

Lt. (T./Maj.) Ernest Edward Gee, M.C., R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He saved the guns of his battery which were lying in "No Man's Land" close to the enemy's lines. He reconnoitred the position, and found that the enemy had completed preparations to blow up the guns, and having removed the detonators and disconnected the fuses, he directed the withdrawal of the guns. Though Very lights were sent up continually, and the position and the track leading from it were subjected to continual shell fire, he dug the guns out and got them safely to our lines with only one casualty. He showed magnificent coolness and courage at his difficult task and rendered great service by saving four valuable guns.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Walter Douglas Gerrard, Yeo., and Tank Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the tank in which he was going forward became ditched he withdrew his crew from the tank, and, finding it impossible to extricate the tank, formed his men into a Lewis gun section and led them forward into action. He organised the crews of three other disabled tanks as Lewis gunners, and also brought a captured machine gun into action with great effect. He showed great initiative and determination.

Capt. Edward Gibson Gillilan, C. Gds., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. Though nearly all the officers and platoon serjeants of his company became casualties early in the advance, he organised and led a successful attack on a strong enemy position, inflicting heavy casualties and capturing 200 prisoners. He then led his company to the final objective under very heavy fire, and when in danger of being surrounded owing to the flanks of the position being exposed, he withdrew and established a strong defensive position and beat off an enemy attack. He showed magnificent courage and ability.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) George Ambrose Grounds, Tank Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When three of his tanks were disabled he formed his men into Lewis gun sections and led them into action to assist in repelling the enemy's attack. While going along a trench he met a party of the enemy, and by using enemy bombs he disorganised and held up the party single-handed. He got forward another tank in conjunction with a party of infantry, cleared about 200 yards of enemy trench, capturing fifteen machine guns and a large number of prisoners. He showed the greatest initiative and coolness and good leadership, which resulted in a successful advance being carried out.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Alexander Clarence Harcourt, R. Berks. R., Tank Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When tanks were required to assist the infantry who had been held up in an attack on a village he at once went forward on his own initiative with two tanks.

They overcame all enemy resistance and held the village until the infantry arrived. The capture of the village was due to his promptness and initiative.

Capt. (A./Maj.) Louis Sydney Henshall, S. Lan. R., Tank Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He followed his tanks closely on foot in the attack, and, having captured the first objective, collected his tanks and led them forward against a village, which he captured and held. He showed great ability and set a magnificent example of contempt of danger, moving about in the open in full view of the enemy under heavy sniping and machine-gun fire.

Lt. (A./Maj.) Charles Owen Hezlet, R.G.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He kept his guns firing and encouraged his men until the enemy were within 300 yards of the battery. He remained at his post though the enemy's barrage had passed beyond the battery, and the machine-gun fire was very severe. Every round in the battery was fired. He gave a very fine example of coolness, courage and efficiency.

Rev. Harold Evelyn Hubbard, A./Chapl. Dept.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When several men had been killed by a sniper in attempting to rescue a wounded man from a derelict tank, he went out, regardless of danger, and brought the man in. His gallantry and courage were an inspiration to the men throughout the operations.

Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) Gerald Ponsonby Sneyd Hunt, C.M.G., R. Berks. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He established and organised the line after an attack by siting a series of posts on commanding ground. During an enemy attack he held his position against repeated thrusts by the enemy, although his right flank was exposed, and when touch was lost with the brigade on his right he re-established communication. He showed splendid leadership and courage.

T./2nd Lt. Arthur Ronald Latch, Tank Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took his tank into action and by his courage and determination saved an infantry battalion from a desperate situation. He drove the enemy from some strong points which were threatening the flank of the infantry. When darkness came on he was surrounded by the enemy, who climbed on to the top of his tank and seized hold of his machine guns, but with great presence of mind and courage he succeeded in driving them off and inflicted heavy casualties upon them. He then dispersed the enemy who were assembling for a counter-attack. He handled his tank in a most able manner under very difficult conditions, and the assistance which he rendered was of the greatest value.