

Lt. (A./Capt.) John Wilmot Lomas, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the opening day of the battle this officer, in command of his battery, kept up fire until the enemy was within 200 yards, and being isolated he was compelled to abandon his guns, after putting them out of gear as far as possible. His reports up to that time had been most valuable to brigade headquarters, and he did much to delay and inflict losses on the enemy.

2nd Lt. Arthur London, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His observation post in a barn was shelled, but he continued to observe until the barn was set on fire by a direct hit. He then found another observation post close by, and continued shooting his battery. He collected a party of stragglers and took them through heavy machine-gun barrage to reinforce a part of the line that was thinly held. He then returned to his observation post and continued firing, causing many casualties to the enemy.

T./Capt. Edgar Brierley Lord, Lanc. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer led a strong fighting patrol some 500 yards into the enemy's lines, for the purpose of identification which was urgently required. Seeing two of the enemy approaching one of their posts, he skilfully got his party round them, and brought them back without a shot being fired, or the enemy being aware that anything had happened. The credit for this clever exploit was entirely due to him.

T./2nd Lt. Henry George Smallwood Lorimer, Rif. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during twelve days' operations. To begin with, he was serving with a brigade trench mortar battery, and when his commanding officer was wounded, took command. Shortly after, on the officer commanding the battalion being wounded, he took command of that, carrying out a successful attack resulting in the capture of fifty prisoners and nine machine guns. He did very fine service.

Lt. (A./Capt.) John Leonard Loveridge, R. Berks. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He made a reconnaissance under heavy enemy barrage, and next day led his section to the starting point, in spite of the fact that his Tanks had been observed by the enemy and were submitted to heavy fire. Throughout he showed great coolness and initiative.

Capt. Frederic Consedine Lovett, R.W. Kent R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a counter-attack by his battalion. He showed splendid leadership and personal hold upon his men, and led them through heavy machine-gun and shell fire successfully to his objective. He was severely wounded.

Lt. Thomas Ralph Low, Midd'x R., M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After a very heavy bombardment the enemy attacked and penetrated part of our line on the flank of the position, which this officer was holding with two guns. He handled his command with coolness and skill, making the necessary dispositions for defence, which prevented the enemy from turning the flank. During sharp fighting his resolution and cheerfulness were a great encouragement to his men.

T./Lt. Norman Lowden, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in repairing a break under continuous shell fire, and thus enabling a howitzer gun to be ready to be moved at any moment as ordered.

T./Capt. Cyril Nelson Lowe, Gen. List., attd. R.A.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer and another pilot were escorting a formation of machines engaged on a bombing raid when seven enemy scouts attacked the bombers. They both attacked these scouts, but at the outset this officer's machine was set on fire, and the other pilot's right hand top plane broke. During the fight that ensued each came to the rescue of the other. The other pilot first caused Capt. Lowe's pursuer to break off his attack, and then Capt. Lowe shot down the scout attacking his comrade. The action of both these officers, in practically unmanoeuvrable machines, in coming to the rescue of each other in turn, showed courage and self-sacrifice of a very high order.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Thomas Clelland Lowe, R.E. and R.A.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in carrying out numerous successful reconnaissances and taking a large number of successful photographs, on several occasions driving off enemy aircraft. He has repeatedly carried out long reconnaissances, showing great determination in overcoming difficulties and completing his duty. When attacked by seven enemy aeroplanes he and his observer engaged them and drove one down out of control.

T./Lt. (A./Maj.) Francis Napier Lund, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer, in command of a company, was unceasing in his efforts to strengthen a new line taken over by the brigade. He made a personal reconnaissance, which led to the repulse of an attack from the information he had gained. Thanks to his example the work done by his company in the forward area, under heavy fire, was excellent.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Arnold Mayhew Luty, W. Rid. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy penetrated part of our line this officer led his men forward under heavy machine-gun fire, and counter-attacked with great gallantry, driving the enemy back. He was wounded, but con-