

Lt. Henry George Pottle, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when left in command of the company to fight a rearguard action under trying circumstances. He performed this duty coolly and skilfully, maintaining his machine-gun fire at close range till both flanks were enfiladed, and then withdrawing in good formation with all wounded.

T./2nd Lt. Osmond Phillips Pratt, M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of three guns in reserve which he took forward through a heavy barrage, opening fire on enemy massing for continuation of an attack. Later, he volunteered to go out on a roving commission, and eventually took up a position which was heavily attacked, but he pushed forward, inflicting severe casualties on the enemy and silencing their guns. Subsequently he moved to a position covering an unprotected flank, and held out until all his ammunition had been expended and a new line organised. His coolness, gallantry and resource were most marked.

T./Capt. Wellington Columb Pratt, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His battery was under heavy fire throughout the day, and as the enemy approached his position he obtained observation on them from a most exposed position, and engaged them at a range of less than 1,000 yards. He checked their further advance, and during the night got all six guns away. His courage and coolness were splendid.

2nd Lt. Christopher Thomas Preece, R.G.A.  
Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when acting as F.O.O. He sent back good targets and useful information to the battery. When the enemy approached he rallied the infantry in the vicinity and fought with them till wounded.

T./Lt. Herbert John Prentice, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in effecting the demolition of bridges. The work was delayed until the last moment to allow the French armoured cars to pass. Assisted by a serjeant, he fixed the charges, and carried out the demolition of two bridges under heavy machine-gun fire.

T./Lt. Edward Owen Pretheroe, North'd Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While acting adjutant, he assisted in the organisation of a retirement and counter-attack. When casualties amongst the Lewis gunners were heavy, he manned one of the guns and fired from a very exposed position. Later, he went forward and reconnoitred the forward posts, gaining valuable information. Throughout the engagement he showed great initiative and contempt of danger.

2nd Lt. Benjamin Priest, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer carried out a reconnais-

sance by night of the front line, sending back most valuable information. Subsequently, when out with an infantry patrol, he fought his way past a strong hostile party with his revolver.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Frederick Priestley, attd. Wilts. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although suffering from a recent bayonet wound, and the only officer left in his company, he held an exposed post which was repeatedly attacked for two days with only two men. He displayed throughout the utmost coolness and determination in stopping the onrush of the enemy.

Capt. Hugh William Priestley, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and resource during lengthy operations as adjutant of the battalion, and later in command, when he showed the greatest courage and devotion under heavy hostile shell and machine-gun fire in organising both our own and French troops for the defence of a position, guiding them personally into their posts. After it was largely in the enemy's hands he carried an important message, under heavy fire, whereby he was able to withdraw the remnants of the battalion.

T./Lt. Edward Cyril Pritchard, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as forward observing officer in the out-post line. By his excellent observations he turned fire on to the advancing enemy and inflicted severe loss. He kept the wire going to the battery all day under very heavy shell fire. Later, he showed great coolness in action, walking from gun to gun, controlling the fire and setting a fine example to all.

T./Lt. Frederick Angelo Proffitt, R. Marines.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After the enemy had broken through on the flanks and had captured the front line, he continued with his company to offer a stubborn resistance, and, although quite isolated, held the position until he finally withdrew in good order, closely pressed by the enemy. Later, he rendered the most valuable assistance and was largely responsible for the success of a counter-attack.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Allan Leslie Prosser, R. War. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in going forward under heavy fire and obtaining valuable information regarding the situation on his company front. Later, by taking his company forward, he restored an awkward situation. He exhibited marked ability and coolness throughout.

2nd Lt. Ronald Morris Prosser, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With his section he held an advanced trench until nearly all his men were casualties, only retiring at dusk on being ordered to do so. He then withdrew, bringing away all wounded, and fighting every step of the