

T./2nd Lt. John Tredinnick Crocker, M.C., M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of four machine guns he broke down two strong enemy attacks, holding on from 10 a.m. till dusk, when infantry and reinforcements arrived. The following day he maintained his position till outflanked, when he stood up between two of his guns and directed their fire on the enemy, who were within 30 yards, then covered the withdrawal with bombs and rifle fire, killing many himself at close range. Took up a fresh position until almost surrounded again, when he again went out with bombs. His example throughout was magnificent.

T./Capt. (A./Maj.) John . Frederick Cubbon, M.C., R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a field company during a retreat lasting many days and under most trying conditions. He manœuvred his company with great skill from position to position, covering the retirement of artillery and transport. Later, he was suddenly placed in command of an infantry brigade and ordered to cover a position. This he did in a most able manner at great odds and under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire. Finally, it was owing to his skill and courage that the retirement of a division was successfully conducted.

T./Capt. (A./Maj.) Lancelot Colin William Deane, M.C., S. Wales Bord.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went up to the front line in every operation, displaying an entire disregard of personal safety and a very quick appreciation of the ever-changing tactical situation. At a most critical period he organised a counter-attack, which he led himself, thereby checking the enemy's advance.

Capt. (A./Maj.) James Viner Delahaye, M.C., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the retirement of a brigade. It was largely due to the manner in which he led and inspired his artillery that it was possible to extricate the bulk of the infantry from a serious situation. He constantly remained with the rearmost gun, firing into the enemy at the shortest range. He fought his guns with a coolness of nerve and light-hearted gallantry beyond praise.

2nd Lt. Guy Eliot De Pass, Dn. Gds.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on many occasions during lengthy operations, notably carrying out a most difficult and valuable reconnaissance, and when in command of an advance troop establishing posts in a position abandoned earlier by our troops, rallying stragglers, and with them and his own men engaging the advancing enemy, thus enabling a counter-attack to develop, being subjected the whole time to severe artillery and machine-gun fire. His one desire has been to engage the enemy, and by his courage and skill he has invariably been able to do so with success.

Capt. (T./Maj.) Robert Speir Dixon, High. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to

duty. He conducted a daring reconnaissance, clearing up a difficult situation, and afterwards was of great assistance in organising and rallying men of other divisions during the battle. When his commanding officer fell he took command, continued the counter-attack, and drove the enemy out of the area. Later, he led his men with great determination and courage against vastly superior numbers, thereby materially assisting the retirement of the whole division.

Maj. Charles Douglas Drew, Midd'x R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty throughout ten days of severe fighting. In command of a very small party of battalion headquarter details he, on two occasions, attacked large enemy parties advancing to attack, driving them back, and materially assisting in the successful defence of a bridge, and subsequently on the withdrawal of the battalion. His fine example of courage and energetic initiative was an inspiration to all ranks with him.

Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) Hyde Ridgway Dyer, Ind. Cav.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In the face of heavy fire he led his men in successful charges with great dash and ability. He twice had his horse shot under him. He proved himself a very able and gallant leader.

Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) Edward Keeling Fletcher, R.M.L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when, by a personal reconnaissance, which proved to be invaluable, he discovered that a gap had been made on the right flank of his battalion, and he dealt with the situation promptly; and again, on the following morning, when he led a successful counter-attack, which regained all the lost ground.

Capt. (A./Maj.) Nigel William Wynn Freer, M.C., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His promptness in running up howitzers into the open enabled fire to be opened on hostile infantry who unexpectedly appeared on a flank. His arrangements and personal supervision of the withdrawal of his guns enabled the move to be carried out without a casualty.

Maj. Ralph Dolignon Furse, King Edward's Horse.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a hostile attack when he held, for over five hours, 900 yards of a system with a hundred men and a weak company of infantry, ultimately withdrawing in good order in spite of hand-to-hand fighting in the trenches. His skill and courage were most marked.

T./Lt. (A./Lt.-Col.) Edward Anthony Sydney Gell, M.C., R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He had just arrived on leave in England when he heard his division was engaged. He hurried back, and after much difficulty got to them. Within half-an-hour of arrival