

hole in front of the line, he went forward, and, with the assistance of a N.C.O., brought him in under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire. He showed fine courage and determination.

T./Capt. (A./Maj.) John Price Roberts, M.C., M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He several times reconnoitred enemy positions under heavy shell and machine-gun fire. By his gallantry, determination and unflagging energy he encouraged all ranks.

Maj. George Raymond Gildea Robertson, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer fought his battery under an exceedingly heavy and continuous barrage to the last; the two remaining serviceable guns were then put out of action, and the remaining cartridges burnt. He then withdrew his men and reported to the infantry. His coolness and cheerfulness throughout the day encouraged the men to carry out their arduous duties successfully.

Maj. (T./Lt.-Col.) Edward Twelftree Saint, Camb. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty covering a period of ten days' operations, during the first seven of which he showed marked initiative in organising lines of defence, especially in front of a town, where he held up the enemy advance, enabling the guns to be withdrawn. When the officer commanding another battalion became a casualty, he assumed command of both battalions. Later, when the officer commanding brigade became a casualty, he took command of the brigade, organising a counter-attack at a critical time, and re-occupying the line. He kept the men splendidly together when nearly all the officers and non-commissioned officers had become casualties.

Capt. and Bt. Maj. Aymor Eden Sanderson, Ox. & Bucks. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer has repeatedly galloped forward from brigade headquarters to the front line rallying and organising men of various battalions. On one occasion, when the necessity for a counter-attack was pressing, he galloped forward with orders to two battalion commanders, enabling the attack to take place at the right time. Both going and returning, and while delivering the orders, he was under heavy shell and machine-gun fire.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Geoffery Cameron Scrimgeour, M.C., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After a heavy enemy bombardment of gas and high explosive shell had knocked out all his guns, together with two officers and eight non-commissioned officers, he collected all remaining personnel and manned the trench in front of his battery. With Lewis guns and rifles he held this position till nightfall. He showed fine courage, and set a splendid example to his battery.

2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) Robert Rich Sharp, M.C., R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He remained in command of his trench mortars till all ammunition was expended, then he organised a party of men and took up a defensive position. Although under continuous short-range fire, he so organised the defence and encouraged his men, that in spite of repeated enemy attacks the position was still holding out six hours later. His timely and gallant action prevented the enemy from pushing a wedge into our lines. Subsequently he carried out a very long and arduous reconnaissance under very severe fire, sending back very valuable information. His good work was conspicuous, and his personal courage and energy were alike remarkable.

Capt. and Bt. Maj. Alfred Gerald Meredith Sharpe, R. Berks. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a week's operations. When the enemy had launched a heavy attack, and driven back the brigade on the right, laying open the right flank, this officer went forward under heavy fire to clear up the situation, selected positions, and led up reserve companies to form a defensive flank. He also rallied leaderless men of other units and led them forward into the line. He gave a clear and accurate report of the situation on his return to brigade headquarters.

T./Maj. John Aynscough Simmons, M.C., Ches. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He led his battalion with fine dash and leadership, and gained his objective. Owing to both flanks being in the air, he was obliged to order a withdrawal, which he covered, together with twenty men. He eventually personally got in touch with his flanks and organised a defensive position. He displayed courage of a high order, and set a splendid example to all.

T./Lt. Harry Andrew Slater, Notts. & Derby. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. With a few men he protected two light trench mortars, and enabled them to inflict heavy casualties on the enemy. He led successful counter-attacks with great gallantry. In the evening he reconnoitred the enemy's position, which enabled him to lead another successful counter-attack and bring back two enemy trench mortars. He set a fine example to all.

T./Lt.-Col. Robert Arthur Smith, M.C., R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a battalion. When his right flank was exposed, with a few men he had collected and the personnel of his own battalion headquarters he formed a defensive flank which successfully held up the enemy's advance. Under heavy fire he personally superintended another successful operation, in which his men had to fight their way back through a village. His indomitable courage and personality at a