

ambulance cars. His work entailed his being on a road whenever shelling took place there, in order to accelerate the removal of the wounded from that point, and to arrange all possible protection for such wounded as could not be cleared. He personally went to the assistance of four men who had been wounded by a shell and dressed them in the open under heavy fire, setting an admirable example of coolness and devotion to duty under difficult and trying circumstances.

2nd Lt. (T./Lt.) Arthur Rutherford Stocker, Sea. Highrs., attd. M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of machine guns. He twice went forward to reconnoitre the situation at great personal risk under heavy shell fire, and showed great coolness and initiative in selecting his positions. During the enemy counter-attacks his utter contempt for danger and splendid example under heavy shell fire kept his men together, and enabled them to man their guns and hold their position during a most critical period.

Lt. (A./Capt.) John Southam Wycherley Stone, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of the forward lines of his company under continuous and heavy shell fire. Although badly burnt by gas he carried on, and it was only by his perseverance and leadership and splendid personal example that the lines were kept working for long enough periods to allow of the most important messages being got through.

2nd Lt. Aubrey Causton Strachan, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in an advanced position with his battery. He commanded his section for five hours under heavy fire and in pouring rain, during which time he removed the killed and wounded himself, and by his personal example of gallantry and coolness kept his men in action at a very critical time.

T./Lt. Percy William Straw, Sea. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a strong hostile counter-attack had driven back troops on his flank, he at once formed a defensive flank, and by his fine personal example and leadership enabled the line to be held and gave time for our counter-attack to drive back the enemy and restore the situation.

T./2nd Lt. (T./Lt.) Thomas Noel Heath Stretch, A.S.C., attd. M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a section of machine guns. He successfully brought his four guns up to the objective with the assaulting infantry, and, finding that the right flank of the brigade was exposed, pushed two guns forward, and was able to bring covering machine-gun fire to bear while the brigade was advancing upon their final objective. He captured two prisoners and led an infantry bombing party to clear the trench of the remainder of the enemy.

T./2nd Lt. Montagu Stuart-Menteth, Linc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After his platoon had captured their

objective he moved about in the open under heavy artillery and machine-gun fire and accurate sniping, directing the consolidation with skill and precision. The work was barely completed when the enemy counter-attacked, whereupon he rallied the few remaining men of his platoon and successfully repulsed the enemy.

T./2nd Lt. Walter Ernest Sullivan, Welsh R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his platoon. He was the first to enter an enemy strong point, which he captured, afterwards personally searching several dug-outs and collecting a number of prisoners from them. During the whole action he set a splendid example, and was untiring in his efforts to cheer his men in most adverse weather conditions.

2nd Lt. Norman Sutherland, Ches. R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Having led his platoon to its objective with complete success, he personally went forward to reconnoitre another position through heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, by his fine example and contempt of danger greatly rallying his party, who had become disorganised by hostile fire. Later, on being relieved, he refused to go back himself until he had clearly explained the situation to the relieving troops.

Rev. Charles Graham Swann, Army Chapln. Dept.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty under heavy shell fire. His fearlessness and devotion in bringing in and attending to the wounded under intense shell fire were magnificent. He dug out men who had been buried, and was thus the means of saving many lives, and throughout the day his utter disregard for personal safety deserved the highest praise.

T./2nd Lt. (A./Lt.) John Douglas Taggart, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a bombardment of enemy wire, when aerial observation became impossible owing to the velocity of the wind, this officer, together with another, went out with telephone equipment and took up a position in full view of the enemy, where they remained until the mortars were registered and the wire cut. His promptitude and fearlessness were invaluable in promoting the success of the attack.

2nd Lt. Jeffrey Noel Talbot, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the whole of his party had been killed or wounded by shell fire, he obtained more men and successfully completed his task of searching for mines, dug-outs and material. His men were very greatly stimulated by his fine courage and personal example.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Theodore Arthur Tapp, C. Gds., Spec. Res., attd. M.G. Gds.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in getting his guns into position previous to an attack, in spite of heavy casualties, and in leading his men in the attack