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T./Lt. (A./Capt.) George James Alexander, R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an enemy attack he went forward to the observation post and sent back valuable information, directing the fire of his guns with great effect on large bodies of the approaching enemy. When the enemy continued to advance he delayed their approach to his position by sniping.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Frederick William Allam, R. War. R., attd. D.C.L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an enemy attack he organised a defensive line, beat off a bombing attack and re-established communication with the flank. He held his position for two days against several further attacks, encouraging his men by his splendid example of coolness and determination.

T./2nd Lt. Mungo Tennent Archibald, Tank Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He fought his tanks with great gallantry and skill in two attacks. He inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy, and when another tank was put out of action, though he was surrounded by the enemy, he rescued the whole of the crew and transferred them to his tank under heavy machine-gun and snipers' fire. Later, when his own tank was set on fire, and the whole of both crews except one were wounded, he got them all out and brought them back to safety. He showed the greatest courage, resource, and endurance throughout a most difficult operation.

2nd Lt. James Augustus Armstrong, L'pool R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as Lewis gun officer during an enemy attack. He continually went from one part of the line to another, organising the ammunition supply and locating positions and targets for his guns, and by firing a Lewis gun himself he stopped an enemy bombing attack. When a counter-attack was held up by an enemy machine gun he at once grasped the situation, and rushing a Lewis gun into a commanding position, silenced the enemy gun. On two other occasions he silenced enemy machine guns which were giving trouble, and continually inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy. He showed magnificent resource and determination.

Qr.-Mr. and Hon. Lt. Samuel Henry Askew, Mon. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. It was solely due to his determination that ammunition and rations were delivered to the battalion. He led his pack mules through heavy shell fire on several occasions, and rendered most valuable service to the battalion.

Lt. Arthur William Austin, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action when in command of wagons ordered up to replenish the supply of ammu-

nition of the battery. He was obliged to pass through both heavy artillery and machine-gun fire, and it was solely due to his determination and courage that ammunition was brought up at a most critical time.

2nd Lt. Sydney Austin Bagnall, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took a gun forward during an enemy attack and got it into action in the open under heavy fire. He showed great courage and resource, and did splendid service in breaking up the advancing waves of the enemy, who were attacking in great force.

Capt. Walter Greville Bagot-Chester, Gurkha Rif., I.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led a successful raid on the enemy's lines. He showed the greatest coolness and courage under heavy machine-gun fire, reached all his objectives, and carried out a skilful withdrawal when the operation was completed.

T./2nd Lt. Robert Henry Banks, Shrops. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. When the tank which was attacking with him broke down he exposed himself fearlessly to heavy fire, and arranged for another to co-operate with him. He guided it towards his objective, and led his platoon forward with it. Though all the tanks were eventually held up he continued the advance, and reached the final objective. Later, during an enemy attack, he held a trench by himself until his company arrived, and then drove off a party of the enemy. He showed splendid leadership and initiative.

2nd Lt. Alfred Douglas Barnes, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an advanced post, which was repeatedly attacked by large numbers of the enemy. Time after time they obtained a footing in it, only to be driven out. He went about calmly encouraging the men, and organising counter-attacks, and was fighting continuously for six hours. His conduct throughout was a splendid example to all ranks.

T./2nd Lt. William Barnett, W. Yorks. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Though wounded he remained in the trenches, led forward a small bombing party, and forced a strong party of the enemy to retire. Later, when the enemy made a bombing attack, he got out of the trench, and, in spite of a hostile barrage, bombed the advancing enemy with great determination and energy, and stopped their advance. He inspired all ranks by his utter disregard of danger.

T./2nd Lt. George Barrett, Essex R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon was held up in an attack by machine-gun fire at close range he at once led a few men in a rush on the machine gun, put it out of action, and captured his objective. He set a splendid example to his men.