

Subadar Dhirat Sing Pundir, 2/39th Gharwal Rifles. (MESOPOTAMIA)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His platoon throughout two days' operations was the most heavily engaged. He was posted on the right of the line, and came under severe enfilade fire. He displayed great courage, coolness and ability while directing the fire of his men, until a bullet broke his leg.

T./2nd Lt. George James Dingley, R. Fus., attd. 23rd Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and able leadership. This officer went up and took control of another company whose officer had been killed in an attack. He reorganised the parties who were falling back, and drove the enemy back, establishing two posts in the objective trench, which he held until ordered to withdraw. His coolness and courage inspired the men with confidence at a critical time.

T./2nd Lt. Kenneth Hayton Doig, R. Lan. R., attd. 187th T.M. Bn.

This officer advanced with the infantry in command of a trench mortar section. When the infantry were held up by machine-gun strong points, he went forward under very heavy fire and brought his section into action, knocking out the strong points and their garrisons. His ready grasp of the situation, courage and skilful handling of his section, enabled the infantry to continue the advance and gain their objective.

Lt. Coutts Bewley Douglas, 1/7th Bn., Manch. R., T.F.

Shortly after the commencement of an attack all the officers of his company became casualties, and two of his platoon sergeants were killed. Alone he led his company to its objective in a thick mist, established it there, and on his own initiative pushed forward two platoons and occupied a position of great tactical importance in front of his objective. He set a splendid example of cool courage to all ranks with him.

2nd Lt. Cecil Frederick Mackinnon Douët, R.F.A., Spec. Res., attd. A/312th Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of the forward section of the battery when it was firing S.O.S. under heavy bombardment previous to a hostile counter-attack. One of his guns was put out of action, and the team incapacitated, the team of the other gun were killed or wounded. He with an N.C.O. worked the gun until the order to cease fire was received.

2nd Lt. Henry James Dowden, R.F.A., Spec. Res., attd. B. 312th Bde., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In response to a S.O.S., this officer at once got all the guns into action, and maintained a quick rate of fire in spite of heavy barrage. He fired one gun himself until the detachment was collected, and then assisted to bind up a wounded officer.

T./2nd Lt. Arthur Drury, 3rd Bn., M.G. Corps.

During operations lasting for five days he set the highest example of coolness and devotion to duty to all near him, controlling the

movements of sixteen guns with great skill. When in the act of placing his guns on a crest he found the right flank exposed. He thereupon placed the guns in suitable positions and then rallied several infantry sections who had been detached from their units. Finally, he rushed his guns to the crest with the greatest dash and skill, where he engaged the enemy successfully with direct fire, and enabled an advance to continue.

2nd Lt. Frederick Jackson Finch Ecclestone, D./178th Bde., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a hostile attack he kept his detachment in action in answer to three S.O.S. calls, although the enemy artillery was accurately registered on his gun position. When the camouflage was set on fire, he extinguished it while his guns were still firing. That evening he went out with a patrol through the enemy barrage, and sent back valuable information to group headquarters. His energy and determination were of great service.

T./2nd Lt. Frederick Thomas Edwards, L'pool R., attd. 8th Bn., T.F.

When he reached the objective he found his platoon had been reduced to five men, and his flanks were all covered, but he held on to his position with gallantry and determination, and only when in imminent danger of being completely surrounded he retired, contesting every yard of ground.

2nd Lt. Harry John Ellen, 2/20th Bn., Lond. R.

As battalion signalling officer during an attack, he showed great courage and initiative in establishing and maintaining for three days communication with front companies along a line of 2,500 yards which was persistently shelled. He laid the line without awaiting orders, and personally superintended the work under severe fire.

Lt. Arthur Godfrey Elliott, G. Gds., Spec. Res., attd. 3rd Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. Having obtained his objective with his company, he at once pushed forward patrols to the next tactical feature, thereby enabling the advance of the battalion to be expedited. Later, during consolidation of a position, he displayed the greatest coolness and devotion to duty under heavy gas shelling, and, though gassed himself, remained at duty until three out of his four platoons had established themselves.

T./2nd Lt. Frederick Elliott, Glou. R., attd. 18th Bn.

Part of the line having failed to repel a counter-attack by the enemy, he found himself with both flanks exposed, but he held on to his position, though twice wounded, until he was ordered to retire. In spite of his injuries, when the battalion attacked again he led his platoon forward and successfully cleared the enemy from his front. His courage and determined endurance were a very fine example to his men.