

platoon, leading them with coolness and judgment. He led a few men against a position where a machine gun was hidden, and after a hand-to-hand struggle exterminated the team, including the officer, and captured the gun, which had been inflicting severe casualties on our men.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Edward Guy Wood, Sea. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in making a reconnaissance under heavy fire of the position which the battalion was going to take up. Later, he collected reports and furnished most valuable information to battalion headquarters. His work throughout contributed largely to the success of the operations.

T./2nd Lt. James Gordon Wood, Essex R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He commanded his platoon in an exposed forward position very ably, and brought them back in good order through heavy shell fire. Two days later, when his company commander was wounded, he took over the company, and during the many days of hard fighting that followed commanded them with great efficiency, and showed fine courage and powers of leadership.

T./2nd Lt. Samuel Frank Haldeman Wood, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He kept his guns in action covering the withdrawal of other troops until the enemy were within fifty yards. He then withdrew in good order, rallied other troops, and helped to lead them forward while his guns continued to give covering fire. His action undoubtedly saved the flank from being turned.

2nd Lt. Robert Milner Woodford, Dorset. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. Though shot through the shoulder he led his platoon to the objective, personally killing two of the enemy and securing identifications from others. His example was most inspiring, and it was largely due to his dash and able leadership that his platoon inflicted heavy losses on the enemy encountered.

T./Capt. Lionel Ffooks Woodforde, R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He did excellent work in getting information during an enemy bombardment and attack, exposing himself to rifle and heavy artillery fire. He organised a defensive flank and took command of a platoon which still held on when other troops had retired. By his coolness and courage he set a most inspiring example to all ranks.

T./Lt. Robert Kenneth Woodhouse, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Telephonic communication between brigade headquarters and an advanced report centre having been broken, and all his men being employed in repairing other telephone lines, he personally acted as linesman, and

succeeded in re-establishing communication. Later, after ninety-six hours' continuous duty under most severe conditions, he made a successful reconnaissance for a telephone cable route. The fine example of courage and endurance he set to the men of his section was admirable.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Harold Victor Woods, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer had temporary command of sixteen guns in a heavy day's fighting, first when the enemy were assembling for an attack. He engaged them for ninety minutes while the infantry withdrew, leaving him isolated. He then withdrew to another position, but the enemy working round him he had to retire again, taking up a position which he held for five hours solely by machine-gun fire against repeated attacks. Finally, when only four guns remained in action for want of water, small arms ammunition, etc., he withdrew with the assistance of some infantry. His presence of mind and determination saved a critical situation.

T./2nd Lt. Reginald Percy Woodyear, R.W. Kent R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his company in an attack on an enemy position under heavy machine-gun and shell fire. He led his men with great dash, and never wavered until the objective was reached. He consolidated his position and maintained it until relieved. By his determination he succeeded in restoring a critical situation.

2nd Lt. John James Woolley, S. Staff. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. When the right flank of the battalion was held up by enemy machine guns hidden in a farm, he rushed forward with a small party, surrounded the farm, and captured it, killing most of the garrison and taking eleven prisoners and two machine guns. His prompt action and great gallantry allowed the attack, which would otherwise have been held up, to proceed according to programme.

2nd Lt. William Esmond Wornum, R.G.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer's battery came under heavy shell fire while he was on duty as section commander, but by his coolness and determination he kept the guns in action all night and the next day. On one occasion, one of his detachments having suffered heavily, he personally acted as layer to one of the guns.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Godfrey Francis Puget Worthington, West India R., attd. Midd'x R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy broke through the line this officer, with a portion of his company, was surrounded, but he succeeded in fighting his way out. On the following day, during a rearguard action, he superintended the withdrawal of his men under heavy shell fire with coolness and skill.