

he collected about a hundred stragglers and attached them to the remnants of his own battalion, his vigour and fearlessness putting fresh life into the defence. Next day, when the line was being driven back, he led a counter-attack with splendid dash under very heavy machine-gun fire.

Capt. (A./Maj.) Robert Lloyd Gracey, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of defensive positions. By his courage, skill, and tenacity he greatly delayed the hostile advance, causing heavy enemy losses. For several days he and his men were subjected to a very heavy bombardment, and only his personal example of gallantry and coolness checked the retirement of disorganised bodies of men and maintained the defence.

Capt. Henry Philip Twells Gray, Sea. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in command of a battalion holding 800 yards of line he beat off three attacks made by the enemy in greatly superior numbers. He held the line intact all day, arranging for supply of ammunition and sending back valuable information to brigade headquarters. The following day, although both flanks were exposed and the enemy were 2,500 yards behind his line, he held on till 3 p.m., when he extricated the battalion, supervising the withdrawal, although wounded in the face.

T./Maj. Harry Greenwood, M.C., York. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during two heavy attacks, made under cover of mist. They were repulsed, but a hostile machine-gun detachment, which succeeded in getting within 50 yards of the line, suffered severely, and an officer and two men ran back to cover. The battalion being very short of machine gunners owing to casualties, he, with a N.C.O., rushed out with the greatest daring, found the officer and men hiding in a hollow with a heavy machine gun, and made them carry it back, being all the time under intense fire. The gun was used later on the enemy with great effect.

Maj. Frederick Charles Gregory, Ches. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. By the skilful handling of the battalion under his command he kept the line intact throughout the whole action, and successfully supported the line on his left. On two occasions he organised counter-attacks and drove off the enemy with severe loss. Throughout the action he displayed leadership of a high order.

Capt. (A./Maj.) John Arnold Atkinson Griffin, Linc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his C.O. was wounded he took command, and displayed the greatest courage and skill in operations lasting several days, in maintaining positions, leading counter-attacks at every opportunity, and

by his splendid personal example encouraging all ranks to do their utmost during a most critical period.

Lt. (A./Maj.) Albert Gröver, M.C., Bedf. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed great courage and skill in collecting stragglers and organising them into a fighting force to enable him to hold a most important line, which was subsequently repeatedly and unsuccessfully attacked. When at length ordered to withdraw he conducted a most skilful rear-guard action, personally collecting machine guns and directing their fire until the remainder of his force had taken up their next position. Finally, when severely wounded, he continued to direct operations from a stretcher, refusing to be evacuated until he had explained the situation to another senior officer.

2nd Lt. (T./Lt. and A./Maj.) Harry Gladwyn Harcourt, M.C., R. Dub. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during two days of intense fighting, when he visited and located all the machine guns under his command, under heavy artillery and machine-gun fire, and then on horseback led a limber down the line, dropping ammunition and water at each gun. Later he organised defensive points, which he held to the last possible moment, covering troops withdrawing. His actions had incalculable results: firstly, the timely supply of ammunition to the guns; secondly, the defeat of the enemy's attempts to cut off certain valuable positions; and thirdly, successfully covering troop withdrawals.

T./Capt. Martin Mornemont Harvey, M.C., Notts. & Derby. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a withdrawal, when his company was on the left flank of the battalion, which was "en l'air." The enemy, perceiving the advantage, established machine guns and snipers on a ridge and enfiladed the whole battalion with great accuracy. He at once appreciated the situation, organised and led a party which drove the enemy off the ridge, and saved the situation. By his initiative and courage he set a wonderful example to all ranks.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Ernest James Henderson, M.C., E. Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his C.O. was wounded he took command of the battalion, and handled it with great judgment and success. He invariably displayed the utmost courage and disregard for personal danger, although frequently exposed to heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, and his fine example inspired all ranks with him. Ultimately he was wounded.

Capt. Edward Lawrence Higgins, M.C., Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was on leave in England when he heard his division was engaged and promptly rejoined them after considerable difficulty.