

great skill. Learning that an enemy machine gun was inflicting casualties on the infantry in the front line, he led his men forward through a heavy barrage, and from an exposed position directed fire on the machine gun and knocked it out.

2nd Lt. Thomas Joseph Sellis, Notts. & Derby. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack by his battalion this officer led his platoon forward to a position some 300 yards in front of the main position, whence he was able to deal with the enemy's snipers and machine guns with great effect, thus rendering much assistance to the troops behind him. He maintained his position for eighteen hours, in spite of heavy fire. On another occasion, when his men were under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire at short range, he moved about in the open from post to post with complete unconcern for his own safety, encouraging and directing the men, to whom he set an example of gallantry and composure.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Alan Senior, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Owing to the excellent reports sent by him from an observation post the batteries were able to concentrate fire on an enemy massing, inflicting heavy casualties. After his commanding officer became a casualty he took over command of the battery until he was gassed.

T./2nd Lt. William Thomas Henry Sewell, E. Surr. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in reorganising his company and stragglers from other units into tactical commands. At considerable risk to himself he went about under heavy machine-gun fire, placing his men in good fire positions and organising their firing. By his prompt action he inspired confidence. He acted with complete disregard for his own safety.

T./2nd Lt. Frederick Russell Shadbolt, Hamps. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon to their forward posts under very heavy machine-gun and shell fire, and, in spite of being wounded, he remained with the company for two days, setting a magnificent example to all ranks.

2nd Lt. Clifford Sharp, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went forward and took command of a forward section under very heavy shell fire, after the section commander had been wounded. He kept the section in action all day, though both gun pits were repeatedly hit. Finally he got his men going with rifles on the enemy, who were within 200 yards of his guns. Throughout operations he displayed great courage and determination.

T./Lt. John Harold Sharp, Arg. & Suth'd Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty throughout a week's operations, especially in rallying and reorganising his men

during withdrawals under heavy fire. On one occasion he led a bombing party back to a trench held by the enemy, and kept them back until his company had reorganised in a new position. Another time he pushed forward with a Lewis gun section to meet an attack, which was beaten off. Until wounded he inspired all by his example.

2nd Lt. Sidney Ughtred Sharpe, R.G.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst forward observation officer occupying a post under heavy enemy bombardment. Communications being cut, he sent in valuable information by runners until obliged to retire with the infantry. He then sent back from the new front line information as to the situation and targets. Throughout he behaved with great coolness and devotion to duty under heavy shell fire.

T./2nd Lt. Charles Conway Shaw, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He directed the fire of his machine-guns with great judgment and precision under heavy shell fire, engaging enemy troops and transport and a field-gun battery with great effect. Later, he successfully covered the retirement of other troops. His high example of cheerfulness and courage inspired his men with a splendid fighting spirit.

T./2nd Lt. John Sacriston Shaw, E. York. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During five days' hard fighting this officer's services were of the greatest value. When the commander of the company was badly wounded, he showed the greatest skill in extricating his men from a very difficult position and in reorganising the company afterwards in the position taken up. On one occasion when the company was on the extreme left of the line, with its flanks in the air, he went from post to post with cool disregard of danger under heavy fire from machine guns on the front and flank, encouraging and steadying the men. He was the only officer left with his company about the middle of the operations. He showed the greatest courage in leading his men, and the accuracy of the reports he sent back made them especially useful.

T./2nd Lt. Joseph Shaw, Notts. & Derby. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer led his platoon to attack an enemy strong point which was known to contain a machine gun. After meeting intense fire, and a hand-to-hand fight, he occupied his objective. When reinforced, he pushed on until held up, when he bombed the enemy for eighteen hours, being several times counter-attacked. He was wounded when withdrawing, but refused to have the wound dressed until he had personally supervised the withdrawal.

2nd Lt. Philip Shaw, E. Yorks. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his party during a raid with dash and coolness. He personally superintended the clearing of a house and en-