

Lt. (A./Maj.) Ernest Jackson, M.C., R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy broke into a village he organised and led a completely successful counter-attack. Although wounded he remained at his post, and when again the enemy broke into the village he continued to direct his company with the utmost courage under intense fire until severely wounded a second time. It was largely due to his courage, coolness and devotion to duty that this important point remained in our hands.

Lt.-Col. Lionel James, K. Edward's Horse.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He rallied and reorganised troops and put them in position with great skill, showing indifference to heavy machine-gun and artillery fire. His brilliant handling of his men checked the enemy's advance.

T./Maj. Joseph Joyce, M.C., M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a machine-gun company. It was due in a great degree to his magnificent example and great courage that a position was enabled to be held for so long. Later, he collected a party of stragglers, and, with two of his guns and two trench mortars, he held up a hostile advance. During this defence he was severely wounded, but refused to leave his post, and it was not until the enemy had almost surrounded him that he withdrew to a fresh position, being himself the last to leave. His courage and ability throughout were deserving of the highest praise.

Capt. (A./Maj.) Hubert Gordon Keet, M.C., L'pool R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer did good work as second in command during four days' operations. He was continually round the lines cheering officers and men, keeping touch with the situation and superintending the maintenance of supplies. One afternoon, hearing that a village in the line had fallen into the hands of the enemy, he organised and led a counter-attack, recapturing the position under heavy fire. His fine fighting spirit was an example to the men.

2nd Lt. Edgar Marsden Kermodé, M.C., D.C.M., W. York. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in carrying out several daring reconnaissances under heavy fire. On one occasion he led his party forward with the greatest courage, and gained a hostile outpost, capturing many prisoners and a machine gun. Before withdrawing, he entirely destroyed the position by placing boxes of the enemy bombs in the entrance and igniting them. His courage and fine leadership inspired his men with the utmost confidence, and enabled his operations to be entirely successful.

Lt.-Col. (Bt. Col.) Edward Alexander Kettlewell, Indian Army.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in command of reinforcement camps, and was ordered to fill a gap in our line with such forces as he could collect. Realising the emergency, he had already reorganised the reinforcements and such stragglers as he could collect into a battalion, and at an hour's notice personally led them forward to a section of the line which he held for two days until relieved. During this period he beat off several attacks, and by his personal example inspired his men with confidence and assurance.

Capt. (A./Maj.) Philip Kirkup, M.C., Durh. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While in command of his battalion, holding two bridgeheads, was attacked six times by the enemy in mass. It was due to his courage, tireless energy and initiative in organising counter-attacks in the face of enormously superior numbers that time was allowed for reserves to come up and prevent a break in the line.

Capt. John Robertson Lamberton, M.C., High. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As second in command of his battalion he was constantly on the move organising local counter-attacks. When placed in command of a composite battalion, he held up the enemy advance with great skill, withdrawing his men when ordered to a new line, which he then commanded and held against successive enemy attacks.

T./Capt. Francis Lawless, L'pool R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his commanding officer became a casualty he took command of the battalion and remained as such during the whole of the ensuing week's operations. He fought his battalion magnificently, and his conduct was the admiration of the troops adjoining. His cheerfulness and coolness had a wonderful effect on his men, and his efforts undoubtedly on several occasions caused heavy losses to be inflicted on the enemy and retarded his progress.

T./Maj. Lewis Hewitt Lewis, M.C., E. Lan. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On many occasions, while in command of the rearguard during two days' hard fighting, the conspicuous services of this officer were of the utmost value. His organisation of patrols undoubtedly saved a very difficult situation. On one occasion the non-commissioned officer and two runners who were with him having become casualties, he was left alone, but, with great determination, he was able to carry out the orders given to him. Later on, under heavy machine-gun fire, he was able by his energy and fine example to arrest a retirement that might have assumed serious proportions, but with great courage, in spite of difficulties, he rallied the men, and, collecting the stragglers, he put them into good positions, which he consolidated, and thus restored a very critical situation.