

hit and the ammunition was set on fire, he succeeded in clearing all the men away, going finally to the signallers' dug-out, where the fire was hottest, before leaving. On another occasion he carried a badly wounded man more than 2,000 yards, through mud and water, often above his knees, and remained with him under heavy shelling until stretcher-bearers arrived. He maintained his own and another battery in action when the latter had lost all its officers.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Edward Edwards, M.C., Linc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the battalion was moving to the attack it had to pass through a heavy barrage and cross a stream by the same route as another battalion. In spite of the darkness and congestion, he organised his company, which was leading, and so enabled the attack to take place at the appointed time and the objective to be reached.

Capt. Austin Gardner, M.C., Essex R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed great coolness and courage when repeatedly attacked by superior forces of the enemy and subjected to heavy enfilade machine-gun and rifle fire. At the most critical moment, when the enemy had almost broken through his line, he led his company in a bayonet charge, driving the enemy back in disorder and inflicting heavy casualties. He showed splendid determination and initiative.

2nd Lt. (T./Lt.) John King George, M.C., Glos. R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company forward to repel a counter-attack and pushing on seized a farm some 900 yards away under continuous shelling. He showed great skill and initiative.

T./Capt. (A./Maj.) Albert Ernest Haynes, M.C., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When four of his six guns were destroyed by shell fire, he assumed command of a neighbouring battery all of whose officers had been killed or gassed, and reorganised the two batteries as a unit, thus enabling a concentrated bombardment to be carried out according to orders. He showed splendid courage and initiative under heavy fire.

2nd Lt. John Purslow Howells, M.C., R. W. Surr. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of a company in an attack. When held up by a group of concrete "pill-boxes" and machine-guns, he led an attack round the right flank. Being unsupported, he was unable to take them, but selected and held a position. He was wounded, but continued at duty for eight hours afterwards.

Lt. Frederick Chater Jack, M.C., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer made daring reconnaissances

in the front line on three separate days under most violent machine-gun and rifle fire, obtaining much valuable information. On one occasion, at a critical moment, he rallied a company of infantry whose officers had become casualties. Throughout the operations he displayed great skill and courage.

Lt. Thomas Jenkins, M.C., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When acting as forward observation officer during an attack, he succeeded in pushing his way forward to the most advanced positions, and by his determined courage and gallantry he was able to obtain and send back information which was of the highest value.

2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) Charles Kelly, M.C., Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He laid out the assembly tape for his battalion by compass through deep mud and under heavy fire. He assembled the battalion on it with very few casualties, conducting them over ground unknown and deep in mud, and then returned to battalion headquarters through a heavy barrage.

2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) Russell Medley Leake, M.C., N. Lan. R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He visited every position on his company front under intense shell fire to see that all was ready for an anticipated enemy attack. He carried out a daylight patrol 300 yards in front of his line. Though wounded during the relief, he refused to withdraw until he had seen everything properly handed over.

T./2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) John Winter Little, M.C., Bord. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of the company which was "mopping up." On the attack being held up, he collected forty men, and established them in a forward position, though his right flank was exposed; but when the unit on his left was driven in he was forced to fall back. He then collected a few men and put out a line of posts.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Maurice Stanley Lush, M.C. R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a battery ammunition dump and the orchard in which it was placed were set on fire by hostile shelling, he called for volunteers and took an active part in the work of extinguishing the fire and removing cartridges, though many were alight, fuses and tubes were exploding, and splinters from burning trees were falling amongst the burning cartridges.

T./2nd Lt. Sidney Albert Macey, M.C., Dev. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He successfully laid out the forming-up tapes for his battalion over very difficult ground. Later, he went up to the front line through heavy fire, and reorganised the elements of several battalions, freely exposing himself, and sending back most essential information.