

dug the pit out and got the mortar into action again, and then led his men through a heavy barrage to a dump 100 yards away and got up ammunition. The pit was blown in a second time, and he dug out his mortar and continued firing until all the ammunition was expended.

Capt. George Francis Fitzgerald, Welsh R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a heavy enemy attack the troops on the right of the line began to withdraw in disorder. This officer, who commanded the right-hand company, dashed across the open under heavy fire, and succeeded in stopping and rallying the men and reorganising the original line. He continued in command for over two hours, walking up and down encouraging and steadying the men. Under orders he then successfully withdrew. He continued his good work until wounded two days later.

2nd Lt. Frederick Augustus Foley, Yorks. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a withdrawal he collected a party of stragglers, and on four successive occasions took up a position and checked the enemy, inflicting casualties. He afterwards amalgamated with allied troops, and took a prominent part in further operations, showing fine leadership and courage.

Lt (A./Capt.) Carl Vyvyan Forslind, R. Lan. R., S.R., attd. M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He assumed command of the company and fought a masterly rearguard action, holding on until his small force, entirely isolated, was out-flanked. He succeeded in withdrawing three guns from the line, all of which were knocked out later. Eventually, after holding up the enemy for nearly three hours, he joined some other details with his six surviving men. His courage and determination were largely responsible for the successful withdrawal of several small parties of infantry.

2nd Lt. William Forster, Durh. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of two sections of a raiding party. He led his party forward to their objective, captured a machine gun, and killed three of the team himself. After returning to his lines he found that several men were missing. He thereupon led a search party back, under heavy machine-gun fire, and brought in his wounded. He showed fine courage and determination.

T./2nd Lt. Henry Franks, York & Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. An enemy machine gun was holding up the leading wave of his company. He immediately crawled forward by himself with a rifle, and, although seen and bombed by the enemy, he shot both the gunners, captured the gun, and turned it

on the enemy, firing two and a half belts before the gun jammed. He did splendid work.

T./2nd Lt. Ian Fraser, Durh. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as battalion intelligence officer. On three successive nights he reconnoitred the whole front of the sector, and on his report the line was re-adjusted to such an advantage that the subsequent determined attacks by the enemy were beaten off with heavy losses. His behaviour throughout was a fine example to all.

T./2nd Lt. Harry Charles Garbutt, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of a section detailed to blow up bridges over a river and canal. He organised and supervised the work in so able a manner that in spite of heavy fire at short range all charges were successfully exploded. Later, he assisted in organising parties for the defence of the canal, and maintained the position against heavy enemy attacks until ordered to withdraw.

T./2nd Lt. George Frederick Gatenby, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in covering with his guns the withdrawal of infantry. On two occasions his skill and courage enabled these guns to cover the withdrawal of infantry by well-controlled fire at very close range, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy. During nine days' operations his unceasing devotion to duty was admirable.

2nd Lt. Edwin Henry Gaud, M.M., H.A.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. He led his platoon with great dash and determination, and quickly overcame all enemy resistance, taking two prisoners and killing 18, and established protective posts in the enemy support lines. When the signal to withdraw was given, he withdrew his platoon most skilfully under heavy shell fire. Throughout the operation he displayed great courage and ability.

Lt. Thomas Charles Gibbs, Ches. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as battalion intelligence officer. He continually visited the battalion frontage and the units on the flanks, obtaining information and carrying the C.O.'s orders. Later, with the C.O., he rallied the men and led them forward, in spite of a heavy fire of shrapnel shell and machine guns. He set a fine example of courage and energy throughout.

T./2nd Lt. Arthur James Giles, Ches. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his men in a counter-attack against positions which the enemy had just captured. On another occasion he did invaluable work with his platoon in an exposed position, when he held the enemy back until his company had withdrawn.