

fought and manœuvred with great skill, covering the infantry withdrawal. On one occasion he kept his battery in action all day within 750 yards of the enemy line, firing about 2,400 rounds, and made a skilful withdrawal.

Lt. Richard Cecil Milman Crofton, R.H.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when observing and directing the fire of the battery under heavy shell fire in a very exposed observation post. He frequently avoided casualties by his courage and promptness when clearing killed and wounded horses away from the teams which had been hit.

T./Lt. Henry Francis Cronin, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when detailed with a section to follow up the attack and assist in constructing strong points. He led his men to the final objective and siting his works at once commenced operations under extremely heavy flanking fire. This necessitated his assisting the infantry in mopping up, when he assaulted several posts and captured prisoners. He then proceeded with the construction of the defence works. By his resource and ready help he assisted very greatly in the success of the attack.

Lt. Laurence Dewar Cross, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. When all communications had been destroyed he went out through a heavy barrage of all calibre of shell, including gas, to the battery positions, and returned with a full report of the situation, which up till then had been very obscure.

Lt. Frank Crossley, Manch. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during recent operations. For a week this officer regularly brought up rations and ammunition under heavy fire of all descriptions regardless of personal danger. His courage, coolness and steady work were a splendid example to his section.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Richard Douglas Crossman, R. Scots, Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack, when his right became exposed, this officer formed his company as a defensive flank, and held the position for two days, sending back much valuable information, and setting a fine example by his confidence.

Lt. Henry George Crowe, R. Ir. Regt. and R.A.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when taking part in many low-flying bomb raids and reconnaissances as an observer. On every occasion he brought back very accurate and valuable information. On three occasions his machine was shot down by enemy fire, but he continued his work, and his great fearlessness and fine spirit have been an invaluable example to others. He has taken part in several air combats and

been responsible for the destruction of many hostile machines.

2nd Lt. James Cullen, R. Ir. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in command of a platoon during an enemy attack. He showed fine courage and handled his men skilfully, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy and delaying his advance.

Lt. Duncan Cumming, Lan. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. He formed some stragglers into a force under his command, and organised a defensive flank. Later, although without sleep for four nights, he organised an outpost line under heavy shell fire, continually inspiring the men by his confidence and cheerfulness.

Lt. James Elder Cumming, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When acting as brigade forward observation officer, his communications being cut, he went through heavy fire to group forward exchange and sent back valuable information to group headquarters. Then he again went forward, collected more information, and returned to the forward exchange, where he superintended the evacuation of the personnel and instruments until the enemy were close upon him. Later, he established a rear observation post, whence he sent valuable information of enemy movements to group headquarters. His courage and devotion to duty were of a high order.

T./2nd Lt. Henry Rose Cunliffe, attd. Durh. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a counter-attack he led his platoon forward three times to the attack, successfully driving the enemy back and inflicting heavy casualties upon them. He was wounded by shrapnel in the face, but remained on duty until the battalion withdrew. He set a splendid example of courage to all ranks.

Lt. Clifford Curl, E. Lan. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as acting adjutant, when he showed great ability and rendered valuable service in carrying orders to companies in the front-line, in spite of heavy shell fire, and ascertaining the situation. He also visited the units on the flanks, thereby maintaining touch at a very critical period of the battle.

2nd Lt. William George Currie, Linc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when commanding a company. He displayed much skill while organising defences and consolidating positions. He headed a bombing attack, and at all times he set a fine example of courage and determination.

T./Capt. Alexander Lesslie Curror, R. Scots.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a rearguard action, when he held up the enemy at close quarters, until