

Capt. (A./Maj.) James Murray Ponsford, Wilts. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The courage and coolness of this officer insured steady discipline amongst the men of his battalion throughout protracted fighting under trying conditions.

Rev. George Denys Barlow Poole, T./C.F., 4th Cl., A. C. Dept.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during seven days of intense fighting, when, by his cheerfulness and fine example of courage, under heavy shell and machine-gun fire, he did much to cheer and keep up the morale of the men. He also performed splendid work in organising stretcher-bearers, and on two occasions assisted in the removal of the wounded under the most intense fire. It was mainly through his initiative that many badly wounded men escaped from falling into the hands of the enemy.

T./2nd Lt. William Henry Porter, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer was proceeding, with the two sections of which he was in charge, to occupy a strong point in the line, when the enemy was met advancing in force. He took up a position, which he held with great tenacity for two and a-half hours against all attacks, until the enemy was driven back by a counter-attack. His gallantry and leadership were of a high order.

Lt. Douglas Graham Potter, N. Staff. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer was in charge of two machine guns in a strong point, which he defended against continued heavy enemy attacks for twelve hours, though half his men were casualties and he himself was wounded. In spite of being surrounded on three sides, he kept his guns in action, breaking up the enemy's attempts to get through our line at this point, with severe losses. He did not leave his position until four hours after he was wounded, setting an example of gallant endurance that was the admiration of all under his command.

T./Lt. Humphrey Crofts Powell, R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went to his observation post under heavy enemy bombardment, and succeeded in repairing telephone wires and re-establishing communication. In order to ensure the transmission of messages by runners he twice went through the enemy barrage. The information which he sent back from his observation post enabled fire to be turned on enemy infantry advancing at important points.

T./2nd Lt. Cyril Edgar Prebble, Midd'x R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although the troops on his flank had been surrounded he hung on to his position and organised and led a small counter-attack, gaining time which allowed the situation to be restored. He killed at least a

dozen of the enemy, and by his example inspired his men to make a most determined resistance in the face of overwhelming numbers. He did splendid service.

Lt. (A./Maj.) Arthur Augustus Prentice, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He fought his battery with conspicuous ability during a withdrawal, and by his example of coolness and courage inspired his officers and men. In a succession of rear guard positions he distinguished himself. He kept his battery in action to the last possible moment, and inflicted severe loss on the advancing enemy.

2nd Lt. Thomas Prentice, A. & S. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer was in command of a platoon of the right front line company, and during an intense preliminary bombardment by the enemy, he passed up and down the line encouraging and cheering the men. When the attack was launched, he quickly got his Lewis gun into action and accounted for a large number of the enemy. Later, when his platoon was ordered to consolidate a defensive flank, he supervised the work under heavy fire of all descriptions. He was far from well the whole time, but as the attack was anticipated, remained with his men.

T./2nd Lt. William Gardiner Pretsell, York. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led a fighting patrol through the area occupied by the enemy, and obtained touch with troops in front, capturing three enemy machine guns, killing many of the enemy, and bringing back most useful information to brigade headquarters. He then with the remnants of his patrol fought his way back to his battalion. He shewed courage and leadership of a high order.

T./Capt. Leonard Price, Midd'x R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer, acting as Adjutant throughout an engagement, worked untiringly, under heavy machine-gun fire, in rallying and reorganising retiring troops, setting a very fine example to all ranks.

2nd Lt. Lewis Herbert Bowles Price, R.W. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all other officers of his company had been killed, he rallied his men in a desperate effort to gain the objective. When forced to withdraw he collected them in the front line and regardless of machine-gun fire, walked along the parapet encouraging them. For the remainder of the day he worked incessantly in bringing back wounded.

T./Capt. Samuel James Price, Gen. List.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as brigade major. He rendered valuable assistance during a withdrawal in reorganising and rallying troops under heavy