

marked skill and ability when subjected to heavy enemy shelling. The good shooting of his battery, and its steadiness in action, were largely due to his coolness and personal influence.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Charles James Graham, M.C., 2/4th Bn., Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During two days' hard fighting he was untiring in his efforts in reconnoitring the front of two brigades, and the information he was able to procure of the absence of the enemy in certain strong points was of the greatest value. He was continually exposed to heavy machine-gun and sniping fire, and his coolness and presence of mind were admirable.

T./Sub-Lt. Joseph Orlando Harris, Hawke Bn., R.N.V.R., R.N. Div.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. When the advance was checked by heavy machine-gun fire he led his men forward, successfully capturing the machine-gun post and enabling the other companies to advance. Later, he led a party against a bridgehead and captured it, himself charging two machine-gun positions and killing the crews. He set a splendid example of courage and determined leadership.

Capt. (T./Lt.-Col.) Charles Edward Ridley Holroyd-Smyth, M.C., R. of O., 3rd D. Gds., comd. 15th Bn., Durh. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and fine leadership while commanding the battalion in an attack. When the situation was doubtful he went forward to the advanced posts under heavy fire to ascertain the position. Previously he had taken charge of the brigade, and, although surrounded, the brigade overcame the enemy resistance, and was largely instrumental in the capture of a village, together with a number of prisoners and a quantity of stores.

Capt. (A./Maj.) Norman Hugh Huttenbach, M.C., 120th Bty., 27th Bde., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and able leadership. During a fortnight's hard fighting he led the artillery brigade of which he was temporarily in command with great courage and remarkable skill, affording much support to the infantry, whose success was in no small way due to the effective fire of his guns, which he brought into action in an unusually short time after advances of often some miles.

Maj. and Bt. Lt.-Col. (T./Brig.-Gen.) George Charles Kelly, K.R.R.C., comdg. 2nd Inf. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his brigade met with unexpected resistance he promptly made a personal reconnaissance, and, by handling his brigade in a masterly way under very heavy fire, gained his objective and repulsed several counter-attacks. His powers of command and brilliant example were admirable.

Capt. Basil Charles Lake, K.O.S.B. (Bde. Maj., 13th Infy. Bde.).

For conspicuous gallantry while commanding a battalion during an attack. Learning that, through casualties, one company was

without orders, he immediately went forward and gave the orders personally and led the company and battalion forward. Though early wounded, he continued to lead the battalion until shot a second time, his leg being then broken. Even then he refused to be carried away until certain that the attack had succeeded. He showed marked courage and devotion to duty.

Maj. Lawrence Lamonby, Bord. R., attd. 1/4th Bn., Dorset. R., T.F.

(MESOPOTAMIA)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He commanded his battalion with great coolness and ability under heavy fire. His initiative and dash enabled the attack to be carried through to a successful conclusion.

2nd Lt. Geoffrey Simpson Lamont, G.G., Spec. Res., attd. 1st Bn.

For three days of continuous fighting he showed a supreme contempt of danger, and infused courage in all around him. Throughout an attack he commanded the leading wave, and despite heavy machine-gun fire and thick belts of wire, he never allowed the pace to be checked. Undoubtedly the speed of the advance enabled a commanding position to be captured, with nearly 200 prisoners and fifteen machine guns, and at small loss. Later, when with seven men he was surrounded by large numbers of the enemy, he maintained his position for several hours against repeated attacks, and finally effected his escape and joined in a further advance.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Charles Hector Lee, M.C., Gord. Highrs., Spec. Res., attd. 1st Bn.

It was owing to his courage and skill that during two days of severe fighting his company was enabled to capture twelve machine guns and 80 prisoners. On another occasion he carried out a daring reconnaissance under continuously heavy fire over most exposed country, and sent in very valuable information. His company was on an exposed flank for five days, and his gallantry and fine leadership were of the greatest value to the brigade.

Lt. (A./Maj.) Alfred Lowcock, M.C., R.F.A., attd. B/223rd (H.C.) Bde., R.F.A., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During operations lasting eight days he rendered valuable and conspicuous services by the manner in which he kept his battery continually in close support of the infantry. On one occasion, when the enemy were counter-attacking with determination, he went forward and directed the fire of the whole brigade with great effect, and broke up the attack. Later on he was hit by a machine-gun bullet, but returned to brigade headquarters and remained at duty. He set a very fine example of fortitude and endurance throughout.

Lt. (A./Maj.) Richard Edmund Coryndon Luxmoore-Ball, W. Gds., Spec. Res., attd. 1st Bn.

When in command of his battalion during several days of severe fighting, he was in-