

to its objective successfully. In the advance on the following day, he again exhibited fine qualities of leadership, and though unsupported on his flank, consolidated his position in the face of heavy fire. His splendid example and gallant bearing contributed in no small degree to the successful advance of the battalion.

2nd Lt. Joseph Frederick Davis, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He constructed forward gun positions in full view of the enemy and under continual shell fire. He displayed great determination and skill.

2nd Lt. Walter Ernest Davis, Glouc. R. and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during three months' service as an observer in a night flying squadron. He has taken part in many long-distance night bomb raids, and has on all occasions shown great courage and determination, which have been a splendid example to the rest of the squadron.

2nd Lt. Frank Henry Dear, R. Suss. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His machine caught fire while he was engaged on a reconnaissance, and while he was endeavouring to put the fire out his machine got into a spinning nose-dive. With great difficulty he got the fire under and righted his machine when only a few hundred feet from the ground. He then carried out his reconnaissance. He showed great coolness and skill.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Joseph Charles Brendin Devoy, R. Dub. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of the leading platoon of his company in an attack. He personally rushed a blockhouse containing a machine gun, and though wounded at five yards' range continued to lead his men and captured the blockhouse, gun and crew. He made a daring personal reconnaissance which greatly assisted his company in gaining the further objective. He showed splendid courage and determination.

T./2nd Lt. Thomas William Deeves, Midd'x R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst in command of the battalion scouts in advance of the vanguard, he was held up by the enemy, but succeeded in rallying some troops who had lost their leaders, and in organising a firing line. He showed great skill and initiative throughout the operation.

Lt. Henry Eustace Bligh de Gruchy, Shrops. L.I., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his company in an attack after the company commander had been killed, led it through severe machine gun fire with great skill, and captured the final objective.

Lt. Louis Anthony De Jough, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of the battery while it was in action, and during the whole time he went from gun to gun encouraging the men and superintending the work, though the enemy was directing a heavy fire upon the battery. On the battery ceasing fire he attended to the removal of the wounded, though still under heavy fire. He showed magnificent courage, skill, and determination under most difficult conditions.

2nd Lt. William George Denereaz, Bord. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The bridge over the canal was defended by a hostile machine gun, and he personally led a section forward and rushed the gun, capturing it and its crew. This prompt and gallant action undoubtedly prevented a serious check. Later, when in command of a detached post in an exposed position, he made excellent dispositions, and by his gallantry, coolness and courage maintained the moral of his detachment at a very high level.

T./Capt. Charles Beauclerk Despard, Dgns.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the attack he commanded his company with the greatest skill and gallantry, clearing a portion of a village on the flank of the battalion. At dusk, seeing that he was in danger of being cut off, he withdrew his own and two other companies, evacuated all the wounded, and held a line south of the village. During all this time he moved about under very heavy machine-gun fire, regardless of personal danger, and displayed the greatest coolness and courage.

Qr.-Mr. and Hon. Lt. James Dicks, High. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in searching for and eventually finding battalion headquarters during operations and delivering rations complete. But for his untiring energy the convoy could not have got through, as there was a continual artillery bombardment of all roads to battalion headquarters. He led a ration convoy forward under intense fire during an engagement, and delivered rations to the battalion in the line under most difficult conditions. It was entirely due to his energy and determination that the rations were delivered.

T./Capt. David McMurray Dickson, R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in tending the wounded under heavy shell and machine-gun fire. He was continuously out during the day searching the battlefield for wounded. He showed courage of a high order on this and many other occasions.

Lt. George Leishman Dickson, High. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was with a party on the right of his company, and succeeded in preventing the enemy from working round his flank and rear, and rejoined his company without loss. He made a most gallant attempt with twenty men to reach three companies who were isolated in an enemy trench, but was forced