

Maj. Alfred Appleby Longden, R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy broke through on the left of his position he went forward under heavy fire close to the enemy and reconnoitred the situation. He rallied his men, and, after a counter-attack, got his battery into position very rapidly and opened fire. He rendered valuable assistance to the infantry in the neighbourhood, and kept his guns in action under most difficult conditions and heavy and continuous fire.

2nd Lt. Kenneth Wyn Maurice-Jones, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his battery received an S.O.S. call while it was being heavily bombarded with gas and high explosive shells he got all the guns into action within thirty seconds. He moved about regardless of danger, encouraging his men while two ammunition dumps were blown up close beside him. As soon as the battery ceased fire he carried a wounded man to safety, discarding his gas helmet, and though suffering from the effects of gas, continued to encourage his men and assist the wounded until he collapsed. Later, when an ammunition dump was set alight by enemy shell-fire he at once attempted to extinguish it, and continued his efforts until the dump exploded. He set a magnificent example of courage and initiative.

T./2nd Lt. Frederick William McElroy, Tank Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in attack. He drove the enemy back and captured two strongly-held craters. When his tank caught fire and had to be evacuated he remained inside in spite of the fumes firing his Lewis gun, and held the enemy back single-handed when they attempted to capture his tank, inflicting heavy casualties on them. When his crew, many of whom were wounded, were surrounded in a shell-hole he killed eight of the enemy with his revolver, and it was owing to his great courage and coolness that the tank and the crew were saved.

T./Lt. Alastair Forbes Menzies, R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He held his ground during an enemy attack in a communication trench leading towards the enemy's lines and brought heavy enfilade fire to bear on the enemy as they passed his position. His determined action gained time, which was of vital importance to the reorganisation of the main line of defence. He organised a bombing attack, regained 200 yards of trench, and established a block. The enemy made five most determined attacks on his position and suffered great loss without gaining any ground. By his courage, coolness and leadership he saved the situation and assisted in inflicting a severe defeat on the enemy.

Maj. William Henry Murphy, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst in command of the battalion he reconnoitred the whole of the position and was continually in the front line, where his unflinching cheerfulness was an in-

spiration to all ranks. On the occasion of an attack he successfully led his battalion in support at very short notice and in darkness. Later, he directed the withdrawal with remarkable skill, and on another occasion, when the outpost line held by his battalion was attacked in large force by the enemy, and eventually pressed back, he re-established the line of posts and organised them into a defensive position, maintaining them until relieved. He displayed magnificent courage, leadership, and ability.

Capt. (A./Lt.-Col.) David Murray Murray-Lyon, M.C., High. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy attacked and penetrated the line after intense fighting and continual bombing attacks, by his courage and personal example he succeeded in driving them out and held his position against further heavy attacks with splendid coolness and determination.

Capt. (A./Lt.-Col.) Edward Hugh Jasper Nicolls, M.C., E. Surr. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. When his right company met with strong resistance from the enemy he went to the position and by his courageous example encouraged his men to hold on until reinforcements arrived. His prompt action at an important period of the operation resulted in the whole of his objective being eventually captured and consolidated. He proved himself a gallant and capable leader.

Capt. (T./Maj.) Algernon George Pearson, R. Berks. R., Spec. Res., and Tank Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He launched a successful attack with his tanks at very short notice, captured a village in the enemy's lines, held it until the infantry established themselves in the position, and brought his tanks safely out of action. He showed the greatest ability and courage in a most difficult operation. He again led his tanks into action two days later with excellent results.

Capt. (T./Maj.) Douglas Henry Pratt, M.C., R. Ir. Reg., and Tank Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. It was largely owing to his careful preparations and excellent leadership and organisation that his tanks were successful in reaching all their objectives. He directed the operations on foot, going forward in front of the infantry and in the face of strong opposition. He never spared himself, and showed the greatest courage and contempt of danger.

Lt. (T./Capt.) David Taunton Raikes, M.C., S. Wales Bord., Spec. Res., attd. Tank Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He directed his tanks in an attack with utter disregard of danger, continually going about on foot giving orders in full view of the enemy and exposed to heavy fire. On the following day he directed nine other tanks in addition to his own in the attack, and set a magnificent example of courage and contempt of danger throughout.