

enemy penetrated a portion of the line, when he personally led a small bombing party and retook the trench.

T./2nd Lt. Thomas Edward Noble, Welsh R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a series of operations this officer's initiative was remarkable, and he rendered valuable service on several occasions by rallying and reorganising stragglers from different units and employing them at points where their services were urgently required. He also led several reconnoitring patrols with great success, bringing back valuable information, and at all times he set a fine example of courage under heavy fire to those under his command.

T./2nd Lt. Cedric Victor Nolan, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a machine-gun section. He inflicted very heavy casualties on the enemy, who attacked repeatedly. When his ammunition dump was blown up he walked about in the open with complete contempt of danger collecting ammunition, and encouraged and cheered his men until too severely wounded to carry on.

2nd Lt. James Nolan, D.C.M., R. Dub. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer led his men four times in a charge to prevent the enemy penetrating the line. By his daring leadership he held the trench until he was wounded in a hand-to-hand fight with overwhelming numbers of the enemy, refusing to go down until he had reported the situation to the commanding officer.

T./2nd Lt. James Bertram Norman, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer, having been in action four days, volunteered to remain in the front line with his three machine guns, when another section came up to relieve him. He fought his guns till he was nearly surrounded and his ammunition was expended, when he successfully extricated them and brought them back to headquarters.

2nd Lt. William John North, D.C.M., R. Scots Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer, who was on the right flank of the line held by his battalion, went out to reconnoitre with a patrol. After a sharp engagement with an enemy patrol he returned, having ascertained that the right flank of his company was in the air. He collected all the stragglers he could find and formed a series of posts, connecting our front and support lines on the exposed flank, and so forming a continuous line of defence. All this work was carried on under very heavy shell and machine-gun fire, and his coolness and courage kept up the spirits of his men under most trying conditions.

2nd Lt. Patrick Oliver Norton, Glouc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in command of the leading platoon of his company in an attack. The platoons were heavily shelled in the captured positions for fifteen hours, after which the enemy counter-attacked, but were driven back with heavy loss. This was largely due to his fine example and determination.

Capt. Terence Edmund Gascoigne Nugent, Ir. Gds.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, in going forward into the open through an extremely heavy barrage to rally some men who were falling back. He led them back into the line, and by his fearless example encouraged the troops to stiffen their resistance. His conduct throughout the operations was of a high order.

T./Lt. Edward Charles Oakley, R. War. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when sent out with a party of men of all units. He displayed great courage and resource, and so well did he command the motley assemblage of troops that he prevented any large number of the enemy from debouching from a wood, and enabled the battalion to withdraw.

T./2nd Lt. Noel Harold Cecil Harvey Oakley-Evans, A.S.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while off-loading supplies at a rail-head. The enemy commenced to shell the rail-head heavily, but although the train was cleared, there was no transport available, the personnel and lorries having been withdrawn for a time. When the shelling got less severe he brought up lorries, and although the loading had to be done in spurts during intervals of shelling, and he suffered some casualties, he eventually cleared all the supplies. It was entirely due to his personal example, energy and tact that the supplies were got away, and the rail-head cleared.

2nd Lt. Charles Stuart O'Brien, Ir. Gds.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of a raiding party. When the party was formed up he found that the barrage that came down at zero hour was for the greater part just beyond the enemy post. He therefore ordered his party to crawl forward until they were quite close to the post and then to charge exactly as the barrage lifted, with the result that every man of the garrison was captured without much resistance. Had he not noticed that the barrage was a little too far, and remained where he was, his party would not have arrived at exactly the right moment, and the success of the raid entirely depended upon this.

T./2nd Lt. Denys William Odhams, A.S.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a withdrawal of guns, one gun became so badly bogged that it was necessary to employ two caterpillars and a steam tractor simultaneously to move it. In addition there was a heavy hostile bombard-