

until the line had been restored. The whole time he was busy reorganising and inspiring his men by his cheerful bearing and disregard of danger.

Lt. Thomas Herbert Turner, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in clearing out forward railhead areas, especially a large supply dump, under heavy shell fire.

T./2nd Lt. Frank Twist, M.M., M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a retirement, when he remained in action with his guns, unsupported, until the infantry had taken up a fresh defensive line.

Lt. Ralph Eldridge Roebuck Upton, late Hamps. R., now Entrench. Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his platoon, and more especially in collecting men of other units and leading them forward under heavy fire to fill a gap in the line. Throughout the day he continued, by his courage, to set a magnificent example to all troops, until he fell, severely wounded.

Capt. the Hon. Christopher William Vane, Yeo.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His company was the last of the battalion to evacuate the trenches. He remained behind until all his men were clear, and assisted in giving covering fire with the last platoon, although badly wounded. He set a fine example and cheered his men on, quite regardless of his own safety.

T./2nd Lt. Thomas Arundell Van Zeller, Tank Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a Tank, when, although under heavy shell fire, he covered the withdrawal of infantry across a bridge. Finding that the bridge was about to be blown up and that his Tank could not cross, he destroyed it, and with his crew assisted to carry the wounded across the bridge. Then learning that two seriously wounded men had been left behind, he went back with three of his crew, and when half-way across the bridge was blown up, but he succeeded in getting across the débris, and brought the wounded men back. Throughout this period he was under intense shell fire.

T./2nd Lt. Sydney Vasey, Lan. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of two sections detailed to clear a sunken road. He drove the enemy out of the road under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, and captured two machine-guns. Subsequently he greatly helped to consolidate a new line by pushing out boldly 300 yards in front of the objective, thereby assisting the troops in the rear. He handled his men with great skill and determination.

Lt. Gerald Birdwood Vaughan-Hughes, R.H.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during thirteen days of continuous fighting. In charge of the wagon lines, he showed the greatest courage in clearing the horses when they were shelled by heavy enemy guns. Although greatly exhausted by want of sleep, and under constant shell fire, he was instrumental in keeping the battalion supplied with food and ammunition in spite of great difficulties. The small percentage of casualties in the battalion was largely due to his zeal and untiring efforts.

2nd Lt. George Vergette, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. When the battery wagon lines came under heavy shell and gas shell fire, he superintended their clearing under great difficulties owing to the casualties inflicted. He then went through a very heavy gas shell barrage and informed the battery of the new position of the wagon lines. Throughout the operations he set a fine example of grit and courage.

T./Lt. Thomas Bernard Vinycomb, A.O.D.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of an ammunition dépôt. The dépôt had been under heavy shell fire all day, and as the enemy approached in the afternoon it was considered necessary to blow up the dumps. This officer gave the necessary orders, and after destroying all records personally fired the dumps until he was severely wounded by a bursting grenade.

T./Capt. (A./Maj.) Norman Vosper, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while commanding a battery. For eight hours his battery was heavily shelled, and during all the time he directed its fire, moving about among the guns and supervising the evacuation of the wounded. During the withdrawal which followed he displayed great skill and determination in supporting the infantry, only withdrawing his guns when they came under heavy machine-gun fire.

T./Capt. Douglas Louis Waghorn, D.C.M., Lan. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a party of the enemy succeeded in entering a cove, from which the whole of the position could be commanded, he organised a counter-attack, under heavy machine-gun and trench mortar fire, and drove them out. Six enemy dead and a machine-gun were found in the position.

T./2nd Lt. Hiram Waite, M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of four machine-guns. When the enemy were attacking in great force, he, by his courage and skilful handling of his guns, and by taking up successive positions, successfully covered the withdrawal of infantry. He remained in each position until the infantry had passed through and the enemy were close upon him.