

alone, under heavy enemy barrage, and returned with valuable information regarding the infantry situation. By his courage and initiative in getting the information through he was instrumental in enabling the guns to ward off a counter-attack.

Capt. (A./Maj.) Richard Annesley West, D.S.O., N. Ir. Horse, S.R., attd. Tank Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership. He commanded a company of light Tanks with great skill. He had two horses shot under him during the day, and he and his orderly killed five of the enemy and took seven prisoners. He rendered great services to the cavalry by his personal reconnaissances, and later in the day, under heavy machine-gun fire, he rallied the crews of disabled Tanks and withdrew them with great skill. He set a splendid example of courage and devotion to duty throughout the operations.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Herbert Hugh White, R. Fus.

For fine leadership and gallantry in leading his company to the final objective, in the face of very heavy machine-gun fire. He afterwards selected excellent defensive positions, which he maintained in spite of severe enemy shelling.

2nd Lt. William Patrick Whyte, Tank Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. When the Tank in which he was fighting broke down, he continued to direct the remaining Tanks of his section on foot, under very heavy artillery and machine-gun fire, in spite of being twice wounded in the shoulder and once in the face by bullets. Being at length directed by his company commander to proceed to the dressing station, he was wounded a fourth time as he went there. The fine example of courage and endurance he showed to the men had a most inspiring effect on his section.

Lt. Harold Wilkinson, N. Lan. R.

For conspicuous gallantry while leading his company against a wood strongly held by enemy machine guns. He was wounded in the face, but went on and stormed the wood, driving the enemy out. He continued to encourage his men by his fine example until wounded a second time.

2nd Lt. Harry Wilkinson, D.C.M., R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a hurricane bombardment by his mortars on enemy positions, an accident happened, wounding one of a crew. This officer, at great personal risk and under heavy machine-gun barrage, ran to the man and by administering first aid saved his life. His plucky and sympathetic action encouraged his crews.

Lt. John Hugh William-Idris, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the other officers of his company were casualties he took command and rallied the men he could collect. He reorganised the party and led them forward

with great determination and captured the objective, in spite of strong resistance. The success of the operations in his locality was undoubtedly due to his prompt judgment and fine example.

Lt. Joseph Shenton Williams, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He commanded his battery in action with marked ability and success. As field observation officer during an important attack he was severely wounded, but stuck to his post and continued to send back valuable information. Throughout the operations his fine example of courage and cheerfulness greatly encouraged his men.

Capt. Campbell Willison, R. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership in an attack. He gained his objectives through difficult country and dense woods, and with the remains of three companies formed a defensive line. Later, he again led his company first to the attack, and rendered most valuable service until wounded. He showed marked courage and ability to command.

2nd Lt. James Wilson, M.M., E. Surr. R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. Notwithstanding a thick mist this officer led his company on to the line of consolidation and held his position in spite of intense machine-gun fire from the front and flanks. Later on he led his company with great courage, overcoming the determined resistance of the enemy, and successfully reaching his objective. He set a splendid example to his men throughout the operations.

Capt. John Windeatt, Devon R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He moved backwards and forwards through heavy enemy barrages with complete disregard for his own safety, directing companies and platoons in their right line, and he was of great assistance to company commanders in rallying men who had become scattered by the enemy fire. During the whole operations, lasting ten days, his coolness under fire was an invaluable example to all ranks.

T./2nd Lt. Ronald Wood, E. Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of the transport taking up all Lewis guns, etc. Under very heavy enemy fire two limbers bolted and overturned, but he got righted both limbers and collected all the ammunition and delivered everything to the companies, thereby considerably assisting the operations of the next day.

T./Capt. John Charles Wooton, R.A.M.C.

He attended to the wounded throughout the day, in spite of gas and heavy shell fire. On one occasion the roof of the aid post was blown in on the top of him. Later, when his aid post was the furthest forward of any, he dealt with casualties under con-