

troops and maintained it there throughout the day as they moved forward, ensuring constant communication.

2nd/Lt. Harold Starkey Moss, R.F.A. Spec. Res., attd. A/83rd Bde.

For great gallantry and devotion to duty at Le Cateau. During the operations on the morning of the 23rd Oct., 1918, when supporting the infantry advance, the battery was subjected to a very severe enemy barrage, and, despite the fact that two guns were knocked out of action by direct hits, he kept the remainder firing to time and directed the evacuation of casualties.

2nd Lt. Thomas Muir, M.M., K.O.S.B., attd. 6th Bn.

Near Vichte on 22nd Oct., 1918. He led his company splendidly during the attack on Hill 50, which overlooks Vichte. Under very heavy fire he rallied them and led them on to the attack, which resulted in the capture of the ridge. His fine example of gallantry and coolness were of great value to the battalion at a critical moment.

2nd Lt. William Murdoch, 5th Bn., R. Highrs., T.F., attd. 5th Bn., Cam'n Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty throughout the operations from 28th Sept. to 26th Oct., 1918. He had to take over the duties of adjutant within a few hours of the commencement of operations, and his work throughout a trying period was invaluable. Near St. Louis, on 20th Oct., he carried out a reconnaissance under exceptionally heavy shell and machine-gun fire and brought back information of great value.

T./2nd Lt. William Sylvester Murphy, 9th Bn., Tank Corps.

During the action near Mormal Forest on 4th November, 1918, he set a very fine example to all ranks by his determination and skill. He and all his crew were almost overcome by gas poisoning, yet by his courage he led the attack through most difficult country, under very heavy machine-gun fire, and destroyed several machine-gun nests that would have held up the infantry. He kept the closest liaison with his infantry and overcame all obstacles for them.

2nd Lt. Alexander Frederick Murray, 4th Bn., R. Sco. Fus., T.F., attd. 1st Bn.

During the attack on Escarmain on 23rd October, 1918, he rushed an enemy machine-gun position single-handed; he took three enemy prisoners, and turned the gun on another party of the enemy who were running away. Later he successfully captured a party of the enemy who were holding a small portion of trench in front of his platoon. When his company commander became a casualty, he commanded the company with great skill. Throughout he showed splendid courage and determination.

T./2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) James Murray, 19th Bn., Durh. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry as a company commander in the operations west of Courtrai between 14th and 21st October, 1918. He displayed marked courage and devotion to duty in leading his men to the attack

under heavy shell and machine-gun fire, and his organisation and initiative contributed in no small measure to the splendid success of the operations.

Lt. Arthur John Musgrove, 1/5th Bn., S. Staff. R., T.F.

On the early morning of the 28th Sept., 1918, north of Bellenglise, at a critical moment, when Capt. Ball was short of small-arms ammunition and bombs, he took his platoon forward to support "D" Company, and in spite of heavy machine-gun fire and severe casualties he got his men into a position to render support and renew the supply of ammunition. His personal example achieved this.

2nd Lt. Albert Alfred Mussett, Essex R., Spec. Res., attd. 9th Bn.

During the attack on Epehy, on 18th September, 1918, he led his platoon with splendid dash and courage. When the company on his right was held up by a machine gun he rushed the gun, and took the crew prisoners. The next day, during a determined enemy counter-attack, his company commander was killed. He re-organised the company, repelled the counter-attack, and took prisoners, inflicting many casualties on the enemy.

T./2nd Lt. William Mustard, 1st Bn., attd. 2nd Bn., York. L.I.

For marked gallantry and initiative on 3rd October, 1918. His company having reached its objective the enemy was seen in large numbers on the right flank manning machine guns. He, with a serjeant, pushed forward, seized an enemy machine guns, and working it himself, swept the corner where the enemy was operating and deprived them of the use of the cross roads. This timely action secured the safety of our right flank.

Lt. Walter Paterson Nairn, R.F.A., T.F. (EGYPT)

For exemplary coolness and devotion to duty as Forward Observation Officer on the 19th September, 1918, when the battery was supporting the attack in the neighbourhood of the Wadi Ikba and Merj Kesfa. Although the telephone cable was cut on three occasions, he, under heavy shell and machine-gun fire, continued to observe and correct the fire of the battery throughout the attack.

Lt. Vivian John Lennox Napier, 1st Bn., S. Wales Bord.

He was in command of one of the leading companies during the attack near Wassigny on 18th October, 1918, and handled his company throughout the day, until wounded, with great ability and courage. There was heavy machine-gun fire, both from the direction of Belle Vue and immediately in front, but the attack ended in complete success.

2nd Lt. Arthur Westall Neal, R.F.A. (Spec. Res.), attd. D/84th Bde.

On the night 22nd/23rd October, 1918, the battery position by Le Cateau was under repeated bursts of fire. He superintended his work gallantly and thoroughly after several shells had burst near him, and a dump of charges was blown up seven yards from