

talion throughout. The dash of his men in the attack, and their tenacity in holding their position, were very largely due to his personal influence and training.

T./Capt. Harold Arthur Slade, M.C., Rif. Brig.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during two days' exceptionally heavy fighting, which included the forcing of a river. He dug in with his company under heavy machine-gun fire, and maintained his position in spite of a determined hostile counter-attack. He held his ground until the morning of the second day, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy, and afterwards, when fresh troops had passed through his line, successfully accomplished the task of mopping up a strong point with only one casualty, killing and capturing many of the enemy. Throughout these operations he sent back valuable information to Headquarters, and displayed courage and coolness of the very highest order.

Capt. Alexander John Stewart, R. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his company in an attack in which he displayed great fearlessness and exceptional skill. He moved up through heavy shelling and hostile machine-gun fire and seized his objective. He then suddenly found himself not only exposed to very severe and accurate machine-gun and sniper fire from three sides, but with his platoon commanders wounded. By his complete grasp of the situation, cool and intrepid behaviour, and magnificent personal example of utter disregard of danger, he inspired his men with complete confidence, and undoubtedly saved a very critical situation.

T./Capt. John Stanley Strange, M.C., Welsh R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Having led his company with great ability and determination to its final objective, he took over command of the front line, and held it for three days until relieved. He personally reconnoitred his whole front, and sent back very valuable information, setting a very fine example throughout to all ranks under most trying circumstances.

T./Capt. Thomas Douglas Sutherland, M.C., Linc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company with great gallantry in the attack, but on reaching his objective found his flank exposed owing to the troops on his right having been unable to advance. He immediately went back, rallied a company which had lost heavily in officers and senior N.C.O.'s, and led them forward to their objective. He then organised a defensive flank and made the position secure. He showed the greatest courage and leadership, and it was entirely owing to his initiative and determination that the advance of his battalion was successfully carried out.

2nd Lt. (T./Capt.) Bestine Entwisle Sutton, M.C., Yeo. and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On very many occasions he carried

out extensive and valuable reconnaissances and contact patrols at low altitudes, attacking infantry and transport with his machine gun and taking photographs which proved of the greatest value in subsequent operations. By his energy, skill, and courage he set a magnificent example to his squadron.

Lt. (A./Capt.) James Alexander Symon, Cam'n Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When commanding his company in the reserve line, he led them out of their trenches and charged a successful hostile counter-attack, driving the enemy back and establishing our original front line. By his coolness and absolute disregard of personal danger, he saved the situation, and, afterwards finding that we were suffering from the fire of snipers, went out himself and shot several of the enemy before he was finally wounded.

2nd Lt. (T./Capt.) Alan Ernest Wentworth Thomas, R.W. Kent R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although wounded, he led his company to its objective with great skill and success; afterwards when the troops on his right and left had withdrawn, he held his ground with only six men, two of whom were shortly afterwards wounded. He, however, held on for seventeen hours, and saved the situation, for it was entirely due to his pluck and determination that the attack in the evening was successfully carried out. He set a splendid example of courage and resource in a very trying position.

Capt. (A./Maj.) Gwilym Ivor Thomas, M.C., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his battery was being relieved the position was shelled by an intense bombardment, which lasted for over two hours and caused many casualties in both batteries. The pits and ammunition of one section caught fire, and he succeeded in extinguishing this. Later, the telephone pit and mess shelter were wrecked, and he immediately led the way to the rescue of wounded men inside. The camouflage nets of three more guns were then set alight, and the ammunition began to catch fire. This he also saved by tearing down the burning camouflage and smothering the smouldering ammunition, some of which had already begun to explode. Not until all the fires had been extinguished, and he had seen every man, both wounded and unwounded, clear of the position, did he seek cover for himself. His great gallantry and exceptional coolness throughout the whole of this time were worthy of the highest praise.

Lt. (A./Capt.) George Devine Treloar, C. Gds., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on two successive occasions. He led his company across a canal under very heavy barrage, and, finding the only available bridge was broken, he personally secured a mat from the original line, and laid it down for his company to cross, thereby saving great congestion and countless lives. Later, when the regiment on his left was held up by machine-gune fire, he immediately