

and capturing a number of prisoners and three machine guns. Although wounded, he carried on till the operation was complete.

2nd Lt. James Aird, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer by personal reconnaissance obtained information of great use in connection with an attack his battery was supporting. He was shelled out of four observation posts by direct hits, but, notwithstanding this, he went on to another observation post and continued sending back information. He showed great pluck and determination.

T./Lt. James Wilson Aitken, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer was in charge of the air-line section, and responsible for the overhead methods of communication. The wires were frequently brought down by shell fire, but with untiring energy and much initiative he restored communication in the least possible time. On one of these occasions he organised a repair gang and took them out, working all day under heavy shell fire, and himself doing the work of a linesman. Though the lines were continually being cut, he worked with determined tenacity, and was able to maintain communication.

T./Capt. Douglas Reid Alexander, R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in constantly attending to wounded under heavy shell fire, working day and night for six days at very high pressure. He showed a fine example of coolness and courage to all, and by his perseverance the lives of many were saved.

2nd Lt. James Alexander, R. Lan. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer took out a patrol in broad daylight under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire, and brought back valuable information. He has proved a most capable leader throughout the operations.

Capt. Alwyn Munton Allan, R.W. Surr. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while commanding a company during an advance. He led his company through very difficult country to their objective with great dash and skill. He was severely wounded whilst carrying out a very daring personal reconnaissance in close proximity to the enemy.

Lt. Robert William Allan, R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of a section of the battery he did good work at close range, and working in conjunction with the infantry was able to destroy houses containing machine-guns, thus saving a critical situation.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Thomas Christie Allan, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack before dawn. When

the battalion came under considerable machine-gun and rifle fire he was ordered to collect his company, move back, and then deploy to the right in order to clear the flank. He did this so quickly and thoroughly that in about forty minutes his company had got forward on the right some 700 yards in advance of the rest of the line, capturing over sixty prisoners and two machine guns. The skilful and energetic manner in which he handled his company in the dark and directed their movements under fire relieved the right flank of a danger which might have become serious.

Lt. Henry William Allason, E. Surr. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As battalion intelligence officer during four days' operations he was invaluable in directing the work of observation and scouting. Prior to a counter-attack on a village he made a preliminary reconnaissance and brought back useful information of the strong points, some of his men being wounded. The same night, when the attack had been held up, he made a further reconnaissance with three men, and brought back exact information as to where the enemy was digging in, etc. His determination to carry out his tasks at all costs was a fine example to his men.

2nd Lt. Alfred Allen, R.G.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer was ordered to salve a ditched 9.2in. Howitzer with a broken wheel, and to get it away before the advancing enemy. With great difficulty and risk he completed the work, bringing it back to his unit after an absence of ten days. He had to take the gun and tractor along a road swept by the enemy fire, but by energy and resource he surmounted all difficulties.

T./Capt. Carleton Kemp Allen, Midd'x R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a withdrawal he showed tireless energy and complete disregard for personal danger. Many times he assisted in rallying troops and holding up the enemy advance.

2nd Lt. Ronald Eric Harrison Allport, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the battery was being heavily shelled a direct hit was made on No. 1 gun-pit and the ammunition caught fire. The position was cleared, but this officer at once returned under very heavy fire, and finding the ammunition in No. 1 pit was alight, and could not be put out, went to No. 2 pit, which had just been hit. The ammunition was alight, but he extinguished it, saving most of it, and also the gun. As a result of his coolness the gun was practically undamaged and ready for action when required.

2nd Lt. James Alexander Ancrum, High. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty: While in command of details he repulsed a strong enemy attack, and so saved