

stretcher bearers well in advance of our forward positions and behaved with the most exemplary courage and devotion throughout, sparing no efforts to collect the wounded men. After his battalion was relieved he continued to work under the heaviest fire for another twenty-four hours, and was severely wounded on his way back after all the cases had been cleared. He set a splendid example of energy and contempt of danger.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Noel de Putron Mac-Roberts, M.C., R. Suss. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although wounded early in the day, he gallantly led his company under heavy shell and machine-gun fire to its objective—a village—which he captured, together with over 200 prisoners, four field guns and two machine guns. He then remained at duty in spite of his wounds, until he had reorganised his company and consolidated his position, greatly inspiring all ranks by his magnificent courage and gallantry.

Capt. Brodie Valentine Mair, M.C., Manch. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He superintended the forming up of his brigade in the open all through the night under considerable shell fire, and on the following day, immediately the objective had been captured, he made a very skilful reconnaissance, by which he was able to clear up the dispositions of the units on their final objectives.

2nd Lt. William Barclay Maitland, Gord. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty under very trying circumstances. When his company was held up by a machine gun he went forward alone, jumping from shell hole to shell hole until he was within a few feet, when he ran forward, killed the whole gun team and captured the gun single handed.

2nd Lt. Bernard William John Hankins, Martin, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His battery was very heavily shelled, two of the guns being destroyed, two damaged, and two buried. When the bombardment slackened he took command, the battery commander having been wounded, and had the two buried guns dug out and brought into action. Later, when the battery was in action during an attack and one of his two remaining guns was damaged by an enemy shell, he carried out his complete programme by doubling the rate of fire from the only remaining gun. He showed great courage and leadership, and set a splendid example of devotion to duty to his men.

Capt. (T./Lt.-Col.) Edward Cuthbert De Renzy Martin, M.C., York. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Previous to an assault, in spite of considerable enemy shelling, he had commanded his battalion with such good judgment and determination that on the morning of the assault they had driven strong points into the enemy's line in several places. The result of this was that the left flank

of the brigade was thoroughly protected by rifle, machine and Lewis gun fire during the assault. He successfully and promptly dealt with all enemy attempts to counter-attack, and on one occasion it was due to his initiative that an enemy battalion was caught whilst deploying for an assault, and wiped out. The success of the whole operation was largely due to his skilful leadership.

2nd Lt. (temp. Lt. and A./Capt.) Harry May, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in connection with gas operations with Stokes mortars. He discharged a record number of shells against the enemy position, which involved exceptional hard work under most unfavourable conditions owing to the exposed nature of his gun position. He reconnoitred positions and organised and superintended carrying parties with the greatest skill and energy, by his personal leadership setting a splendid example to all ranks.

Capt. (A./Lt.-Col.) Heffernan William Denis McCarthy-O'Leary, M.C., R. Ir. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a heavy hostile counter-attack, which had driven in his advance post and recaptured part of the position, he went forward with one runner, rallied his men, and led them forward again, driving the enemy back and restoring the situation. He remained encouraging his men until he was himself severely wounded half an hour later, but he did not leave the field until he had reported the situation to his brigadier.

Maj. (T./Lt.-Col.) Edwin Charles Montgomery-Smith, R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in the supervision of the arrangements for the evacuation of the wounded. By a systematic study of the ground, clever selection of aid and relay posts and routes, he evacuated a large number of casualties during the operations. He worked untiringly, regardless of his personal safety, visiting all the advanced aid posts. His work was invaluable.

Lt.-Col. Piers William North, R. of O., R. Berks R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his men to the attack with utter disregard of danger under heavy fire, and the dash with which his battalion went forward in the attack and secured a considerable number of prisoners was largely due to his fine personal example. He was shortly afterwards severely wounded in the chest and back.

T./Capt. John Boyd Orr, M.C., M.B., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He worked unceasingly for forty-eight hours without an aid post, and under an almost continuous barrage, attending to the wounded of three units of his brigade. He found time to visit the front line twice and attended to numerous cases under machine-gun and shell fire, and, although twice buried and rendered unconscious for two or three hours, he remained at duty