

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Arthur Philip Rice-Jones, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of the construction of forward lines necessary for the operations he worked under shell fire during the whole of one night and completed the work. On the next night he re-established communication when one of the cables was cut by shell fire a short time before the attack. Later, during an enemy attack, he collected a party of about 100 men, organised the defence, and held up the enemy's advance for about four hours, at a most critical time, until reinforced. He set a splendid example of courage and initiative.

Lt. (A./Maj.) Lawrence Robinson, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an enemy attack he led his company forward to assist the infantry and established a defensive line. The gallant defence which he made materially checked the enemy's advance and was of the greatest importance in facilitating the recapture of the position later in the day. He showed great initiative and determination.

Capt. Harry Ross-Skinner, M.C., High. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He held his position for two days against repeated enemy attacks and succeeded in recapturing some ground which had been lost. He carried out a very difficult relief with great skill, in spite of the close proximity of the enemy, and showed splendid leadership and resource throughout the operations.

Capt. (T./Maj.) Henry Ashley-Scarlett, R. of O., R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during two heavy enemy counter-attacks. He reorganised troops, who had been driven back, exposing himself freely in face of severe machine-gun and rifle fire, and displaying the greatest determination and coolness. In the second attack he showed splendid courage and resource in rallying and encouraging the men, and although blown out of a trench by a shell and badly shaken, he remained at his post until the battalion was relieved.

Capt. William Scott, M.C., R. Ir. Fus., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a strong point on the way to the assembly position was found to be still in the possession of the enemy he took command of the battalion, the commanding officer being wounded, and led them to the capture of the position with the greatest gallantry. His coolness, courage, and leadership under heavy fire at a critical moment were of the greatest value.

T./Capt. Cyril Oscar Skey, M.C., R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. When left with one officer only, he reorganised the remnants of the battalion and by his good example and leadership succeeded in rallying the men, who had been much shaken, and holding on to his position for 48 hours.

2nd Lt. (T./Lt.-Col.) Arthur Sidney Smeltzer, M.C., E. Kent R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the enemy attacking, he led a counter-attack and succeeded in clearing the enemy from a strong point, which he held until forced to withdraw. This withdrawal he effected with great skill, inflicting considerable losses on the enemy. Later, he took command of a composite battalion, and having checked the hostile advance for three hours, during which time he was heavily engaged, established a sound defensive flank, maintaining the line until relieved. He showed great coolness and disregard of danger, and inspired his men by his example of fearlessness and determination.

Lt. Henry Robert Somers Fitzroy De Vere Somerset, C. Gds.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his men with great dash and determination in an attack, and, having captured the final objective, he organised and led an attack on a strong point, which he captured. He was driven out by heavy shell fire, but at once led another attack and regained and held the position and captured a field gun. He set a magnificent example of courage, initiative, and leadership.

T./Maj. Henry Richard Stirke, R. D. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He established an advanced headquarters when the objective was captured, superintended the consolidation of the position, and sent in most valuable reports. He showed untiring energy and initiative.

T./Maj. William Vernon Logan van Someren, M.C., R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst in command of his battalion. He displayed the greatest courage in rallying the men of his own and other units, who had been heavily attacked. He showed great contempt of danger, and his behaviour amidst heavy shell and machine-gun fire, to which he was constantly exposed in reorganising his battalion, undoubtedly put fresh heart into the men and enabled the position to be held.

Capt. (A./Maj.) William Bernard Vince, M.C., Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. He led his battalion with great courage and skill in a counter-attack, which ejected the enemy from their trenches and resulted in the capture of many prisoners and eight machine guns.

Lt. (A./Maj.) James Walsh, R. Innis. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a battalion. During continual and heavy hostile attacks he visited all portions of his line, regardless of personal danger, and it was owing to his courage and ability in dealing with critical and constantly changing situations that his line was held. He set a splendid example of fearlessness and devotion to duty to all under him.