

where required. He also showed great initiative and presence of mind in dealing effectively with an enemy machine gun which had temporarily checked our advance, and but for his action would have caused many casualties.

T./2nd Lt. Ralph Kynoch, Gord. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst regimental Transport Officer. At a moment when very sudden and heavy shelling was causing casualties amongst the parties who were unloading and carrying material for a raid he displayed the greatest coolness and gallantry, collecting and rallying the carrying parties and supervising the removal of the wounded. Three days later, he personally led his transport through very heavy shell fire on three successive occasions, displaying devotion and fearlessness which could not have been surpassed.

Capt. Reginald Bowsfield Lagden, Rif. Brig., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst leading his company in an advance. When the right flank was enfiladed by an enemy machine gun, he brought up a Lewis gun and silenced it, and at the end of the advance he showed great skill in organising a defensive flank, sending in remarkably good reports on the situation on several occasions. During the ensuing forty-eight hours his cheerfulness and gallant personal example kept up the spirits of his men under the most trying conditions.

T./Capt. Archibald Forbes Laird, M.D., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He established his aid post in a farm and attended the wounded for three days, although under constant shell fire, which at times became intense. He was slightly wounded in three places, but his gallantry and devotion to duty were the cause of saving many casualties.

2nd Lt. David John Elliot Lamb, York. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a raid. For three nights previously he had made daring and skilful personal reconnaissances, but on leading the raid over very difficult ground found the enemy wire intact. He and two N.C.O.s forced their way through, and thoroughly searched the enemy trenches, finding them unoccupied. On their way back machine-gun fire was turned on to them, and 2nd Lieut. Lamb was wounded in the chest and arm, but though suffering great pain he skilfully withdrew his patrol back to our lines. He also directed the removal of two wounded men, and throughout this very difficult and dangerous operation his conduct constituted a very fine example of determination to carry out his instructions, and of devotion to duty.

2nd Lt. Henry Latham, Lan. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when establishing two advanced posts with his platoon. This entailed his moving continually backwards and forwards through heavy shell and rifle fire, and later, when his flank was left open and his posts were in

danger of being outflanked, he promptly led a section over open ground under heavy fire and consolidated another post, dealing with a difficult and critical situation with great skill and determination.

2nd Lt. (T./Lt.) Joseph Gordon Lauder, S. Lan. R. and M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a battery of eight machine guns. After the capture of the last objective, he displayed the greatest judgment and ability in establishing his guns under extremely heavy fire, although at the time he was suffering severely from shell shock and unable to speak. He set a splendid example to all ranks.

Lt. Edward Archibald Chorley Lawson, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in saving the Dial Sights of his battery position during a period in which the battery was under very heavy shell fire. He performed this gallant act at great personal risk under a bombardment which practically destroyed four out of the five guns in his battery.

T./2nd Lt. Eric Hugh Campbell Layman, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when at work on a forward howitzer position in the face of heavy enemy shelling. He set an example of coolness and determination, and completed his work under conditions of very great difficulty and danger.

2nd Lt. Murray Thompson Leach, L'pool R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in gallantly leading his platoon in an attack and being the first to enter the enemy's trenches. He pushed forward a strong point in advance of our position under machine-gun fire, and held it until compelled to retire owing to his machine guns being put out of action. He succeeded, however, in consolidating another strong point which was permanently held, assisted in the capture of an enemy field gun, and throughout the operation showed a magnificent example to all ranks.

2nd Lt. Leonard Poulter Leary, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when advanced Intelligence Officer. Under heavy shell fire he was indefatigable in his efforts to see everything that was going on and displayed the greatest courage and initiative in managing to send back information. When the officer in charge of his communications was wounded, 2nd Lt. Leary and his signallers carried him back to a place of safety. He was slightly wounded himself during the afternoon.

Lt. Forde Leathley, R. Innis. Fus. and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in making photographic reconnaissances and in fighting enemy aircraft. Since April he has taken part in numerous combats, during which seven hostile machines have been driven down and destroyed either by him or his Pilot, and although attacked by superior numbers of the enemy,