

the battery, and it was being heavily shelled. The guns were run forward and remained firing till the last possible moment, when they were successfully withdrawn. This officer was conspicuous for his coolness and courage throughout the retirement.

2nd Lt. James Ernest Robert Rayner, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went forward through heavy shell fire to man an observation post, and for several hours sent back valuable information to the battery, and from a very exposed position directed the fire of the battery until he fell severely wounded. He showed fine courage and determination.

T./2nd Lt. Percy Thomas Rayner, K.R.R.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed great coolness and resource under heavy machine-gun fire, and helped to reorganise men of other units.

Lt. Thomas Charles Rayner, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His gallantry and confidence inspired the men of his battery, which was in action in a most exposed position. He afterwards relieved another officer as forward observation officer in a very exposed position.

T./2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) George Lewis Reade, Rifle Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during ten days of a retirement, when he handled his company with the greatest courage and skill, and by his personal example gave to all who came in contact with him the utmost confidence. On one occasion he displayed a total disregard of all danger, whilst holding up a large number of the enemy, only falling back when out-flanked and ordered to do so.

482 C./S./M. Robert James Reed, E. Surr. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all his company officers had become casualties, this W.O. took command of the company, and by his energy and coolness under fire inspired confidence in all ranks, and continued to carry out the operations which had been begun. When it became necessary to withdraw, he exposed himself fearlessly to fire, organising and steadying the men.

T./Lt. William Reed, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a night air raid this officer was in charge of the workshops and technical stores dump, next to a large ammunition dump and kite balloon dépôt. At 10 p.m. two fires were started by bombs in the ammunition dump. With the exception of the anti-aircraft machine-gun crew, all men were sent to safety. Violent explosions on the dump filled the air with shells and fragments, and the camp was continually bombed by the light of the fire. He sent all the machine-gun crew away and fired the two machine guns himself until they both jammed. Later, a fire broke out in the

balloon shed, which he helped to extinguish, saving a great deal of valuable material. He worked continuously for five hours under continuous bombing and explosives.

2nd Lt. William Stephen Reed, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the battery had to withdraw this officer supervised the man-handling of the three forward guns and their stores back 500 yards, being slightly wounded, but completing the work. On the following days he did excellent work as forward observation officer, transmitting information at great risk until he was severely wounded.

T./Lt. Benjamin Edgar Rees, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in reconnoitring roads on several occasions and preparing them for demolition under very heavy shell fire. In one case he persisted until his only means of access was blown up by shell fire, and at another time he successfully blew up a road within 300 yards of the enemy.

Lt. Ellis Cunningham Reid, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of the guns during wire-cutting. The battery was under heavy and accurate shell fire throughout three days and nights. He constantly moved from gun to gun in the open, and the battery's steady and effective fire was largely due to his coolness and untiring zeal.

Lt. (T. Capt.) George Frederick Reid, Bedf. R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed great coolness and skill in commanding his company under very heavy fire. At one time he dashed out with some of the company headquarter personnel and routed the enemy, being wounded seriously.

2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) John Robertson Reid, R. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as company commander during several days' severe fighting. His coolness and resource in rallying his company saved many critical situations.

Lt. Bernard Warne Crawford Ashton Rendle, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in maintaining the communications of the brigade during a period of heavy fighting. Particularly when the line between the advanced exchange and brigade headquarters was under fire and constantly broken, this officer walked about coolly along the line, supervising the repairs until he fell wounded.

T./2nd Lt. David Alexander Rennie, K.R.R.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the flanks had been turned by an enemy attack in overwhelming numbers, this officer gallantly held on to his position, although most of his platoon had become casualties. On another occasion this officer