

machine gun fire and became disorganised. By his splendid coolness and personal gallantry, however, he succeeded in rallying and collecting his party, forming them up and leading them forward. Under his leadership the objective was successfully gained and held until the signal for recall.

T./Lt. Arnold Horace Santo Waters, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when leading a torpedo party to blow a gap through the enemy's wire. He completed the task in 45 minutes, notwithstanding the fact that the enemy had discovered his party and opened fire upon them at close range, and that the point selected was close to the enemy's parapet and necessitated the use of a large amount of explosive. The great coolness and skill which he displayed under very trying and dangerous conditions were the chief factors contributing towards the success of the raid which followed.

T./2nd Lt. Arthur Fraser Watson, R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After all his company officers had become casualties he took command, rallied and reorganised his company under intense machine gun and shell fire, and led them to the attack with great skill and determination. He has been frequently noted for his very gallant conduct when in action.

Lt. Francis William Watson, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an intense hostile bombardment of his battery position, he assisted with two other officers to extinguish a burning gun pit which contained over 100 rounds of ammunition. His gallantry and promptitude saved the gun and ammunition from destruction.

2nd Lt. Richard Maurice Watson, R.H.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst leading an important reconnaissance in view of a subsequent trench raid. His party was observed by the enemy, who brought heavy fire to bear upon them, and sent out two strong parties with the object of cutting them off and surrounding them. At this juncture, 2nd Lt. Watson, who was F.O.O., called for artillery fire, which he skilfully directed, and by his alertness and prompt action, enabled his party to withdraw in safety and without casualties.

T./Lt. Thomas Charles Dalrymple Watt, M.B., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty under exceptionally difficult and trying circumstances. Owing to continual rain and heavy shelling, no trenches were available, and the men had to be distributed amongst shell holes, the regimental aid post being in the open. He attended to the wounded unceasingly all day under continuous shell fire, repeatedly going through heavy fire to administer first aid. Owing to the mud, many of the men would undoubtedly have been drowned but for his prompt assistance, and it was due to his splendid organisation and devotion to duty that all the wounded were evacuated by the evening.

2nd Lt. Lawrence Herbert Webb, E. Surr. R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to

duty. During a heavy attack upon our front posts, he voluntarily accompanied his Commanding Officer to make a personal reconnaissance. His C.O. was killed, but 2nd Lt. Webb brought back valuable information. The same night he led a party under very heavy shell fire to our front line trench, which was reported to be occupied by the enemy, established posts there, and so made the line secure.

2nd Lt. George Alfred Wells, R.F.C., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in engaging enemy infantry with machine-gun fire from low altitudes, and attacking enemy aircraft. On one occasion, whilst attacking enemy strong points, his machine was so badly shot about that he was forced to return to his aerodrome. He resumed his patrol, however, as soon as he had obtained another machine, and on the following day he attacked a series of strong points with machine-gun fire, flying at a very low altitude for forty minutes under intense machine-gun fire and field-gun barrage. He was eventually wounded in three places in the arm, but in spite of this he returned to his aerodrome and landed his machine safely.

T./2nd Lt. Robert Welsh, Gord. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon against an enemy strong point with the utmost coolness and determination under machine-gun and rifle fire, and captured the position after fierce hand-to-hand fighting. Later, he took his platoon through a heavy barrage and established an outpost line, which he held under very trying circumstances until relieved thirty-six hours later.

2nd Lt. Albert Neave Westlake, N. Staff. R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as Battalion Intelligence Officer. When our attack was held up, he went forward under intense shell fire to the most advanced posts, and brought back accurate and valuable information. Later, he passed through the enemy's barrage to obtain further information, and finally led a relieving company to the front line under heavy fire. His fearlessness and devotion to duty were beyond all praise.

2nd Lt. Sidney Harry Wheatley, R.G.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when F.O.O. He frequently patrolled the trenches, which had been very much damaged, and gained much valuable information otherwise unobtainable. This observation post and trenches were constantly under very heavy shell fire. He set a very fine example of fearlessness, and did work of the utmost value for a continuous period of several days.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Harry Garratt Whitaker, S. Lan. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. In spite of the confusion caused by a battalion on the right losing direction and crossing his front, he led his men with great skill, successfully gaining his objective although held up by heavy machine-gun fire. After consolidation and