

Capt. (A./Maj.) George Noel Chadwick Martin, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in command of his battery, when his able dispositions greatly minimised casualties at a time of persistent heavy shelling. On one occasion a direct hit was obtained on a dug-out, killing and wounding its occupants and setting fire to the camouflage and ammunition in a gun-pit. His prompt efforts were most successful in getting away the wounded and putting out the fire. Throughout the operations he set a fine example of cheerfulness and determination under very trying conditions.

2nd Lt. John Matthews, Linc. R., S.R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while leading a fighting patrol into a village through heavy shelling. He inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy, and returned with information which enabled his company commander to take up a commanding position. Later, during the withdrawal of the company, he held up the enemy with his covering party until a new position had been reached. Throughout he showed great coolness and determination.

Rev. Alfred Simpkin Mayne, A. Chap. Dept.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With two medical officers of the field ambulance he formed an aid post, and was instrumental in evacuating many wounded, notwithstanding a heavy enemy bombardment. On his own initiative he then joined a battalion in the front line, remaining with them until they were relieved. The cheerful courage with which he faced the most trying circumstances, and his steadiness and composure under heavy fire were a fine example to all ranks, and he rendered valuable service in arduous times.

T./2nd Lt. Frank James McCorry, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when the enemy counter-attacked and entered the trench on both flanks of his machine guns. He and the teams bombed them off until the bombs ran out. He then succeeded in slightly withdrawing his guns, and with a party of infantry and his gunners rushed the trench again and established a post at an important tactical point. He did very fine work.

T./2nd Lt. Patrick John McGowan, R. Dub. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack on a farm. On gaining his objective, he exploited his success 300 yards further, and personally killed an officer and two men and captured a machine gun which was enfilading the flank and preventing consolidation. When the enemy attempted to return to their positions, he held his fire until they were close to his post, and then accounted for the whole party. Throughout he set an inspiring example to his men.

T./2nd Lt. Archibald John McKenzie, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when a N.C.O. and several others were

caught in a dense gas cloud discharged from a derailed train. This officer entered the dense cloud of lethal gas and assisted in extricating several casualties. Afterwards, though suffering from gas, he showed great determination and energy in evacuating the train before dawn, although fourteen trucks were derailed and many of the personnel became casualties. There was great danger of the train having to be left in full view of the enemy for the whole of the succeeding day.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Robert Mitchell McLeod, A. Cyc. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during three weeks' fighting in which the battalion took part. On one occasion, riding ahead of the battalion, he made a reconnaissance of the situation, which enabled a position to be taken up on its arrival and held during a critical time. He several times went forward to advanced patrols and brought in useful information. During a bombardment he was gassed, and though suffering from sickness, declined to go to hospital, and set a fine example towards maintaining the moral of the men.

T./2nd Lt. Percy Young McNiven, R. Scots.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a raid by the battalion on enemy trenches, this officer was in command of the leading company, whose task it was to destroy enemy dug-outs in the third line. With great coolness he supervised his men, at the same time disposing of a number of the enemy who were resisting. He visited his men all along the line, and was the last to leave the enemy trenches, after seeing that none of his men were left behind.

T./2nd Lt. Robert Rutherford Meek, A.S.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a heavy bombardment by the enemy. When a gun-pit was ablaze and ammunition on fire, he dashed up, followed by a gunner, and fought the flames at great risk to his own life by pulling burning boxes of ammunition out of the fire and smothering the flames with earth, regardless of burning fuzes and gas escaping from damaged shells. He was slightly gassed, but succeeded in extinguishing the flames, and so saving many rounds of valuable ammunition.

2nd Lt. Lionel Gordon Middlebrook, E. Yorks. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. By the skilful use of his mortars he held up an enemy attack and covered the withdrawal of our troops, destroying three enemy machine guns which were causing considerable casualties. Eventually he withdrew his guns to a place where they were collected by the transport, and returning himself with his men, took part in a successful counter-attack, during which he was wounded.

T./2nd Lt. Charles George Holmes Midgley, M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He maintained his guns in action after the withdrawal of the infantry and