

of a company before it moved up. The next day he led his company in an attack on a village under heavy shell and machine-gun fire, setting the finest example of daring to his men. The number of enemy dead and wounded in the village testified to the good work done by his company.

2nd Lt. William Burnell May, 2/4th Bn., Y. and L. Regt., T.F.

He led his platoon through a heavy barrage, and coming under machine-gun fire at point-blank range, he showed a fine example of courage and leadership, and rushed two machine guns, killing their teams. He re-organised his platoon and advanced in spite of being wounded himself. His prompt action and able leadership undoubtedly saved many casualties, as the battalion was able to advance without interference of fire from the rear.

2nd Lt. Robert Campbell Mayes, 1/22nd Bn., Lond. R.

He led his company gallantly and with great skill to the objective, in spite of heavy fire of all descriptions. Later, when forced to withdraw owing to the retirement of troops on his flank, he handled his men under an intense enfilade and direct machine-gun fire with the utmost coolness, being himself the last to leave the position. He set a splendid example to his men.

Capt. Cecil William Mayhew, 1/1st Denbighshire Yeo., attd. 24th Bn., R.W. Fus., T.F.

He led his company forward in an attack with conspicuous gallantry and skill, rallying a wavering platoon whose commander had become a casualty and capturing a machine-gun post. His example of courage and dash had a most inspiring effect on his men.

T./Lt. George Rufane Talbot Mayne, R.A.S.C., attd. 56th Divl. Train.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer was in charge of a convoy, which was heavily shelled as it left camp. He remained at the head, directing the movement of wagons in twos and threes, until he was severely wounded, when he refused all assistance and handed over to the senior non-commissioned officer. Thanks to his presence of mind, the convoy was extricated with a minimum of casualties.

T./2nd Lt. William McCarthy, attd. Leins. R. (2nd Bn.) and 88th T.M. By.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Finding he had no ammunition left, he organised his section as a rifle section and attached himself to the battalion in the attack. He led his party with determined dash, and on reaching the objective assumed command of a company and held a most advanced position. On noticing an enemy concentration, he pushed on and broke it up with rifle and Lewis-gun fire, setting a fine example of initiative and leadership. His conduct throughout the action was splendid.

Lt. Edward McGee, 6th Bn., Arg. and Suth'd Highrs., T.F., attd. 10th Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After leading his platoon to the

objective, he was subjected to a strong bombing attack. He at once organised a counter-attack, driving the enemy back 200 yards and holding them off with a few men for six hours. His determination and coolness materially contributed to relieving a critical situation.

T./Capt. Joseph Patrick McGreehin, M.B., R.A.M.C., attd. 4th Bn., R. Fus.

While proceeding to assembly positions he was knocked over by a large piece of shell and badly shaken. Nevertheless he pushed on and established his O.P. behind a bank. Unfortunately, unknown to him, it was in the vicinity of a water point, and was very accurately shelled all day and finally hit. In spite of this, he worked on with the greatest courage, dressing with care all the wounded, and in one case amputating a foot.

Lt. Eric Prideaux McIntosh, I.A.R.O., attd. 13th Lancers. (MESOPOTAMIA.)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With a small patrol he penetrated the enemy's lines, returning undetected at daylight with four prisoners, including two officers, having extricated his patrol from a position of considerable danger.

Lt. John McIntyre, D.C.M., R.E., T.F., attd. 70th Fd. Coy.

For conspicuous gallantry and good work during an advance, when he carried out an important and detailed reconnaissance of the water supply near a village. The locality was within a few hundred yards of our front line and the reconnaissance was carried out in daylight under heavy shell fire within view of the enemy's lines. An important scheme of water supply was based on his report.

T./2nd Lt. James Melville, R.F.A., attd. 527th Bty., 56th Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry when acting as liaison officer with a battalion, the position of whose headquarters was unknown. He went across the open on a bicycle under heavy shell and machine-gun fire to get in touch with the battalion, and succeeded in doing so. The same night he was continuously repairing wire under shell fire.

T./2nd Lt. Walter Lancelot Merritt, 2nd Bn., R. Fus. (Int. Off., 86th Inf. Bde. H.Q.).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. At a very critical moment, when one battalion was completely out of touch with both flanks which had been held up, he readjusted the whole line under extremely heavy fire at close range and led troops into position, gaining touch with the advanced battalion and ensuring the safety of its flanks. Throughout the operations his courage and initiative were most marked.

T./Lt. William Aubrey Messenger, 10th Bn., R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With two platoons he took a trench, capturing four machine guns and twenty prisoners. Though wounded, he then went out with a patrol to gain touch with the next battalion. When the enemy counter-attacked and he was ordered to evacuate the