

buried in a dug-out by enemy shell fire, with utter disregard of his own safety, during an intense bombardment of his battery. Later, when an ammunition dump was hit and set on fire, he promptly extinguished it. He displayed exceptional courage and devotion to duty on both of these occasions.

T./2nd Lt. Victor Unsworth, R. Ir. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his platoon against a hostile dug-out, in which he killed and captured a number of the enemy who were strongly posted. Later, an enemy bomb was thrown at him from a shell-hole at close range; he promptly picked it up and threw it back, killing two of the enemy and saving the lives of his own men.

2nd Lt. (T./Lt.) John Vaughan, W. Rid. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Having led an attack with great fearlessness and dash under terrific fire of every description, he found that it was impossible to drive it home; whereupon he ordered his men to fall back on some shell holes and engage the enemy with rifle fire. He then organised and led another party in a flank attack upon the same position, displaying the same gallantry as before, but was again unable to penetrate the enemy's defences. Throughout the action his initiative and indomitable courage won the admiration of all, and he deserves the greatest credit for his unflinching devotion to duty and splendid example during a very exacting situation.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Claude Esné Vivian, R. of O., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on two occasions when in charge of ammunition convoys. He displayed admirable coolness and presence of mind in organising his vehicles under very heavy shell fire at night, so as to get through with a minimum loss, and, later, by his personal efforts he cleared a track of dead and dying animals and of a burning lorry, thereby enabling the column of vehicles behind to get clear of the area, which was being very heavily shelled. He has at all times set a magnificent example when under fire.

2nd Lt. Roger Clement Wain, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on several occasions in taping out trenches under very heavy hostile fire. On one occasion, though shelled off the site three times, he and his N.C.O. returned at every opportunity and successfully completed their task, which took them two hours. He has also displayed splendid courage and determination in reconnoitring unknown ground with a view to taping trenches later, and has supervised large working parties with the utmost ability and skill, consistently setting a fine example of fearlessness under heavy fire.

T./2nd Lt. Ion George Wakely, R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty under very difficult conditions during

intense hostile bombardment. All communications had been cut, and he was sent out with a small party to repair the lines. By his gallantry and coolness he succeeded in keeping his party together and at work throughout the day, although the shortage of wire made it necessary to take the most direct route, which lay through the heaviest shell fire. In the dark, and during bursts of heavy shelling, including gas shell, he lost nearly all his party, but continued to lay the line with the one man who remained. He was eventually successful in doing this, and the line has been maintained ever since, largely due to his devotion and perseverance on this occasion.

T./Lt. Thomas Wallace, Welsh R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a patrol. Whilst examining enemy's wire and defences by moonlight, he encountered three strong parties of the enemy who were about to raid our trenches. He immediately attacked them with great determination and drove them off, and was then himself attacked by a fourth party on his flank. Being heavily outnumbered, he was finally compelled to withdraw, which he skilfully effected in spite of being hard pressed by the enemy, personally directing the retirement until badly wounded by a bomb. He then fell exhausted, and was carried back by a Lce-Corpl. and a Private, having saved our lines from being raided by his good leadership and quick grasp of the situation.

T./2nd Lt. Edwin Lloyd Ward, R. War. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading a raid into a strongly held enemy trench with complete success. He shot four of the enemy with his revolver, and the success of the operation was due to his courage and to the care with which he had rehearsed the raid on the preceding night.

T./2nd Lt. Theodore Lanternier Wenger, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in repairing a badly damaged tank under heavy shell fire and in full view of the enemy and driving it back to safety. He has consistently displayed a very high standard of determined courage and ability when engaged in salvage work, and has set a very fine example to all ranks.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Donald Nicoll Whitaker, R. Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although knocked down and buried by a shell, which rendered him unconscious, during an intense enemy bombardment, he insisted on returning to his company, as soon as he regained consciousness, in order to conduct the defence of the advanced posts and trenches which they were occupying. He was a second time buried by a shell, but remained in command until the attack had been beaten off, setting a magnificent example of pluck and devotion to duty.