy machine gun fire he organised a frontal attack while he, with two N.C.Os. rushed across the open from a flank, killed or wounded all the gun teams, and put the guns out of action. He himself killed six men. In the subsequent fighting he showed great initiative in clearing the houses in a village and directing the advance.

Capt. James Francis Harter, M.C., R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Being sent forward to establish a new headquarters, after the capture of the first objective, he found some troops held up by enemy fire. Having reorganised them, he planned an attack and cleared a wood of the enemy, a prompt action which had an important effect on the progress of the operations. On several later occasions he obtained, by personal reconnaissance, most valuable information, and under difficult situations has been of the greatest assistance to battalion commanders. He has always displayed initiative, gallantry and a soldierly instinct.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Cyril Walter Holcroft, Worc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy attacked and broke through the line on the right of his company, he at once formed a defensive flank and prevented the enemy from getting in rear of the front line. Later, when he was again attacked, he fought for several hours at close quarters against greatly superior forces, and finally drove the enemy back and maintained his position. His coolness and courage held up the enemy's attack and saved a most difficult situation.