

raid on the enemy trenches. He displayed the finest leadership and control throughout and remained in the enemy trenches until the last possible moment. By his personal energy and determination nine of the enemy were captured, and his example had a most inspiring effect on the men.

Capt. (A./Maj.) Malcolm George Dewhurst Melvill, Manch. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While crossing a river his battalion came under an intense gas shell bombardment which destroyed the bridge they were using. Amidst the confusion which ensued this officer showed most exceptional presence of mind in extricating his battalion from a difficult situation, finding another bridge and conducting them there by platoons and passing them over the river. As it was a very dark night and the men were all in their gas masks and under very heavy shell fire, his quickness in overcoming the difficulties saved casualties from being much greater than they actually were.

Capt. (A./Maj.) Gerald Messervy, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When under heavy shell fire with his battery he went into a burning dug-out in which ammunition was exploding and put out the fire with the assistance of a bombardier. By his prompt initiative and coolness he saved a serious explosion which would have involved great loss of life, as he prevented the fire from spreading to other shelters and gun pits.

2nd Lt. David Lyall Middlemas, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When ordered to take a strong point with his section he was unable to reach it owing to its recapture by the enemy. He was thereupon ordered to complete some defences which had been begun by another section. A hostile counter-attack was at this moment developing on this line, and he organised all the orderlies, stragglers, &c., that he could find, dug ninety yards of fire trench, and gallantly defended his position for three hours until the situation cleared up. He was exposed the whole time to heavy shelling and machine-gun fire, and it was entirely due to his determination and courage that the defence was successfully maintained.

Lt. Anthony Shaw-Lefevre St. John Mildmay, G. Gds.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company with great skill and determination in an attack, by his quick decision successfully dealing with a series of enemy strong points, which he encountered. He remained in command for the following two days, doing excellent work under heavy fire and very adverse weather conditions.

2nd Lt. Alexander Donald Miller, Gord. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his other company officers had become casualties he took command without hesitation, and led the company forward with splendid control and utter disregard of personal danger. When suffering heavily from flanking machine-gun fire, he organised an attack upon the gun, captured it and

killed the team. Although his company had lost half its fighting strength, the objective was captured and consolidated entirely owing to the energy and determination of this officer.

T./2nd Lt. James Miller, attd. Cam. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He organised and led a raid against an enemy machine-gun position, showing the greatest personal courage and coolness in leading his party over ground which he had no opportunity of examining beforehand. He personally secured the machine gun, captured a prisoner and shot the rest of the team as they retired. It was largely owing to his skilful leadership that the enterprise was carried out with very few casualties.

2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) John Molyneux Miller, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty under exceptionally difficult circumstances. During the removal of some guns to a new position, the enemy commenced a violent shelling of the road, which was crowded with transport, and many casualties occurred. He behaved with the greatest gallantry in removing the wounded to a safer place, personally rescuing at least six men before he himself was severely wounded by a shell. It was owing to his coolness and courage that the rescue of the wounded men was effected.

2nd Lt. Osborn Maitland Miller, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Having left his dug-out with orders to call his battery to action, he was immediately wounded by the explosion of a shell. In spite of this he proceeded through shell fire for a distance of 200 yards, gave his orders for action and instructions for carrying on and superintending the fire until he fell and collapsed in a faint. He was wounded in five places, one severely, and set a very fine example of determination and devotion to duty.

T./2nd Lt. Percy J. Miller, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He laid a tape from the front line to a crater held by the enemy, in the face of heavy machine gun and rifle fire from the flank, and although told that he could return immediately after the working party had commenced, insisted on remaining until the task was complete and communication completely established. His personal initiative and courageous example turned a most valuable post which would otherwise have been entirely isolated, into a very strong defensive position.

Capt. George Clement Milnes, R. Lan. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a period of several days under heavy shell fire. After standing in water for over twenty-four hours, some of his men showed signs of wavering, whereupon he ran along the entire battalion front, rallied the men, reorganised the line, and did a great deal by his personal example to save what would have become a bad situation.