

Capt. Herbert Selwyn Jackson, W. Rid. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in assuming command of the battalion when the commanding officer had been killed and heavy casualties were being incurred and there was grave danger of disorganisation. He moved about in the open under a hail of bullets, rallied the men and organised a most successful attack, all the objectives being captured. The following day, when the battalion was engaged in severe fighting, he personally conducted a Tank to the place where the fighting was fiercest, and so enabled the battalion to capture this sector of the enemy trenches. He showed magnificent courage and resource.

T./2nd Lt. William George James, York. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He crept through the enemy wire right up to their trenches, located and marked existing gaps and cut other gaps. In the attack he led his platoon across about 300 yards of open ground into the enemy trenches, and with two men killed eighteen of the enemy. Later, he took command of the battalion owing to heavy officer casualties, and with both flanks exposed he held the enemy in check until reinforcements could reach him. He showed splendid courage and initiative.

2nd Lt. William Joffe, York. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Before reaching the final objective, which his company had been detailed to capture, his company commander becoming a casualty, he immediately organised a party, consisting of an N.C.O. and twelve men, and in the face of extremely heavy machine gun and rifle grenade fire and point blank fire from an enemy field gun rushed the position and captured the gun. Though wounded, he showed great courage and determination, and the successful capture of the final objective was entirely due to his fine leadership and quick initiative.

Capt. (A./Lt.-Col.) Kenneth Alfred Johnston, Hamps. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Finding that the bridge which he had been ordered to cross was broken, he led his battalion over by another bridge exposed to heavy fire. During the night he dealt with a critical situation, and disposed his battalion so as to establish securely the right flank of the brigade.

2nd Lt. Edward Spurin Knight, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the enemy's first rush, which over-ran our forward bombing blocks, this officer engaged the attacking bombers at our second block, and by the accuracy and determination of his bombing drove the enemy back to the first blocks, thereby enabling our original position to be re-established. His courage and coolness undoubtedly saved the situation.

T./Capt. Charles Robert Lucas, R. Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After his senior officers had become casualties he took command of the remnants

of the brigade and two companies belonging to another brigade. Though unsupported by artillery or machine guns he established a line which was made the basis of a further advance when machine-gun support was available. Here he repulsed two separate counter-attacks.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Alfred Cecil Lynn, York. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company forward to the attack with great determination across 350 yards of open ground under heavy enfilade fire, dashing out in front, and being the first to enter the enemy trenches, himself killing four of the enemy and forcing eight others to surrender.

2nd Lt. John Francis Maginn, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When an officer of another regiment was very severely wounded and was unable to move he rushed forward with two stretcher bearers under heavy machine-gun and sniper's fire and sniped the enemy for fifteen minutes, covering the stretcher bearers, who were thus able to bring the wounded officer back. He showed splendid courage and resource.

T./Capt. Francis Morgan Mathias, Welsh R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of the battalion after the commanding officer and second in command became casualties. He displayed a thorough grasp of the situation, keeping in close touch with the brigade headquarters and continually readjusted the line under heavy fire. He was wounded early in the action, but continued to carry out his duties with the greatest courage and determination.

2nd Lt. (T./Capt.) James Byford McCudden, M.C., M.M., Gen. List and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He attacked and brought down an enemy two-seater machine inside our lines, both the occupants being taken prisoner. On another occasion he encountered an enemy two-seater machine at 2,000 feet. He continued the fight down to a height of 100 feet in very bad weather conditions and destroyed the enemy machine. He came down to within a few feet of the ground on the enemy's side of the lines, and finally crossed the lines at a very low altitude. He has recently destroyed seven enemy machines, two of which fell within our lines, and has set a splendid example of pluck and determination to his squadron.

2nd Lt. (T./Capt.) Andrew Edward McKeever, M.C., R.F.C., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While on patrol by himself over the enemy's lines in very bad weather he encountered two enemy two-seater machines and seven scouts. By skilful manoeuvring he engaged one and destroyed it. As he turned to get back to the lines five of the enemy dived on his tail and his observer engaged and destroyed two of them. After an indecisive combat with two others he attacked and de-