

battalion to get away with few casualties, whilst it inflicted heavy ones on the enemy. Also for making many personal reconnaissances of doubtful spots, and obtaining valuable information.

Capt. (A./Lt.-Col.) Francis Woodbine Parish, M.C., K.R. Rif. C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the line was forced back this officer, collecting all the available men, led three counter-attacks, restoring the situation, and then, moving about exposed to intense fire, calmly reorganised the battalion.

Maj. the Hon. Edmund Colquhoun Pery, Yeoman.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer went forward and assisted an infantry regiment in a very difficult withdrawal. He then went and brought in a T.M.B. and a M.G. Coy., who had not received orders to withdraw. He then went and assisted the O.C. of an Infantry Regiment to withdraw. All this took place under very heavy fire, and in close contact with the enemy. His conduct and courage throughout the operations has been magnificent.

Capt. (A./Lt.-Col.) Arthur Thomas Pitts, R.A.M.C., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He established a dressing station in a forward and very exposed position. During two days and two nights he remained under continuous and terrific shell fire, dressing wounded and evacuating them. His courage and endurance under most trying conditions saved many valuable lives.

Capt. (A./Lt.-Col.) Leopold Thomas Poole, M.C., M.B., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a hostile attack. Hearing that a large number of wounded were uncollected, owing to normal communications having been cut by the attack, he proceeded at once to the area, which was subjected to a sustained bombardment, and organised stretcher parties, sending up all his available cars. It was owing to his fine courage and promptitude that upwards of 300 casualties were not left unattended.

Capt. (A./Lt.-Col.) Vincent Basil Ramsden, M.C., S.W. Brdrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when leading his battalion in an attack. Having reached the final objective, and finding that many of the enemy had been passed over and were firing from the rear, he went back and brought forward his reserve company, which mopped them all up. He killed several of the enemy himself, and forced others to surrender. This success at a critical period was largely due to his personal courage and intrepid enthusiasm.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Herbert Edward Read, M.C., Yorks. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his commanding officer was

wounded, he took command and successfully held his position for some time, surrounded by the enemy. He then organised the remnants of the battalion, and fought a brilliant rear-guard action. His behaviour at a most critical period of the battle was worthy of the highest praise.

T./Maj. Arthur Reade, M.C., S. Lan. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in command of a composite battalion when the enemy broke through a portion of the line. Calling on thirty men to follow, he led a counter-attack, driving the enemy back, capturing twenty prisoners and seven machine guns and killing about sixty, with a loss of four killed and six wounded. He handed over the position intact when relieved on the third night.

T./Capt. Dennis Whitehorn Reid, M.C., Sea. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company with great dash in the face of machine-gun fire, and on entering the outskirts of a village captured single-handed fourteen enemy, and assisted in the taking of five machine guns. On the following day he consolidated and held a position with a mixed body of troops, short of officers and N.C.O.'s. He always set an example of coolness and courage and was to the fore in all the actions in which his battalion took part.

Capt. (A./Maj.) Charles Leslie Rome, Hrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on many occasions in action, and notably when he constantly visited a front line during an intense bombardment, supervising the defences, and by his courage and example encouraging the men. On the occasion of a hostile attack, he personally disposed of three of the enemy, including an officer who was in a car with important documents, and was instrumental in capturing several prisoners. His splendid example has been most inspiring to both officers and other ranks.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Valentine Cubitt Russell, M.C., Suff. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At a period when the situation was critical, the front having been forced in and the flank in the air, he took charge as the parties fell back and organised a fresh defence line, under heavy fire, which he held for several hours. Later, when forced again to withdraw, he was the last to leave, and then only when the enemy were within forty yards.

Lt. (A./Maj.) Herbert Shiner, M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His battery, in an advanced position, was subjected throughout the day to heavy shelling, and at times to bombing from low-flying aeroplanes, but he kept it in action the whole time, and finally brought out his six guns intact. On another occasion one of his guns got badly ditched, but he took back some men and extricated it. When an ammunition waggon, loaded with shells, was set on fire he, with the assistance of a N.C.O., extinguished the flames.