

advance any further. He then proceeded to consolidate his position with much skill, though continuously exposed to fire at close range. His coolness and disregard of danger were a splendid example to his men.

Rev. Samuel Edward Raymond Fenning,
A.C. Dept.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at an advanced dressing station during a heavy bombardment. When a motor car carrying wounded was hit by a shell, all the occupants being killed except the driver, he went out and rescued him from the ruins of the car, which lay close to a mined bridge. His courage and fine example have been of the highest possible value throughout the operations.

Capt. William Whigham Ferguson, Sco.
Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He led his company to within seventy yards of numerous enemy machine guns on a hill. When it was seen that troops on the flank were withdrawing, he organised, under the heaviest machine gun-fire, the retirement of his company, personally directing each man how to get back. Later, finding one of his N.C.O.'s wounded and missing, he went out to search for him. His extreme courage has always been an inspiration to the whole battalion.

2nd Lt. John William Stanley Fielding,
R.F.A., S.R.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. He took his section forward with the special rôle of dealing with enemy anti-Tank guns. When one of his guns was upset by direct fire, he with two men got the other gun into action, and himself acting as No. 3, knocked out an enemy gun with his fourth round. Though badly wounded he carried on for some time, and eventually extricated his section. He has consistently done good and gallant work.

Lt. David Fleming, Sea. Highrs., attd. Arg.
& Suth'd Highrs.

It was largely owing to his vigorous and determined handling of the firing line that an attack was brought to a successful termination. After the death of the commanding officer he took over command of the battalion and carried on with the utmost coolness and initiative, exploiting to the full the successes gained.

2nd Lt. James McKenzie Downes Flint,
H.L.I.

He showed fine leadership and courage during attacks, on one occasion clearing a portion of a village and capturing two machine guns. Later, he set a fine example while leading his platoon to the capture of a hill, where he was wounded.

2nd Lt. Peter Forman, Lanc. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative during an attack. When other officers of his company had become casualties he assumed command and successfully reached the final

objective with few casualties. When his company was held up by snipers he crawled forward towards them, killed three, and caused the rest to retire. His prompt act of courage enabled his company to advance.

Lt. Reginald Henry Fortescue, R. Suss. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership. He took command of two companies when all the officers had become casualties and reorganised them under heavy artillery fire. The success of the attack was largely due to his ability and chivalrous devotion to duty.

2nd Lt. Algernon Stuart Fowler, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With the assistance of two men he tore down the camouflage of a gun which had been set on fire by the bomb from an enemy aeroplane, and extinguished the flames, though there was no water available, and the heat was so intense that the ammunition in the pit was liable to explode at any moment. The position was being heavily shelled at the time. By his courage and presence of mind he averted an explosion which would have caused heavy casualties.

2nd Lt. Alan Cumming Fraser, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership. When the advance on his flank was held up by heavy machine-gun fire he worked his Lewis gun forward with great courage and disregard of danger, and silenced the machine guns. Our advance was then pushed on. Throughout the operations his fine example inspired confidence in all ranks.

Lieut. Harold Reginald Drummond Fraser,
Ches. R.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. On two occasions, when direction was uncertain, he ran out by himself and with great courage remained standing in his forward position directing operations. By his gallant conduct the line was advanced in the face of intense machine-gun and rifle fire for a distance of 1,200 yards.

Lt. William Aldridge Fraser, M.B.,
R.A.M.C., Spec. Res.

For marked courage and untiring zeal in carrying out his duties under heavy artillery and machine-gun fire. He inspired all his staff by his energy in organising parties to bring in wounded, thereby saving many lives.

2nd Lt. Eric Edward French, R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as forward observation officer. He kept touch with the infantry and sent back valuable information to his brigade by wireless and telephone, though constantly under shell and machine-gun fire. He did splendid work.

T./2nd Lt. Robert Russell French,
K.O.S.B.

For conspicuous gallantry and resource in action. He collected and led a party of