

fire. Another wagon had a wheel hit, but he repaired it and succeeded in delivering the material to the positions.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Charles Pynsent Elliott, Notts. & Derby. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At a critical time, after heavy officer casualties, he took over command in the front line, which he ably reorganised under heavy fire. He was twice buried by shells, but remained at duty for some hours until ordered to the rear.

T./Capt. Charles Hugh Emerson, Linc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. It was entirely owing to his previous reconnaissance and energy that the companies of his battalion were able to take up their position in the front line and carry out an extremely difficult relief. The next morning, regardless of his own danger, he succeeded in personally extinguishing a fire that had broken out at an ammunition dump at battalion headquarters. The same day, in full view of the enemy, and under heavy shell fire, he laid 800 yards of tape from the front line back to battalion headquarters to assist the relief of the incoming battalion. Throughout these operations he showed an entire disregard for his own safety.

T./Sub-Lt. Kenneth Malcolm Evans, R.N.V.R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an advance he had two fingers shot off, but gallantly persisted in leading his men to their objective. Although again wounded, through the jaw, he continued to lead his men, and it was not until the objective was reached that he consented to return to the dressing station.

T./2nd Lt. Reginald Victor Evans, Dev. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of his platoon. When a "pill-box" caused many casualties to the advancing troops, he immediately organised an attack and captured it against strong opposition.

T./Lt. Thomas Evander Evans, R. Welsh Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in command of a patrol he encountered a much stronger hostile party, which attempted to ambush and surround him. He at once attacked, and inflicted severe loss on the enemy. He handled his patrol with great ability and coolness throughout, setting a very fine example of courage and resource.

T./2nd Lt. William Frank Fairbairn, York. & Lan. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of his company after all the other officers had been killed or wounded. He made a defensive flank to join up with troops on our left, and showed great powers of command under trying circumstances.

Capt. Walter Grant Fanning, Herefords. R., attd. M. Gun Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a battery in action.

The casualties were considerable, and the lack of men threatened to affect the working of the guns, but he succeeded in keeping up the required rate of fire until he was left with only one gun, the remainder having been either buried or destroyed

T./2nd Lt. Wilfrid James Fawkes, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of the battery after the battery commander had been wounded. On the S.O.S. signal going up the battery made a magnificent effort and fired 6,000 rounds while under the enemy's barrage. A large percentage of men and guns were knocked out, and he himself was blown up twice.

Lt. Arthur Richard Finnis, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in getting forward a large quantity of Stokes mortar ammunition, although the road was heavily shelled and broken in many places.

T./Capt. Frederick Pearson Fisher, M.B., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On learning that the enemy had projected gas into one of our deep mine galleries, he descended to the bottom of the main shaft and established an aid post there. He then advanced with his party into the gassed area and rescued several miners. He remained at his post without relief for fourteen hours and saved many lives.

2nd/Lt. (T./Lt.) Harry Nettleton Fisher, E. Surr. R., attd. M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under a very heavy enemy barrage he assembled his machine guns for a barrage, and although the position was heavily shelled during the night, and in spite of numerous casualties, he laid and prepared his guns, setting a splendid example to his men. Later in the day, although only two men per gun remained, an S.O.S. call was successfully answered.

T./Lt. Walter James Fisher, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of two guns, which he placed in good positions only 150 yards from the enemy, inflicting considerable casualties. He collected the infantry round him after their officers had become casualties and helped to break up and repulse a hostile counter-attack.

T./2nd Lt. Alfred Harold Fordham, attd. K.R.R.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a patrol of ten other ranks, mostly young soldiers. Having left them lying down in line, he and his orderly reconnoitred and stumbled on a party of men who turned out to be an enemy patrol of about twenty or thirty. He emptied his revolver at them and ordered his patrol to fire, though he ran a great risk of being hit. The enemy fired back for a moment and then ran back to their trenches.