

fire, and he worked continuously for forty-eight hours.

**Lt. (actg. Capt.) William Cedric Nicholson, M.G.C.**

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was the only surviving officer with his battery, and remained at duty for several hours after he was wounded. He answered S.O.S. calls, and kept his battery in action, under very adverse conditions, until an officer had been sent up, by which time he was completely exhausted.

**Lt. Fleming Pinkston O'Reilly, M.G.C.**

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his battery was relieved he volunteered to remain, as other batteries had suffered heavy casualties. He reorganised the remnants of the battery, together with nine reinforcements, into gun crews. He led them through a bad swamp and a heavy barrage to forward positions, dug out guns, and tripods, cleaned them, and got seven guns firing which would otherwise have been out of action.

**Lt. Beecher Doran Poyser, Mtd. Rif.**

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He led the foremost wave in the assault, and, in spite of serious resistance, gained the objective. Both his flanks became exposed, and he was subjected to severe enfilade fire, but he established his men in a good position and secured his flanks. He broke up an enemy counter-attack, and at once sent out a patrol which brought in prisoners. His example of courage and resource was largely instrumental in holding the ground gained.

**Capt. Henry Frederick Preston, A.M.C.**

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as regimental medical officer. He established an aid post in a most advanced position, and worked under continuous shell-fire. He set a magnificent example by his coolness and courage, and his fearlessness and untiring energy saved many lives.

**Lt. Brian Lee Reid, Ry. Troops.**

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a repair party maintaining a track. The track was broken in twenty-eight places, but he succeeded in repairing all the breaks, under heavy shell-fire.

**Capt. Walter Hepburn Scott, A.M.C.**

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his stretcher-bearers forward over "No Man's Land" and dressed and brought in many wounded men under very heavy fire. Although buried and severely shaken by a shell, he continued his work.

**Lt. James Gordon Searles, M.G.C.**

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Finding his machine guns isolated, he handed over the command to a N.C.O. and returned under heavy fire, reorganised two platoons, led them forward, and consolidated the position, handing over later to a company commander who came forward with supports. Later, owing to a shortage of

officers, he volunteered to command a battery of machine-guns in the barrage group, under heavy shell-fire.

**Lt. (A./Capt.) Raymond Sellar, Inf.**

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company with great coolness to the objective, his splendid example of cheerfulness and courage helping considerably to gain this result, in the face of heavy machine-gun and shell fire. Though wounded, he personally supervised the consolidation of the line, and carried out his duties until relieved. His leadership was of a high order, and he set a splendid example to his men.

**Lt. Bernard Shipton, M.M., Mtd. Rif.**

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of a party of men detailed for stretcher-bearer work. He organised his squads, and, regardless of danger, went forward locating and dressing the wounded under fire. Later, he guided his squads to these wounded cases, and evacuated them to the rear. He carried back himself a wounded man whom he had found close to an enemy "pill-box."

**Lt. (A./Capt.) Charles Dayrell Shreve, F.A.**

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While the battery was firing a barrage it was heavily shelled, and two ammunition dumps were set on fire. He kept all his guns in action, and himself threw buckets of water on the burning ammunition, besides assisting the wounded and going from gun to gun to steady the men.

**Lt. Edmund George Alpheus Smart, Inf.**

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Having advanced his company to the position assigned to him, finding it being decimated by heavy fire, he withdrew the remainder to the assembly position. He reorganised his men, pushed forward, and established a defensive flank. Later, with four men, he captured a strong point, taking eighty prisoners.

**Lt. William Henry Smith, Rly. Troops.**

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when taking up two 6-in. guns. When the track was found to be broken in four places, under heavy shelling he organised a repair gang with the train crews. He filled in the shell-holes, mended all the breaks and got guns and ammunition to the required positions.

**Lt. Rolsa Eric Smythe, Infy.**

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When advancing with a patrol of scouts he encountered a party of nine of the enemy. On challenging them in their own language and receiving a reply that they were an infantry relief, he ordered them to advance, and got them under the fire of an advanced Lewis gun, at the same time commanding their retreat with his own party. He then called upon them to surrender. On their refusing he personally killed the leader of the party. Two others were killed and five captured, of whom three were N.C.Os.