

T./2nd Lt. Cyril Sydney O'Dell, A.S.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a convoy of forty lorries. He passed through a heavy barrage, emptied his lorries, and got his whole convoy away under very heavy fire. By his promptness and determination he prevented a block in the traffic and saved a large quantity of material.

Capt. (A./Maj.) Edward Reginald Orme, Yeo.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. By his leadership, courage, and quick grasp of the situation he contributed largely to the success of his battalion in securing a section of the line which was threatened by heavy enemy attacks. The disposal of his forces and the consolidation of the position was carried out under very heavy shell fire. He repelled all the enemy's attacks, and saved his battalion many casualties by his skilful organisation.

Lt. (A./Capt.) William Guthrie Orr, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went forward at the head of an attacking company and bombed his way up a long stretch of enemy trench. He showed the greatest gallantry and determination during the enemy counter-attack which followed.

2nd Lt. Frederick Thomas Owers, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of advanced posts during lengthy operations. On one occasion he was bombed and fired on the whole day, but maintained his position. Later, when surrounded on three sides, he withdrew his platoon under orders, but after dark he reoccupied the post and handed it over intact to the relieving unit.

2nd Lt. Ewart Gladstone Parfitt, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His battery being under very heavy shell fire, the personnel were ordered by the battery commander to leave the position. He remained near, and saw the S.O.S. signal sent up in the sector his battery was covering. He at once collected the men, got the battery into action, himself forming one of the gun detachments until reinforced. The battery was being heavily shelled and suffering casualties, and it was to a large extent due to his great courage and initiative that it came into action so promptly at a very critical time.

T./Capt. Benjamin Deane Parkinson-Cumine, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He reconnoitred the enemy's line and drove them out of an important position, afterwards forming a defensive line round the position. He collected and organised scattered men, and sent parties to collect ammunition, which was badly needed. He set a splendid example to his men by his dash and determination and his complete disregard of danger.

T./Lt. Edmund Richard Parsons, Tank Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He followed the Tanks on foot in an attack, and when one was set on fire he went to its assistance and put out the fire. Four of the crew being out of action, he joined this Tank and enabled it to go forward. When only the driver and himself remained unhurt, he brought the Tank out of action successfully. He set a splendid example of courage and contempt of danger.

Capt. Joseph Alfred Patron, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. It being necessary to push forward machine guns into the open to provide covering fire for the cavalry advance, he, in order to fulfil this object, had to carry out several reconnaissances under machine-gun and rifle fire. Despite this, he succeeded in performing his task, and worked his guns forward, giving the greatest possible co-operation to the other troops.

Capt. Lionel Guy Stanhope Payne, Suff. R. and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On four occasions he bombed important enemy railway stations, obtaining direct hits on each occasion. He also carried out a long distance raid on an enemy aerodrome, which he bombed from 1,100 feet, making the return journey at a height of 800 with his machine damaged. He has taken part in many night bombing raids, always at a low altitude, and has set a fine example of determination to all ranks of his squadron.

Lt. (A./Capt.) William Pedlow, R. Dub. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company with great dash and determination in an attack, and was the first to reach the enemy trenches. He entered a tunnel in the enemy's lines and cut the wires which were connected with mines. It was due to his leadership that the objective was reached with so few casualties to his company.

T./Capt. Edmund Maturin Persse, W. Yorks. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the enemy breaking through the company on the flank, he, though wounded, rallied his men and succeeded in holding up the attack. He later organised and led several bombing attacks, and was able to push the enemy back and construct blocks. Later, by his good use of bomb and rifle he succeeded in checking a well organised hostile bombing party, which had broken through the blocks. His untiring efforts, utter disregard of danger, and continual cheerfulness have won the admiration of all ranks.

2nd Lt. Gorth Petit, R. Dub. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon in a most dashing manner, overcame all resistance, and entered the enemy's trenches. He set a splendid example to his men throughout the operations.