

officer left his dug-out and carried several wounded, unaided, some hundred yards to safety, passing through a zone of gas and heavily-shelled area. He did the same thing again later on.

2nd Lt. Robert John Ferns, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all one gun detachment except one man had been wounded, he continued to serve this gun with the assistance of the one man left for an hour in the open. During this time the hostile shelling was continuous, and the gun was hit. By his coolness and devotion to duty he set a fine example.

T./2nd Lt. John Stanley Fiddes, N. Lan. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the barrage lifted and the enemy began bombing down our trenches this officer organised bombing parties and vigorously counter-attacked, driving the enemy back some distance and inflicting many casualties. On another occasion he, with a serjeant, located and rushed a machine gun, which had been harassing the position, killed two of the team, and drove the others off and captured the gun.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Edward Fincham, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when ordered to advance with two sections to hold up a party of the enemy who had broken through. He collected a large party of stragglers during his advance, and assumed command of the whole party. By his organisation and fine example of coolness under heavy machine-gun fire he succeeded in checking the enemy's advance until relieved.

T./Capt. John Findlay, R. Ir. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He organised and led two companies in a counter-attack. His resource and dash caused a critical situation to be saved.

Lt. Victor Alexander Finlayson, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. For three days as Battalion Intelligence Officer he carried out most daring reconnaissances of the enemy positions. He went out under terrific shell fire and laid a tape for the assembly of the battalion for a counter-attack, and when it took place he personally superintended the troops on the left, forming a defensive flank which protected the battalion during the attack. The success of the counter-attack was largely due to this officer's good work.

T./2nd Lt. Clarence George Cary Fisher, R. Dub. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty with his battalion throughout a fortnight's fighting, when he was always to the fore, making daring reconnaissances, covering withdrawals, rallying men, and leading them in counter attacks. For over twenty-four hours he was in command of the battalion holding the line.

2nd Lt. Edwin Fisher, R.G.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When very heavy enemy shelling had set alight an ammunition dump, this officer rushed forward with a N.C.O. and succeeded in extinguishing the flames. He remained on the guns during the bombardment, and set a fine example of cheerfulness and devotion to duty under intense shell fire.

2nd Lt. Ernest Henry Fisher, R. War. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In charge of a party of thirty men he held on to an isolated position and checked the enemy for two hours, only retiring under orders when almost completely surrounded. By his coolness and determination he inflicted severe casualties on the enemy and enabled other troops to take up a defensive position.

2nd Lt. Victor John Fishley, A. and S. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his company during an attack, when he gained his objective, consolidated the position and maintained it, in spite of heavy machine-gun fire and the flank being exposed. His fine leadership and courage greatly inspired his men. He was finally wounded while carrying in a wounded man.

Lt. Herbert George Fitzherbert, R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He fought his battery to the last under continuous and exceedingly heavy fire, and finally withdrew the remainder of the men fighting when the enemy were close on to the position.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Spencer Richard Fleischer, E. Lan. R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On several occasions his courage and determination enabled his company to delay the enemy's advance, and eventually to take up fresh positions, driving off strong attacks.

2nd Lt. William Rithet Fleming, R. Scots. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He held with his platoon an approach to a bridge, and maintained his position in face of constant enemy attacks, and under heavy machine-gun fire. He inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy, and set a very fine example to his men.

Hon. Lt. and Ass. Com. of Ord. Alfred Brinson Woods Fletcher, A.O.D.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During hostile air raids on the ammunition depot, he was cool and fearless in his efforts to extinguish fires, in which, with the assistance of a N.C.O. and a few men, he was most successful. Having been withdrawn from the dangerous area under orders, he returned in the midst of the enemy's bombing to look for a man who had been suffering from heart trouble and was missing.