

tion forward, covering the advance of the infantry, and silenced several enemy machine guns, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. By his courage and initiative he rendered the infantry material assistance.

T./2nd Lt. Henry John Rowland, 13th Bn., R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership. He took command of his company in an attack when the other officers were wounded and led it with great skill. Later, when an attack on a further objective was checked, he led forward a few men and worked round the enemy's flank. His determined action forced the enemy to withdraw.

2nd Lieut. John Rowlatt, C. Gds., Spec. Res., attd. 1st Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and dash in an attack, when the Tanks detailed to assist lost their way and failed to arrive in time. The first platoon, led by this officer, advanced down a sunken road, over a railway, and mopped up a strong point, capturing two machine guns and thirty-six prisoners. This success materially helped the advance of the brigade on the left. The same night he led a strong patrol in the face of heavy machine-gun fire, and advanced the line some 500 yards over the railway. He was wounded twice in this operation.

T./2nd Lieut Harold Rumsey, 1st Bn., Devon. R.

This officer led his company forward with great courage, capturing fifty prisoners, ten machine guns, and two field guns. He was wounded but continued to go forward until badly hit a second time. By his coolness and able handling of the company he set a very fine example.

2nd Lt. Thomas Salmon, 5th, attd. 2/4th, Bn., T.F., Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership. He led his company with great dash in an attack. Later, he was ordered to take command of another company, which was holding an advanced position and had lost all its officers. By his untiring zeal and good organisation he held the position throughout fierce hand-to-hand fighting and repulsed heavy enemy counter-attacks.

2nd Lt. James Salt, 1st Bn., S. Staff. R.

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For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership in a raid. With five of his platoon who had got through the wire, he charged some twenty of the enemy, killing or wounding them, and enabling his platoon to follow. He then went on and bombed several dug-outs, personally capturing an officer and five men. His courage and determination were most marked, and though wounded, he successfully saw two casualties cleared before withdrawing.

T./2nd Lt. Cyril Aubrey Samm, North'n R., attd. 2nd Bn.

For remarkable gallantry and resolution while in charge of a daylight patrol, when he had one man wounded and one killed. He was compelled to remain close to the

enemy's lines until dark, when he carried the wounded man on his back for over half a mile, and having avoided a hostile barrage and also an enemy raid, brought him safely back to the lines. His conduct was beyond all praise.

T./2nd Lt. William Leslie Sams, 3rd Bn., M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of a machine gun section. Whilst reconnoitring a position with a view to moving his guns forward, he encountered an advanced patrol of the enemy. He immediately engaged them effectively, drove them back, and established his position well forward. He has previously done fine work.

Rev. Ernest John Sandford, M.A., A.C.D., attd. 1st Bn., E. Surr. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a number of enemy bombs dropped among a company, causing many casualties, he immediately went to the assistance of these men, and while bombs were dropping all round, rendered first aid and arranged for their clearance to the dressing station. He has always behaved splendidly in action.

2nd Lt. Burt Sansom, R.W. Kent R. (Spec. Res.), attd 1st Bn.

He was in command of a platoon, and covered the flank of the battalion in an attack with great success in difficult country. He and his runner rushed and captured two machine gun outposts, accounting for the garrisons. Later, he went out on patrol and captured a 5.9 gun, two Tanks, and several prisoners. The energy and gallantry of his behaviour were remarkable throughout.

T./Lt. Charles Arthur Conway Saunders, 12th Bn., Tank Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry in command of a section of Tanks. On three occasions he led his section into action, his own Tank twice receiving direct hits. On the third occasion he inflicted heavy losses on the enemy, though five of his crew were put out of action and all Lewis guns rendered useless. He continued to fight, acting as brakesman and gunner, until the Tank was rendered useless by a direct hit on the petrol tank. His pluck and cheery spirits were a great incentive to his men.

T./2nd Lt. Arthur Lewis Scaife, 12/13th Bn., North'd Fus.

As battalion intelligence officer he made an important reconnaissance, penetrating a great depth into the enemy lines, and bringing back valuable information. Subsequently, when the battalion was held up by close range machine-gun fire, he worked to a flank with a Lewis gun, and materially assisted to dislodge the enemy. In doing this he was hit on four separate occasions by enemy bullets. His courage and determination were conspicuous examples to all ranks.

T./Lt. Raymond James Searle, Dorset R., attd. 6th Bn.

During an attack he led his own and two other platoons to the final objective, in