

hit in the jaw by a sniper, but carried on until orders were received in the evening for his Battalion to withdraw. His personal efforts and presence amongst the men largely contributed to the successful defence.

Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) Sydney Spencer Hayne, North'n R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He commanded his battalion with marked ability and skill, and when surrounded by the enemy he led a successful counter-attack, thereby relieving the pressure on other troops. He set an example of courage and cheerfulness under most trying conditions.

Capt. (A./Maj.) Thomas Bernard Heslop, Durh. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While commanding a battalion holding an outpost line, all the officers except three subalterns and himself were killed or wounded by shell-fire. It was entirely due to the personal hold which he had over his men that, with their left flank enveloped, they stood their ground fighting to the last.

T./Maj. Francis Rowley Hill, Mdx. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a determined enemy attack on our line this officer saw some of our troops withdrawing. With prompt initiative he rallied the men and reorganised them under heavy fire, and led them back to their original positions, which they held. A very critical situation was thus restored. Throughout the engagement his untiring energy and his devotion to duty were a fine example to all ranks, and his coolness and fine courage worthy of the highest praise.

T./Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) William Hodson, M.C., Ches. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in command of his battalion. His coolness under heavy fire and his skilful disposition of his men greatly assisted in checking the enemy's advance.

T./Capt. Vernon Holden, M.C., R.W. Kent R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy advance. When his battalion was surrounded he withdrew his company with marked skill through the enveloping enemy, and collected men near him and formed a new line of defence. Throughout his fine leadership and coolness under most difficult circumstances were of a high order.

T./Maj. Harry Wilfred House, M.C., Wilts. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer, originally in charge of a company, had to take command of the battalion on the second day of the fighting, owing to casualties amongst the senior ranks. He commanded it for a week of heavy fighting with marked success. His energy and disregard of danger throughout were an inspiration to his men, especially when he hung on to the front line with a small party of the

regiment until completely surrounded, only getting out by his pluck and judgment after dark.

T./Capt. (A./Maj.) Geoffrey Huskisson, M.C., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On reaching his observation post through a very heavy barrage of high explosive and gas shells he proceeded to mend the wire to his battery, which had been cut, sending back valuable information to group headquarters at a time when there was no other means of communication available. When the enemy had advanced nearly up to his observation post he fought them with a Lewis gun, and, when this jammed, with a rifle, until he was nearly cut off, all the while under very heavy fire of all descriptions, being himself wounded in the cheek. He afterwards collected some parties of infantry, and, organising a defence, held a position of importance for nearly two hours. During seven days' severe fighting he commanded his battery with conspicuous success, and his courage under fire and cheerfulness under all circumstances were a fine example to his men.

Capt. (T./Lt. Col.) Graham Seton Hutchison, M.C., A. & S. Highrs., attd. M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in command of three companies of machine gunners. He drove off four heavy enemy attacks with great slaughter. He handled his guns excellently, and displayed great determination and initiative under the hottest fire.

T./Capt. (A./Maj.) Charles Hubert Antony Huxtable, M.C., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the whole of three weeks operations. On one occasion, when his battery was in the thick of a heavy barrage, he kept his gun firing despite casualties. He directed the evacuation of the wounded and himself worked one gun single-handed. He kept touch with Brigade Headquarters during the whole time, and found a new position, less exposed, where he swiftly moved his guns during a lull.

Lt. (A./Maj.) William Stewart Ironside, M.C., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. For seven days of continuous fighting he kept his battery together splendidly, in spite of heavy casualties. Throughout these trying days and sleepless nights, he set throughout the finest example to his battery in getting up thousands of rounds of ammunition to his guns in action, as well as getting all his own wounded, and several wounded of other units, safely away.

Lt. (A./Maj.) Frederick Chater Jack, M.C., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After withdrawing his battery across a canal under close range fire, this officer brought his last gun into action in full view of the enemy, who had rushed the bridge, and occupied a house, by his accurate fire compelling them to evacuate it, and recross the bridge, where they were kept in check for an hour.