

Capt. Sidney Herbert William Pert, 2/7th Bn., L'pool R., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and sound judgment during an attack, when he led his company with much skill and overcame the most determined opposition from hostile machine guns. His company alone captured 140 prisoners and sixteen machine guns.

Lt. John William Petrie, 7th Bn., L'pool R., T.F., attd. 13th Bn., R. Innis. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and perseverance as a signalling officer. He went forward with the leading wave to establish communication. Although the lines were repeatedly cut by intense shell fire, he at once repaired them at great risk and so maintained communication with all forward companies.

2nd Lt. Stuart Crofts Petrie, R.G.A. (Spec. Res.), attd. 14th Hy. Bty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When acting as forward observation officer he carried his wounded non-commissioned officer observer back to the dressing station under heavy artillery and machine-gun fire for a considerable distance, returning afterwards to his observation post over ground swept by the enemy's fire. His gallant conduct was worthy of high praise.

Lt. Charles Ernest Phillips, 4th (attd. 7th) Bn., R. Ir. Regt.

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership. He led his company forward with great judgment, and in spite of heavy enfilade fire established his men in a good position. On the following day he led an attack on some enemy machine guns which had been holding up the advance, forced them to withdraw, and enabled the advance to continue successfully. He showed splendid coolness and initiative.

T./2nd Lt. John David Pinquey, 1st Bn., Ches. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative. This officer reached his final objective, reorganised his company under heavy artillery and machine-gun fire, and sent back valuable reports. When forced back with only four survivors, he reported at battalion headquarters and was sent to reorganise the men on a ridge, which the enemy were endeavouring to capture. He showed marked resolution throughout.

T./2nd Lt. Frank Clarke Place, M.M., attd. R. Lan. R. (1/4th Bn., T.F.).

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership in an attack. He led his platoon to its objective, quickly overcoming the enemy's resistance. He then made a reconnaissance well beyond the outpost line. He set an excellent example of determination to his men.

2nd Lt. Richard Edward Podmore, R.F.A., Spec. Res., attd. 52nd Bty.

For conspicuous gallantry when in charge of a forward gun. He took his gun forward to within 1,000 yards of the attacking infantry and fired direct on enemy machine guns, holding up the advance and inflicting casualties on enemy supports. After remaining in this position for three hours,

during which his No. 1 was killed and a gunner wounded, he withdrew his gun successfully. He had previously done good work as observation officer, and throughout the operations his fearlessness and devotion to duty were most marked.

2nd Lt. John David Pollok, 1/4th Bn., K.O.S.B., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. Though severely wounded he continued to lead his platoon with great dash and skill until he was again wounded. His fine example was largely responsible for getting his men to their objective.

T./2nd Lt. Esli Ruscombe Pond, 2nd Bn., Suff. R.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. He led the leading platoon of the battalion in thick mist with great skill. Later, in the capture of a village, he showed great coolness and disregard of danger in the consolidation of the right flank, while his men were digging in under heavy machine-gun fire in a very exposed position.

2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) Carl Albert Victor Porter, K.R.R.C. (Spec. Res.), attd. 1st Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and fine leadership. He led his company forward to the attack in support of fighting patrols, and successfully engaged the enemy inflicting severe losses on them. He held on to his forward position for four hours, capturing a machine gun and killing some twenty of the enemy by rifle fire. When forced to withdraw he did so most skilfully under heavy fire, bringing his few casualties with him.

2nd Lt. John Charles Porter, R.F.A. (Spec. Res.), attd. B/121st Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of a section. When his section was moving along a road that came under heavy fire which directly hit one team, he went back to the spot, saw the remainder of his teams safely away, and then returned and rendered first aid to the wounded while the road was being heavily shelled. He behaved splendidly and was the means of saving life.

2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) Harold Douglas Pratt, 2nd Bn., Lond. R.

He carried out a reconnaissance on the flank of the battalion with great skill, and obtained such successful results that, owing to his information, the artillery were able to concentrate on a large body of enemy who were assembling for a counter-attack, and dispersed them with very heavy loss. He was later on wounded in three places by the explosion of a shell as he was attacking a machine gun that was causing casualties. His gallantry and ability were conspicuous and he rendered most valuable service.

T./2nd Lt. Thomas Edward Prentice, 10th Bn., Tank Corps.

He displayed conspicuous gallantry and complete disregard of danger when leading his Tanks into action through a heavy barrage at close range. It was very largely due to this officer's fine leadership that all the