

and succeeded in getting them all to safety. He set a splendid example of coolness and courage which saved the lives of several men.

Lt. Rupert Southby, Yeo.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When he was in command of the right flank of the line, the enemy made a strong and determined attack to break through this portion of the line, which wavered. He at once succeeded in rallying his line and held it intact till the end of the day, thanks to the gallant and courageous example which he set to all ranks. Two days previous to this he had displayed conspicuous gallantry in action.

T./Sub Lt. Frederick Charles Stacey, R.N.V.R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a counter-attack on an enemy position he led his platoon with marked courage and determination. On reaching the enemy position he bombed along the trench, driving the enemy before him, and established touch with the battalion on the left. By his fine example and determination the left flank of the attack was secured and the position consolidated.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Frederick Duncan Stephenson, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When an enemy shell exploded an ammunition dump close to one of the gun-pits, he ordered his men under cover owing to the heavy shelling, and rushed to the spot. He extinguished the fire with his feet, which were burned in the process. He showed splendid courage and devotion to duty.

Lt. George Steinson Stewart, Seaf. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When almost all of our troops had withdrawn from the high ground, he remained on the ridge with a small party of men and maintained the position against great odds and under the most trying circumstances until the arrival of reinforcements. His great courage and determination cannot be too highly praised.

2nd Lt. (A./Maj.) Reginald Sunley, R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went out over 200 yards of open ground to the assistance of a wounded airman whose machine had been brought down by enemy shell fire. He dressed his wounds and carried him under cover with the assistance of one of his men. His gallant action was carried out under direct observation of the enemy and under shell fire.

2nd Lt. William Thompson, R. Lan. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led a patrol of five N.C.O.s and men, entered the enemy's front line, which was strongly held, and captured an enemy corporal, thereby obtaining a valuable identification. He showed the greatest courage, resource and skill.

Lt. George Waller Vesey, R. Ir. Eus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led a patrol and rushed and captured an enemy machine gun which was in

action in a trench running out from our lines and killed several of the crew. He then established a block in the trench and so improved the position. His initiative and resource were a splendid example to his men.

2nd Lt. Alexander Wald, R.F.C., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He carried out a large number of night bomb raids on enemy headquarters, aerodromes and railways with great success. Many of these flights were carried out in bad weather and at very low altitudes. On one occasion, though he had engine trouble and his radiator burst when he was over the enemy's lines, he continued his flight and bombed a railway station from 1,500 feet. He set a fine example of determination to his squadron.

T./2nd Lt. Francis Walker, Lan. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He twice led patrols under heavy fire through the enemy front line posts and located and reconnoitred the enemy second line, which was strongly held. On several other occasions he gained valuable information by reconnoitring the enemy's position often under most difficult conditions. He showed splendid courage and initiative.

T./Sub Lt. John Miller Coutts Weir, M.M., R.N.V.R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy attacked after an intense bombardment and penetrated part of his line, he kept his men well in hand and fought every inch of ground. He led a counter-attack, drove the enemy back to their own lines, and reorganised the position. He held his ground against several further attacks under heavy fire, and inspired his men throughout by his determined and courageous leadership.

2nd/Lt. John Arnold Wilcock, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Two dumps of shells close to one of the guns were set on fire by enemy shelling, and the flames reached the guns and ignited the camouflage. In spite of the heavy shelling and the exploding ammunition he at once brought buckets of water and extinguished the fire. By his coolness and courage he undoubtedly saved a serious loss of ammunition and material.

T./2nd Lt. Arthur Willson, A.S.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He proceeded with a party of fitters to salve a lorry, which had been out of action within 500 yards of the front line for a considerable period. He remained there three days and nights, only twice returning with parts to be repaired, the work being done under incessant shell fire and occasional machine-gun fire. Thanks to his constant presence amongst his men whilst in this area, the lorry was not only mended and got away in safety, but also a quantity of valuable stores, including a captured machine gun intact, was enabled to be salvaged.