

battalion was rather shaken, and the men had been without rations for two days, made this officer's task the more difficult, but he put fresh life into the men by constantly visiting their posts and encouraging them.

Capt. John Fox, A.V.C., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the veterinary evacuating station, of which he was in command, was heavily bombed by hostile aircraft, this officer showed marked coolness under trying circumstances, attending to the wounded animals and maintaining the steadiness of his men by his example and devotion to duty. Having seen to the needs of his own command, he went to the reserve park in the immediate vicinity, which had also suffered severe casualties, and rendered great assistance in attending to the wounded horses under exceptionally dangerous conditions.

T./2nd Lt. Richard Leslie Foxcroft, R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He took charge of a patrol which established communication with troops on the right. He went out with his patrol and brought back information of great value as to the enemy's position. Throughout he handled his men with great coolness and skill against enemy attacks.

2nd Lt. Henry Guy Stanley Franks, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. A gunpit, in which five men were taking cover, was struck by a shell, igniting the camouflage woodwork and some fifty charges. This officer, with two men, dragged away the burning camouflage and separated the unexploded charges. By this prompt action the lives of three men wounded by the shell were saved.

2nd Lt. Alexander Fraser, R. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As battalion signalling officer he kept up communications under most difficult circumstances. When practically all the officers had become casualties he organised the men of all units around him and by his coolness and good leadership covered the withdrawal of other troops. By his cheerfulness and utmost disregard of danger he set a magnificent example.

2nd Lt. Andrew Stockwell Fraser, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer, with his telephonists, pressed forward to the battery observation post, and occupied it until the enemy were in the trench beside him, when he fought his way out, killing an officer and a soldier, and bringing back important information. He did excellent work during the next ten days.

2nd Lt. Donald Fraser, R. Suss. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. By his personal efforts and example, while commanding his company, he repulsed strong enemy attacks. He showed fine skill

and initiative in handling his men, and caused heavy casualties to be inflicted on the enemy.

T./2nd Lt. Francis Harold Booth Fraser, York. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer was holding part of a defence line in support of the front line. The enemy attacked in great strength, causing the first line to give way. He held on, however, to his position, covering their withdrawal, and kept back the enemy till late at night, when he was ordered to retire to another position. His personal courage gave confidence to his men, and his initiative was of valuable service to the defence.

2nd Lt. Harry Martin Fraser, Gord. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With two Lewis guns he held up a hostile attack, holding his fire until the enemy were quite close, when he inflicted many casualties on them. By his action he retained an essential position until nightfall, forming a front of manoeuvre, which proved invaluable for the withdrawal of troops in the night.

Lt. (A./Capt.) James Thomas Fraser, R. Sc. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. Under heavy bombardment he was continually moving along the trench placing his men in the most advantageous positions. By so doing he saved many casualties from the enemy barrage, and enabled his men to inflict considerable loss on the enemy infantry trying to press forward.

T./2nd Lt. Kenneth John Fraser, Durh. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer did good work as a leader of patrols during four days' operations. The first day he took out a patrol through heavy artillery and machine-gun fire, and obtained the exact location of the enemy. The next day, under enemy observation and machine-gun fire, he took out another patrol, bringing back definite and useful information under great difficulties. He carried out three more daylight patrols under similar circumstances.

T./2nd Lt. Joseph Freeman, Midd'x R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In an attack on a village this officer took command of the company after the commander had become a casualty, gaining the allotted objective, and consolidating it under incessant shell fire. The next evening the enemy attacked and cut the centre of the line, this officer with a small party being surrounded, but he fought his way out, rejoining the battalion.

2nd Lt. Arthur Martin Freer, Dur. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a platoon. His initiative and resolution in mopping up a farm and some houses which were garrisoned by the enemy gave a magnificent ex-