

troops on the flanks were driven back by a hostile counter-attack, he consolidated an isolated post with twenty men, and held it for two days without rations or water. It was mainly due to his remarkable courage and the feeling of confidence with which he inspired his men that this was possible.

Lt. Herbert Gibson Rhodes, 2/7th Bn., L'pool R., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry in attacking parties of the enemy, who were trying to get machine guns into action. He reached his objective and brought heavy fire to bear on them as they retreated. Though wounded, he would not leave his post until it was securely consolidated. His splendid leadership resulted in the capture of fifty prisoners and twelve machine guns.

Lt. Lincoln Winfield Richards, 5th Bn., Linc. R., T.F., attd. 12th Bn., Norf. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He rushed an enemy post, shooting the officer and putting the remainder to flight. He was the first to reach the final objective, cheering on and encouraging his men. His courage and leadership inspired his men at critical stages of the attack.

2nd Lt. Arthur William Richardson, 4th Bn., R. Suss. R., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry while commanding a patrol which was attacked by a superior force of the enemy and surrounded. Owing to his fine example of courage he succeeded in beating off the attack and accounting for several of the enemy.

T./2nd Lt. Harling Richardson, D.C.M., N. Lanc. R., attd. 1/4th Bn., R. Lanc. R., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership. Before an attack he cut gaps in the wire and assembled two platoons in their jumping-off positions. He led his men with great dash, and killed or captured all the garrison of a crater which was his objective. He captured a machine gun, which he used against the enemy, and by his promptness and initiative broke up a counter-attack.

Lt. Harold Theodore Alvin Ripperger, 4th Bn., Glouc. R., attd. 1/7th Bn., Lan. Fus., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. He led the attack on a position and successfully checked the enemy's counter-attack. Finding his right flank in the air, he attacked the enemy in a trench on his right flank, and in conjunction with another company captured an officer and about ninety other ranks. He showed great courage and ability to command.

T./Lt. Richard Chambers Lawton Roberts, 7th Bn., Shrops. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He led his company successfully through thick fog to their objective and later repulsed a counter-attack. Again, next day he advanced and consolidated his position. He set a fine example to his men.

T./2nd Lieut. William John Roberts, S.W.B., attd. 10th Bn.

For conspicuous daring and initiative as intelligence officer, when he made a reconnaissance, and by accurate information enabled the situation to be cleared up. On one occasion he encountered six of the enemy and succeeded in shooting four and bringing in the remainder as prisoners.

Lieut Alexander Stewart Robertson, 8th Bn., R. Scots, T.F., attd. 2nd Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry in command of a company during an attack. He cleared out machine-gun posts passed over by the attacking line, saving many casualties. He also personally ensured the flanks of his company were in touch with other units. He showed marked courage and devotion to duty.

T./2nd Lt. Harold Hay Robertson, 7th Bn., East Yorkshire R.

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership. He led forward a patrol after an attack, and rushed an enemy machine-gun post, capturing the whole garrison of twenty-four men and an officer. When a later attack was held up by machine-gun fire he worked the gun single-handed, killed or captured all the team, and enabled the advance to continue. He set a magnificent example of courage to all ranks.

T./2nd Lieut. (A./ Capt.) William David Roderick, 14th Bn., R.W. Fus.

This officer was in command of two front line companies who were obliged to withdraw, in order to conform to the rest of the line. Owing to his skilful handling and coolness under heavy fire the retirement was carried out in admirable order and with few casualties, though one flank of the line was in the air and the other was partly enveloped by the enemy. His gallantry and presence of mind were most marked.

2nd Lieut. William Nichols Roe, C. Gds., Spec. Res., attd. 1st Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative in leading his platoon to the objective through a thick fog, and again in another attack, when he was on the right flank, which was in the air. An intense hostile barrage came down just as the battalion started. He led on through the barrage with the utmost skill, and by his sound tactics overcame the determined resistance put up by the enemy machine guns, which opposed his advance the whole way.

2nd Lieut. Eric de Wolf Rounsefell, Lein. R., attd. 12th Bn., R. Irish Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry in leading attacks in six machine-gun positions, when he succeeded on each occasion in dislodging the enemy. When his company lost touch with the unit on the right he took out patrols five times and, in spite of encountering strong enemy resistance, he succeeded in establishing touch and joining up the line.

T./2nd Lt. Walter Rowe, 37th Bn., M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He led his sec-