

Lt. George Burnett Armstrong, North'd Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He twice led his men forward and successfully restored the line. He collected men who were without a leader, under most harassing machine-gun and rifle fire, and this enabled him to hold the line. He showed a fine example of courage and enterprise.

2nd Lt. Leonard Frank Cecil Arnold, Lond.

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For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of a small party, he was almost surrounded, but with great courage and determination he launched a counter-attack, killing and wounding a large number of the enemy, and capturing eighteen prisoners and a machine gun. His gallant and prompt action delayed the enemy, and enabled troops in the rear to get into position.

T./Sub-Lt. (A./Lt.) Horace John Arnold, R.N.D., R.N.V.R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when acting as rearguard during a withdrawal. His skilful manœuvring of his company under heavy machine-gun fire covered both his own battalion and other units of the Division. He displayed great courage and initiative while carrying this out, and throughout the operations did much to maintain the morale of the troops.

2nd Lt. George Henry Arrowsmith, N. Lan. R. and M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In a critical situation, when the Infantry were retiring, he advanced his machine guns well forward so as to obtain direct fire at close range, doing great execution and disorganising the enemy attack.

T./Capt. Erland Arter, A.S.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty with an ambulance convoy. For days on end he worked unceasingly in the evacuation of wounded without sleep or rest, and it was largely due to his efforts that all the cases were successfully cleared to places of safety.

T./Lt. William John Artis, M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a forward position with two machine guns. He had no opportunity to dig in, when he was attacked by aeroplanes, which he succeeded in driving off, though several of his men were hit. When the infantry were driven in, he was heavily shelled, and both his guns knocked over; he succeeded, however, in putting an enemy machine gun out of action, and remained in his position, giving the infantry the utmost support by covering fire. Finally, under heavy fire, he succeeded in withdrawing both his guns.

T./2nd Lt. James Ewart Ashworth, Lanc. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company commander and second in command had become casualties, he immediately took command of the company and held the position for several hours.

Later, he led his company with great dash and ability to the relief of a unit which was being heavily attacked in front.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Samuel Gray Askham, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during several days of severe fighting, when he commanded his company with skill, and beat off many attacks in his sector. When ordered to retire to another line, he conducted the withdrawal in a masterly manner, and when, after three days and two nights of continuous fighting, he was sent to Brigade H.Q. with information, he insisted on returning to the remnants of his command, although offered a rest.

Lt. Robert Cuming de Vere Askin, Hrs., S.R., attd. M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On three occasions with his machine gun he covered the retirement of his own troops under heavy shell and machine-gun fire. He showed great resource and coolness in a very difficult situation.

Lt. Philip Reginald Astley, Lrs., attd. M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in command of a mixed force of dismounted cavalry and four machine guns he protected the right flank of the brigade. Under heavy shell fire he organised this party with great skill, and when ordered to retire, he withdrew through heavy machine-gun fire to a second position, where he again organised defence. By his energy and splendour example the flank of the brigade was protected through a very critical period.

Lt. Phillip York Atkinson, D. Gds., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of his squadron. He received orders to withdraw at the last moment, and although his flanks were uncovered, and the enemy pressing on, the retirement was carried out in the best order. Later, he fought a rearguard action, through intense shell fire, and by his fine example of courage and coolness was able to withdraw his squadron with a minimum of casualties.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Albert Edward Austin, K.R.R.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during recent operations. He commanded his company with rare judgment and ability, while frequently called upon to make prompt and important decisions. By his coolness and ability under heavy fire when circumstances round him were very confused and intricate, he set a magnificent example to his company and saved them many casualties.

T./2nd Lt. Percy Austin, Cam. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack, when acting as intelligence officer at advanced battalion headquarters. By fearlessly exposing himself during the very heavy barrage, he was able to keep battalion headquarters constantly informed by telephone as to the situation, and he did not leave his O.P. until the enemy