

mander became a casualty, he took charge of the company, and commanded it with great courage and skill. He set a splendid example of cheerfulness and devotion to duty.

T./2nd Lt. Leonard Gordon Stedman, R.W. Surr. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He himself accounted for several of the enemy, and, after the objective had been reached, he consolidated his position in a most able manner under heavy machine-gun fire. Though he had a bone broken in his hand, he continued to do his duty for forty-eight hours afterwards.

2nd Lt. (T./Capt.) James Stuart Steele, R. Ir. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in volunteering to go out and clear up the situation when the battalion was suffering severe casualties and no messages had got back from the front line. By crawling from shell hole to shell hole he got in touch with all companies, and brought back good information.

2nd Lt. Frank Harold Stephens, R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in going out single-handed to a burning gun-pit in which was much ammunition. Finding it was beyond his power to extinguish the fire, he organised a party of men to cope with it, and so saved the gun.

2nd Lt. Robert Brewis Stephenson, North'd Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his men to the attack. As soon as the objective was reached he pushed forward with his platoon, harassing the enemy as they retired, and inflicting heavy casualties. He afterwards, on his own initiative, organised two bombing posts and beat off a counter-attack.

T./Lt. (A./Maj.) Ormond Steven, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in remaining in command of his battery, though severely wounded, during an hostile counter-attack, only leaving when the situation was again quiet.

2nd Lt. Alan Wilson Fraser Stewart, Sco. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He carried out a reconnaissance which resulted in the capture of a hostile machine gun. He then led his company forward and established a line of posts far in advance of the main position, which proved of great assistance in the operations which followed. During the attack he rallied his command most gallantly, though he had no officers with him he led it to the objective. Throughout the whole operation he contributed greatly to the success of his battalion by his coolness, leadership and contempt of danger.

2nd Lt. David Gordon Stewart, R. Scots.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He led two platoons with great courage and determination. Under a heavy fire he went forward to direct

two Tanks to their objective. He was then surrounded by a party of the enemy. Keeping them back with his revolver, he took one prisoner, got back to his platoons, and consolidated the ground gained.

2nd Lt. Richard Rapier Stokes, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After the F.O.O. of his battery had been killed, he took his place and restored communication with the battery under intense fire. Accompanied by a gunner, he went out several times on a most exposed ridge and mended the telephone lines, which were being repeatedly cut. Each time they returned they carried a wounded man to cover.

2nd Lt. Frederick Hazer Stonebanks, R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With twenty men he was ordered to put an enemy machine-gun post out of action. In order to do this he had to capture a strong point also. His complete grasp of the situation and fine leadership enabled him to capture the first position. Leaving a few men in charge of prisoners, he attacked the second objective and captured the machine gun, killing the whole team. He set a fine example of good leadership and fearlessness.

2nd Lt. Harold Storey, Durh. L.I., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon forward to reinforce the right of the line and drove off a determined counter-attack. He then restored the centre of the line, which had given way. He was severely wounded, but sent in very clear reports, and showed great coolness and fine leadership.

T./Capt. John Steven Strang, R. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of the firing line during an attack and counter-attack. When his men were forced back he reorganised them, retook the lost ground, and consolidated it under heavy fire.

2nd Lt. Gilbert Leonard Stratton, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his section was subjected to intense and accurate fire from six hostile guns he worked with great courage and coolness, and succeeded in silencing two of them. Though exposed to the fiercest heat, he displayed extraordinary energy throughout the day, and set a fine example of courage and determination to his section.

2nd Lt. James Ogilvie Grant Stuart, R. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when commanding his company in an attack. Although suffering casualties early in the advance, he kept his men well in hand, and led them with skill and gallantry, and eventually consolidated on reaching his objective. During several counter-attacks, which were quickly made by the enemy, he handled his company with skill and coolness. For two days he was exposed to a very accurate and