

machine more powerful than his own for three-quarters of an hour, then returned for more ammunition and went out to the attack again, finally bringing the enemy's machine down apparently wrecked.

Lieutenant (temporary Captain) Henry Alexander Hammick, 6th Battalion, The Manchester Regiment, Territorial Force.

For conspicuous gallantry during operations at Helles, Gallipoli peninsula. After the attack on June 4th, 1915, he was the senior surviving company officer of his battalion, and for three days and nights held a section of the forward position with skill and coolness.

On the night of August 12th-13th he showed great bravery and enterprise in the recapture of a trench occupied by the enemy, and held a barricade for five hours against continuous bomb attacks till the position was secured. The only other officer with him was killed.

Lieutenant Francis John Hext, 129th Battery, Royal Field Artillery.

For conspicuous gallantry and determination when Forward Observer with the infantry on 25th September 1915. He first directed the fire of his battery, and then, following up the infantry closely, kept up a continual stream of accurate and valuable information. Though both his telephonists were wounded he continued to get messages through, and was practically never out of touch the whole day. He showed great coolness, resource, and tenacity. Lieutenant Hext had previously been brought to notice for good service.

Temporary Lieutenant Allan Noel Minns, 39th Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Suvla Bay, Gallipoli peninsula, on 30th August 1915, when attending to the wounded under heavy shrapnel fire. Another officer who was assisting him was killed. Lieutenant Minns later returned to the dressing station, took out 12 stretcher squads and brought in 24 wounded men.

Lieutenant Percy John Ross, 7th Battery, Field Artillery, Australian Imperial Force.

For conspicuous gallantry in the attack on Lone Pine on 6th and 7th August 1915, when he kept his gun in action for 48 hours, although continuously attacked at close range by superior gun fire. His gun emplacement was several times almost completely demolished, and he himself was finally wounded. Lieutenant Ross rendered very valuable assistance to the infantry in the attack through his determination to keep his gun in action at all costs.

Temporary Captain Thomas Scott Syers, 147th Brigade Ammunition Column, Royal Field Artillery.

For conspicuous gallantry and determination on 9th August 1915, in the Galli-

poli Peninsula. He was in charge of some mortars, and, although heavily shelled, succeeded in totally destroying a hostile trench, and only ceased firing when he and his mortars were buried through the parapet being blown in. Again, on 24th August, when bombarding the enemy, three shells bursting prematurely, stunned him, but, when he recovered, he continued to fire and demolished the enemy's trench. He was then sent to hospital suffering from severe shock.

Lieutenant (temporary Captain) William Harry Tapp, 2nd Dragoon Guards (Queen's Bays), Special Reserve.

For conspicuous gallantry on 2nd October 1915, near Loos.

In order to fix observation points and correct contours on a map of "Hill 70," he took a plane table into the front line of trenches and carried out a survey. His work has been checked and found most accurate, although it was carried out under a continuous fire, which his plane table attracted.

Temporary Lieutenant Cornelius Thorne 8th Battalion, The East Surrey Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry on 28th September 1915, near Fricourt. His brother, Second Lieutenant M. Thorne, also in the 8th Battalion, East Surrey Regiment, was shot while out on patrol, and it was not known if he had been killed. Three unsuccessful attempts had been made to bring him in, when Lieutenant C. Thorne came down from another part of the line, and with his soldier servant, Private Hine, went out under heavy machine-gun fire, found his brother, and carried him back. It was then found that Second Lieutenant M. Thorne had been killed.

Temporary Lieutenant Harry Bertram Walker, M.B., Royal Army Medical Corps, attached 9th Battalion, York and Lancaster Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Armentières on 25th September 1915. A battery was being heavily shelled, but he proceeded at once to attend to the wounded at one of the guns. While doing this the next gun was put out of action, all the detachment being killed, but he continued to attend to the wounded till the arrival of the Field Ambulance.

Second Lieutenant (temporary Captain) Robert William Beacham, The Prince of Wales's Own (West Yorkshire Regiment), Adjutant, 6th (Service) Battalion, The Northamptonshire Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry on the night of 28th September 1915, at Fricourt. After the explosion of the enemy's mines he went out on his own initiative and investigated the newly formed craters, coming under fire at close range. He then returned, organised a working party, pegged out a new line and completed a new trench