

Lt. Ernest Harold Parsons, Lan. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of a forward signalling station. He gave valuable information from the forward area, and when compelled to retire under heavy machine-gun fire he supplied information as he retired, tapping in all along the line. Later he was wounded. He displayed high courage, and his work throughout was of the greatest value.

T./Capt. (A./Maj.) John Laughton Partridge, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After an enemy attack had developed, and it became necessary to evacuate certain light railway rolling stock and personnel, he went forward and remained under severe shell fire during a night, organising the withdrawal. It was due to his prompt action, courage and personal example that the evacuation was carried out successfully and most valuable property saved, including seven trucks of heavy ammunition from a dump, after orders had been received for its destruction.

2nd Lt. Henry Alexander Pattullo, R. Scots, Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a heavy bombardment he walked up and down, encouraging his men and giving them confidence. When his right flank was turned he got on to the parapet with his men, opened rapid fire, and inflicted heavy casualties. By his activity and resource he harassed the enemy's flank and materially checked his advance.

Lt. George Charles Paul Paul, Hrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. When a neighbouring unit had been driven back he ran out, and led them forward again, re-establishing the line. By his cheeriness and total disregard of danger he completely restored the confidence of all ranks with him.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Frederick William Paulin, R. Scots.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when a counter-attack by his battalion was held up. He formed stragglers into fresh platoons and sections, and held a line until ordered to return to headquarters shortly before the relief of the battalion. Next day he again helped in reorganising men, and showed fine courage throughout the operations.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Ernest Marshall Payne, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a hostile attack, when he maintained for several hours, and until the force was ordered to withdraw, an advanced report centre near the front line, which enabled the brigade headquarters to keep in constant touch with the situation. He many times, under very heavy fire, obtained information which was of the greatest value at a critical time, and enabled heavy losses to be inflicted on the enemy by our artillery as well as by the troops in the line.

T./2nd Lt. Frederick Richmond Payne, M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of two machine guns. When all the infantry officers of the garrison became casualties he took command, reorganised and held the position, his guns doing great execution amongst the enemy. When almost surrounded and the gun had been knocked out, he supervised the withdrawal, covering it with his remaining gun. He displayed great courage and resource throughout.

2nd Lt. Hubert Henry Payne, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Though most of his guns were destroyed by shell fire, he kept the others in action until nearly surrounded by the enemy, when he destroyed the guns that were left and withdrew his men. He then devoted all his energy in rallying parties of infantry for the defence, fighting with them for five hours after his guns were out of action.

T./2nd Lt. Leonard Allan Payne, Gen. List, and R.A.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Volunteering to proceed on a special reconnaissance under adverse weather conditions, he penetrated for a distance of nine miles behind the enemy's lines, flying at an altitude of 200 feet, despite the most intense machine-gun and rifle fire. He returned later, his machine riddled with bullets, with the required information. Previous to this he had bombed and engaged with machine-gun fire bodies of hostile infantry with the most effective results. He has destroyed one hostile plane and driven down two others out of control. He has at all times displayed the greatest fearlessness and dash.

T./Lt. Archibald Gilbert Pearce, S. Wales Bord.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of an isolated Lewis gun post. He covered the withdrawal of infantry, and then, taking up a new position, silenced two enemy machine guns. When his gun was destroyed by shell fire the team used rifle fire with great effect until ordered to withdraw.

T./2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) Ernest Marks Pearce, D.C.M., E. Yorks. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He handled his company very skilfully in the defence of a village by night, and on another occasion showed great resource when in charge of a rearguard covering a retirement.

T./Capt. John Lindesay Pearce, M.B., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of a bearer post. He repeatedly led squads of bearers to parts of the line where wounded were collected, and it was due to his fine example that so many wounded were saved during a period when communication with the front was extremely difficult. He showed courage under shell fire, and was indefatigable in his duties.