

very largely contributed towards the success of the operations. He has on numerous occasions displayed the utmost courage and resource.

T./Lt. David Ithel Ellis, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when under an intense and accurate hostile bombardment of his battery. He worked incessantly throughout the night in order to keep his guns in action, by his splendid personal example and devotion keeping up the spirits of his men under circumstances of an exceptionally trying nature. On several occasions he has been the life and soul of his battery under the heaviest shell fire, restoring confidence and cheerfulness at a time when they were most difficult to maintain.

T./Lt. Edward Frederick Ellis, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst constructing observation posts. On two separate occasions he displayed the utmost disregard for his own personal safety when the parties he was in charge of had serious casualties. Under heavy fire he withdrew his party to a place of comparative safety, and returned and proceeded to collect the wounded and get them away, remaining for half an hour in the shelled area until all were clear. By his splendid coolness and personal example he so influenced his men that the work of evacuating the wounded was promptly and successfully achieved.

T./2nd Lt. Thomas John Evans, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at a time when all communications were practically impossible owing to enemy shell fire. He volunteered to take a message, which he successfully delivered, though rendered unconscious by gas for some minutes whilst doing so. He then laid lines by himself, repaired several important wires, re-erected the wireless mast and practically re-established communication throughout his area. He then returned to ask if he could do any more. All this was accomplished under very heavy shell fire, and his coolness and gallantry were beyond all praise.

T./2nd Lt. Frederick Ewan Baldwin Falkiner, R. Ir. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At a critical moment, when the whole line was held up by machine guns firing from a very strong concrete emplacement, he detailed a Lewis gun to engage the enemy in front whilst he, with a serjeant, worked round to the rear and charged the gunners. A fierce hand-to-hand fight ensued. As the serjeant had already been severely wounded on the way, this officer was left single-handed; nevertheless, with the greatest pluck and gallantry he killed two of the enemy and captured the gun and about thirty prisoners.

2nd Lt. George Webster Ferguson, R. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a raiding party. He

himself went forward and loosened the chevaux-de-frise, opening a gap for his party to enter by. He then led them in person, and accounted for two of the enemy himself. He captured a prisoner and withdrew to our lines with complete success, having very greatly inspired his party by his personal example and enthusiasm.

T./2nd Lt. William James Fernie, attd. Bord. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a raiding party. Having been discovered whilst endeavouring to blow up the enemy wire, and quick action becoming necessary, he led his men with great dash and determination straight at the enemy's parapet, where he remained during the fierce fight with bombs that ensued, controlling and directing his men with great fearlessness and admirable judgment.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Frank Fernihough, R.F.A. and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in artillery observation and patrol work. He has continually distinguished himself by his fearlessness and determination to gain information, undeterred by hostile fire or adverse weather conditions, remaining unshaken through some very trying experiences, during one of which his machine was very badly hit and his observer's leg was shot away. He has furnished information of the greatest value on numerous occasions.

T./Capt. Charles Vernon Fitton, York & Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his company to the assault on enemy trenches. After having successfully captured and consolidated his objective, he held a very important position for two days under an intense bombardment which obliterated a large portion of his front line trench. His coolness and sound judgment had a most inspiring effect upon his men, maintaining their confidence under very trying conditions. But for his skilful dispositions the casualties would have been very much heavier than they actually were.

T./Capt. John Cecil Foster, Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At great personal risk he made several journeys across an open space under heavy shell fire in order to keep up telephonic communication with his battalion headquarters. His fearlessness and energy in dealing with the situation when it was becoming obscure through lack of information were most invaluable.

T./Lt. David Hammond Fraser, M.B., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst his battery was under very heavy gas bombardment a shell wrecked the officers' mess dug-out and buried two officers and five men. Lt. Fraser, helped by a corporal, most gallantly assisted to rescue the buried men and restore respiration, entering the dug-out several times, until he eventually