

regard of danger, enabled the front line to be reached, in spite of exceptional difficulties.

2nd Lt. William John Watson, R.F.A., S.R., attd. 94th B., 18th Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He brought his guns into action under heavy fire of gas and high-explosive shells, and later, though suffering from the effects of gas, he twice brought up ammunition under shell fire.

2nd Lt. James Alfred Norman Webb, 21st, attd. 1/16th, Bn., Lond. R.

During a severe fight for the possession of a village he displayed conspicuous gallantry and powers of leadership. He took command of two companies who had lost all their officers and handled them in an advance and subsequent retirement through the village with great skill. His personal example of courage and self-sacrifice inspired the men with much confidence, and his cheerfulness kept up their spirits under trying circumstances.

2nd Lt. Terence John Collitson Weir, 1st Bn., Norf. R.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. He rendered great assistance to his commanding officer in re-organising his company after their flank had been turned. By trickling his men forward under heavy machine-gun fire he regained the high ground and successfully held it through the night.

2nd Lt. William Robert Weller, R.F.A. (Spec. Res.), attd. D/293rd (Lond.) Bde., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry during an advance. He twice pushed his section forward with great dash under fire, and later, while coming into action, when one of his teams was destroyed by a direct hit, he showed great resource and devotion to duty in disposing of the wounded and quickly clearing the road.

Lt. Richard Goy West, G. Gds. Spec. Res., attd. 3rd Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry with a patrol, when he made persistent attempts to penetrate the enemy defences. He located five machine guns and brought back valuable information. The next morning he led his platoon with great determination, and captured the position. He was then wounded.

T./2nd Lt. Harold Thomas Wevill, 1st Bn., R. Berks. R., attd. 1/4th Bn., R. Berks. R., T.F. (ITALY)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in command of a platoon during a raid. In the assault on the enemy's front line the leading company to which he belonged was temporarily checked by machine-gun fire. He at once led his men forward and attacked and captured the gun and team. Throughout he displayed great determination and skill in handling his platoon.

Lt. (A./Major) Robert Eric Mortimer Wheeler, R.F.A., T.F., attd. A/76th A. Bde., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative.

While making a reconnaissance he saw two enemy field guns limbered up without horses within 300 yards of the outpost line. He returned for two six-horse teams, and under heavy fire, in full view of the enemy, successfully brought back both guns to his battery position and turned them on the enemy. He did fine work.

Lt. Arnold Whitting, 2nd Bn., attd. 2/15th Bn., Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his supporting company was severely shelled and headquarters received three direct hits, killing or wounding several, this officer, though severely shaken, remained helping the wounded and encouraging the men. Later, while the bombardment continued he reconnoitred for a better position, and eventually moved his men without further loss.

T./2nd Lt. Raymond Selwyn Whyatt, 10th Bn., Notts. and Derby. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership in an advance. When the troops on his flank were held up he led a patrol under intense machine-gun fire and established touch with them. He then returned and skilfully led his company forward and occupied a position covering the threatened flank. He showed splendid coolness and initiative.

2nd Lt. William Cleland Whyte, 7th Bn., H.L.I., T.F., attd. 6th Bn., K.O.S. Bord.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. When a group of enemy machine guns were putting up a stout resistance he rushed his Lewis guns to the flank, and under cover of their fire, led his men forward and bayoneted the enemy. When his company commander was wounded he took charge, and throughout the action he set a fine example of courage and able leadership.

2nd Lt. Cecil Arden Graham Wilde, 1/13th Bn., Lond. R.

When this officer was engaged in clearing out the enemy, who were holding up advance with a strong force of machine guns in an important position, his bombing attack was at first unsuccessful. He got his rifle section on top of the trench, and though his Lewis gun ran short of ammunition, he rushed the post with the assistance of one non-commissioned officer and three men. A large number of the enemy fled, twenty surrendered, and five machine guns, one trench mortar and a field gun were captured. He displayed great gallantry, and led his men with admirable dash and resolution.

T./2nd Lt. Herbert Wilkinson, 2nd Bn., E. Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership. He led his platoon in an attack on a machine-gun post, and captured the gun and four prisoners. He rapidly organised the position for defence, taking charge of the whole outpost line, and by his skilful dispositions and personal example, under heavy fire, materially assisted in defeating four determined counter-attacks, and maintained the position intact. He showed splendid coolness throughout.