

681577 C./S./M. (A./R./S./M.) John Love, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On arrival at the position of deployment, he made a reconnaissance of the routes forward under the fire of enemy snipers. Later, he stood in a most exposed position, whence he could direct the platoons of the support company over a ridge which was under a barrage. His conduct was most praiseworthy.

6984 C.S.M. (A./R./S./M.) Charles Macdonald, Manch. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty under heavy shell fire. When the regimental aid post was being heavily bombarded and the medical officer and several stretcher-bearers had been killed, he at once set to work to reorganise the post and assist in moving the wounded. This warrant officer's gallantry and coolness undoubtedly saved many of the wounded. He also displayed great courage in getting ammunition and rations up to the line.

305989 C.S.M. James William Whiteside, L'pool R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On taking over a section of the front line he found that the right flank was in the air. He therefore took his platoon forward to form the flank and, though severely wounded by a gas shell, selected and established a defensive post and remained with his platoon until day-break. He showed great courage and resource.

#### CANADIAN FORCE.

Capt. William Frederick Abbott, A.M. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of the ambulance bearer parties in the advanced area during an attack. For thirty-six hours he was constantly on duty, most of the time in the open and under fire. He successfully attended the wounded and cleared them from his post, and also assisted the battalion medical officer, besides making repeated trips to the front line to clear wounded from the battlefield.

Lt. (A./Capt.) George Griffith Aitken, F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in keeping his guns in action when responding to an S.O.S. call, though a number of casualties were caused by shell fire and some of the guns were put out of action.

Lt. Oswald Pearson Arkless, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his company in an attack when his company commander became a casualty, and displayed qualities of leadership of a very high order. Though suffering heavy casualties, he led the remainder of his company forward established an advanced position under heavy sniping and machine-gun fire, and held it for two days until relieved.

Lt. Richard Babb, M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the officers of two machine-gun batteries except himself had become casualties he took charge of the sixteen guns and kept them working and the men steady under very heavy shelling.

Lt. William Cornwallis Bate, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a working party. When his party was heavily shelled while at work he put most of his men in a trench and attempted to continue the work himself with only a few men, but was forced to put the remainder in shell holes owing to the intense fire. When casualties occurred among his men he went out three times under shell fire, attended to their wounds, and removed them to safety with complete contempt of danger. When the shelling stopped he collected the remainder of his men and continued the work. He saved several lives by his courage and coolness.

Lt. James Gordon Beatty, F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He made a most thorough and successful reconnaissance of a portion of the enemy line, which was to be attacked on the following day. From his observation post he established and maintained communication with headquarters throughout the night, and during the attack sent back most valuable information. His energy and daring in the performance of his duty under heavy fire were of the utmost service in keeping the artillery informed of the situation at all times.

Capt. Reginald Vernon Blackburn, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a reserve company in an attack. Hearing that all the other company commanders were casualties, he went forward and took command of the newly captured line, and organised the consolidation of the whole position. For thirty-six hours he moved about under heavy fire regardless of danger encouraging and assisting the men. He also saw to the collection and removal of all the wounded. His courage and example were an inspiration to all.

Lt. Percy Lytton Bonsall, Ry. Troops.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of his platoon, which was maintaining light railways. Though the line was broken in nine places, and he had to withdraw from the work temporarily on more than one occasion owing to shell fire, he always reorganised his platoon, and conducted them back to the point of operations until his efforts were completely successful.

Lt. Gerard Renvoize Bradbrooke, M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a section of machine-guns firing in a barrage during an attack. When the officer commanding the battery and a whole detachment were killed by a shell, though himself wounded and stunned, he took command of the battery, moved it to its new position, and, though wounded a second time, continued to direct