

duty. When in command of a company holding a front line, the enemy broke through on his left flank, and occupied a position. He at once organised a counter-attack and recaptured it. Three times the enemy attacked, and gained the position, only to be driven out again. On the third occasion he personally captured a machine gun, disposing of the crew of three men. Throughout the operations his fine courage and skilful leadership were of the highest order.

T./2nd Lt. Reginald Lomas Wedge, D. of C.L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although out-flanked by the enemy and almost surrounded, he held on to his post. He reorganised his company under heavy fire, and contested the enemy's advance, thereby gaining valuable time. Throughout the operations he displayed great gallantry and coolness under fire.

T./2nd Lt. Matthew Weeks, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. A request was made by the officer in charge of an Ambulance Station for a train to evacuate wounded, as the station was congested, and no road transport available. He obtained a tractor and crew with four trucks, and proceeded to load up and convey away about 100 wounded, the operation being carried out under heavy shell fire. His energy and steadfast courage were most marked.

T./2nd Lt. Harry Harold Gordon Wellborne, A.S.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a convoy delivering supplies to two brigades. He conducted each wagon to the battery lines, and afterwards brought back the wagons under heavy shell fire to the company lines. By his coolness and control of his convoy he ensured the delivery of rations under very trying circumstances. Three days later, without guides and under heavy shell fire, he managed to find each battery and the headquarters of each brigade, and gave them information to enable them to draw rations. It was entirely owing to his persistent efforts that the artillery were able to obtain rations on that day.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Douglas Wellesley-Smith, Linc. R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when his company lost a portion of their trenches. He promptly organised a bombing party, and recovered a portion of the trench connecting with the two front-line companies, thus saving them from being cut off. He showed a fine example of courage and dash.

T./2nd Lt. Charles Kirkcaldy Wells, Rif. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst commanding his company in the front line trenches. After a bombardment lasting five hours, the enemy attack was launched, and although both flanks were carried away he with another officer made a splendid resistance, and held out till the

enemy had got round them in rear. They then rallied what men were left, and they fought their way back through the enemy, bringing their commanding officer, who was wounded, with them. His fine personal example and courage had inspired the men to the utmost resistance.

T./2nd Lt. Thomas Wilfred Wells, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He successfully kept his two machine guns in action on the right of the Divisional front, inflicting severe losses on the enemy. When the infantry officers alongside became casualties, he collected the men and reorganised the defence of the position. Later he covered their retirement, until the enemy were within bombing distance, when he withdrew his men and guns and came into action in a fresh position.

Lt. Douglas Arthur West, R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has shot down two enemy aeroplanes and has many times kept his guns in action to engage low flying hostile planes, which were harassing our infantry, until forced to withdraw by heavy shell or machine-gun fire. The exceptional ability with which he has handled his section and his disregard of personal danger have been a splendid example to his men.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Frederick Charles West, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during several days of intense rearguard and village fighting. By setting a high example of cheerfulness, courage and skill he was instrumental in delaying large bodies of the enemy during a retirement, on several occasions permitting his detachment to be almost completely surrounded, and withdrawing it at the last possible moment with a minimum of casualties. He displayed not only courage of a high order, but considerable military ability as a leader and tactician.

Lt. Ferdinand Maurice Felix West, R. Muns. Fus., Spec. Res., and R.A.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While on patrol he, with another officer, observed fifteen enemy motor lorries. As these could not be engaged by our artillery by zone call, they flew 8,000 yards over the enemy lines at a height of 3,800 ft. in the face of strong opposition from the ground, and dropped four bombs, obtaining direct hits on the lorries and doing considerable damage to their personnel. They then proceeded to attack them with machine-gun fire as they sought cover. A fortnight later they carried out, at a height of 150 feet, a reconnaissance of their corps front, on which an attack was expected. Despite the fact that the clouds were at 200 feet, and there was a thick mist, they obtained most valuable information. During this flight they directed and located the fire of our artillery on a concentration of enemy infantry. Throughout the operations their work in co-operation with our artillery was always of the greatest value, and their enter-