

He then went straight into the fight with a composite company, whom he so cheered by his fine spirit that they more than once successfully counter-attacked and inflicted heavy losses on the enemy.

T./Lt. (A./Maj.) Victor Cadifor Hilditch, M.C., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer engaged the enemy with his battery over open sights, under rifle and shell fire, holding them up long enough to enable the infantry to take up fresh positions. He then brought up teams, and got the guns away safely, covering their withdrawal with his own Lewis guns. He was indefatigable in keeping up touch with the infantry.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Arthur Hodge, M.C., Manch. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of his support company. Troops of other units in a front line withdrew, as also did those on each flank of his company. In spite of this, he maintained his isolated position under heavy shell and machine-gun fire until ordered to withdraw twelve hours later. His gallantry and example were such that not one of his own men joined the shaken troops from the front line, who passed through his position to the rear.

Capt. Harold Gibson Howitt, M.C., York. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. On many occasions he rallied troops when they were falling back. He displayed complete fearlessness in moving about in the open, under heavy fire, in order to clear up obscure situations. When trying to re-establish the front line, he was once taken prisoner, but after a few hours made good his escape. His leadership and example were of the greatest value.

2nd Lt. Holgate John Brittnell Humby, R.G.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at forward observation posts during long hours, and in maintaining communications and despatching invaluable reports under intense shell and machine gun fire. When the observation post was attacked by low-flying aeroplanes, he drove them off successfully by rifle fire. On one occasion, when communications failed, he went through a heavy barrage alone with a signalling lamp and established visual communication. Though often engaged in the most daring and enterprising undertakings, he always emerged successful. His services throughout the operations were beyond praise, and his courage a splendid example to all.

T./Capt. (A./Maj.) Robert Leslie Illingworth, M.C., Notts. & Derby. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took over command of a partly trained composite battalion from a wounded officer. With great skill he maintained the line, organised local counter-attacks, and drove the enemy back. It was in great measure due to his good leadership and courage that the battalion, which was in the heat of the fight, rendered such a good account of

itself, both then and again on a subsequent occasion.

Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) John Inglis, H.L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when he ably handled his battalion at a very critical moment. Under heavy fire he made many personal reconnaissances, and was always thoroughly in touch with the situation, sending back most valuable information. His leadership enabled difficult rearguard actions to be fought successfully for seven days.

Lt. (A./Maj.) James Charles Jack, M.C., R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While his battery was being heavily gas shelled he superintended the removal of his guns to higher ground clear of the cloud of gas, and continued to fire heavily throughout the bombardment. Another day, when the enemy got close to the guns, he withdrew his guns without losing one. His fine courage and initiative throughout were a splendid example to the men.

2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) Henry Harris Jago, M.C., Devon. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when leading the first wave of his battalion, through heavy machine-gun fire, in a counter-attack and assisting to press the attack home. Having reached the objective, he was largely responsible for the rapid reforming of companies and consolidation of the line. His courage and fine example greatly inspired all ranks with him.

Capt. (A./Lt.-Col.) Ernest James, M.C., Linc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when the force he was with was heavily attacked and forced to retire in some confusion. He ably summed up the situation, organised a rearguard with part of his battalion, enabling the remainder to get into position, and only withdrew the rearguard when almost surrounded.

Capt. (A./Maj.) William Francis Jeffries, R. Dub. Fus., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although suffering from the effects of gas poisoning at a time when a portion of the line was penetrated, he mustered all scattered troops, and with skilful leadership led them forward and restored the line. His example of courage and contempt of danger had the most inspiring influence on the men.

T./Maj. Charles Edgar Jewels, M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when commanding a battalion during an enemy attack. His personal example and excellent leadership enabled the battalion to hold on, with both flanks in the air; and in a subsequent counter-attack to inflict severe losses on the enemy. Throughout the operations he displayed great ability and courage.

T./Maj. Arthur Maxwell Labouchere, Ox. and Bucks. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while commanding his battalion. At a