

disregard of danger, and the information he was able to supply to his C.O. was of vital importance in enabling him to keep in touch with the situation.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Charles Walter Fagan, Bord. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during ten days of severe fighting. Early in the operations the acting battalion commander became a casualty, and he assumed command, and by his splendid courage and resourcefulness kept his men together, and daily covered the withdrawal of other troops. On one occasion he led a counter-attack, using a Lewis gun with great skill. Throughout the whole period his fine work under fire and severe conditions was noted by officers of other units.

T./2nd Lt. Victor Adolphus Fair, K.R.R.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during recent operations. As the only surviving officer of his company, he organised and assumed command of a composite company, consisting of his own and other units, and commanded it with great ability. He held on to positions against heavy odds, and delayed the enemy's advance at a most important point.

T./Capt. George Henry Fairbairn, Rif. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his commanding officer had become a casualty he took charge of the battalion, and proved himself a capable leader under the most trying circumstances. He held on to positions to the last moment, retiring last himself and rallying the remains of his battalion.

Capt. Gerard Howard Fairtlough, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During recent operations, when the enemy pressed back the troops on the right, he collected a party of runners, orderlies and stragglers under heavy machine-gun fire and checked the enemy advance.

Capt. Horatio Alfred Fane, Yeo.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When sent with his dismounted regiment to relieve elements of infantry holding a forward position he collected stragglers and organised his line with skill and coolness under fire. At another time he successfully covered the retirement of troops on his left, enabling them to take up a new position. He showed power of command and complete disregard for danger.

Capt. Charles Finch Farley, Dn. Gds.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion when in command of a regimental working party. After an hour's intense bombardment the enemy attacked, being held on the immediate front, but gaining their objectives on the right and left. With the greatest courage and skill he continued to hold his line, and with the help of a machine gun and Hotchkiss rifle to inflict great losses on the enemy passing round his right rear. He maintained his position till it was shelled by our own guns, when he

withdrew his command, fighting step by step.

2nd Lt. Frank Cecil Farrington, R.A., and R.A.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On several occasions during heavy hostile attacks he has sent down calls to the artillery to engage hostile infantry forming up for attack. Thanks to his skill in discovering enemy formations, and to his speed in communicating the requisite information to the artillery, the most severe casualties were inflicted on the enemy, the failure of their attacks being largely due to his splendid work. On numerous other occasions his work has proved of exceptional value, and he has at all times set a magnificent example to all ranks of his squadron.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Edward Fairhurst, Lan. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His grip of the situation and example of courage and leadership contributed very greatly to the success of the operations. His behaviour throughout, under trying circumstances, was worthy of the highest praise.

T./2nd Lt. Garnet Alexander Farmer, R. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in handling his platoon with great skill under heavy machine-gun fire during a hostile attack when he was wounded, but carried on. On another occasion he obtained valuable information as to the enemy's position by making a personal reconnaissance in front of his sector.

Capt. (A./Maj.) Disney Benjamin William Fayle, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of his battery. He covered the withdrawal of the infantry and fought a rearguard action with conspicuous ability in spite of severe losses. Later, as brigade forward observing officer, he transmitted valuable information, which enabled the brigade to inflict great loss on the enemy and delayed his advance, while the transport got away in safety. His endurance and judgment had a great moral effect at a trying time.

T./2nd Lt. Robert George Ferguson, R. Scots Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy had penetrated the line and were bombing up towards his company, he did fine work in forming blocks in the trench, and held up the enemy by accurate shooting of rifle grenades as long as they lasted.

T./Capt. (A./Maj.) Alan Fillingham, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a determined enemy attack he went through a heavy barrage to reconnoitre the situation. He then personally superintended the laying of a wire on to an observation post, from where he was able to bring the fire of his battery with great effect on the enemy and at the same time keep in touch with the infantry and pass back