

tured the gun and killed or captured the crew. Afterwards, believing himself to be the only officer surviving in the three attacking companies, he directed their fire on enemy machine guns and snipers, moving from shell hole to shell hole with utter disregard of his own personal danger to satisfy himself that the line was being properly maintained. Later, he was knocked down and severely bruised by a shell, but refused to leave his company, and directed the carrying of rations to the front line.

2nd Lt. Donald Richard Allen, R.F.A.,  
Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an intense bombardment of his battery. He left his dug-out and went through terrific fire to reach the battery and clear the men away. Hearing that one dug-out on the extreme flank had been hit, he went there and personally carried two wounded men to safety, although shells were bursting round him all the time. He then remained in the battery dug-out for three hours, sending valuable information, and although a shell went through this dug-out, he remained at the post until communication broke down. He then went out to repair the line, and continued to superintend battery fire for the rest of the night. It is impossible to speak too highly of the extreme gallantry and devotion to duty displayed by this officer.

Lt. John Armstrong Anderson, C. Gds.,  
Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a convoy of ammunition and other urgently required material. Realising that his convoy must be got across a canal at any costs, he personally led pack animals across on bridges of mats which were only intended for infantry. By his coolness and untiring energy he succeeded in getting them across without the loss of a single animal. He then led them to the appointed rendezvous in a prompt and successful manner, and, although subjected throughout to heavy and continuous artillery fire, he displayed the greatest coolness and gallantry.

2nd Lt. Leonard Wilkinson Andrews, Durh.  
L.I., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a working party. Coming under an intense and accurate hostile bombardment, his party suffered heavily, but in spite of the shelling he remained at great personal risk helping to collect those of the party who had become scattered in the darkness. On another occasion, whilst constructing a light railway, he succeeded, in spite of an intense gas shell bombardment, in maintaining the control of his party in the dark and continuing to work. Although buried by a shell, he carried on with splendid pluck and devotion, and rendered great assistance in dressing the wounded. He has set a splendid example of courage at all times.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Frederic Anson, G. Gds.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When bringing his battery into action he found that the ammunition carry-

ing parties had not arrived. He immediately went through heavy hostile barrage and brought up the parties. By his prompt and splendid fearlessness the guns were able to materially assist the advance.

Capt. (A./Maj.) Robert Sinclair Archer,  
R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. For four weeks, during which his battery was subjected day and night to exceptionally heavy shelling in exposed positions, he maintained the cheerful spirit and enthusiasm of his men by his inspiring and courageous personal example. On one occasion in particular, when many casualties were caused by heavy shell fire and he himself was buried, he immediately proceeded as soon as he was free, although very badly shaken, to rescue and attend to the wounded, setting a splendid example of coolness and devotion to duty.

2nd Lt. Claude Arthur Cecil Argles, North'n  
R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Having led his company with great skill and determination through heavy enemy barrage, he was held up by a strong point. In spite of severe opposition, however, he led a determined attack against it, destroyed a machine gun and its team, and took twenty prisoners before being forced to withdraw. His coolness, determination, and gallantry under intense hostile shell and machine gun fire set a splendid example to all ranks.

2nd Lt. Charles James Arnold, Midd'x R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His task as officer in charge of the battalion carrying party during heavy fighting was a most difficult one on account of the heavy barrage and deplorable state of the ground. Not only did he ever fail to get up rations and ammunition, but he volunteered to bring down the wounded from the front line with his available men. This he successfully accomplished, setting a splendid example of coolness and gallantry to all under his command.

2nd Lt. William Arthur, W. Gds.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under cover of barrage he made a daring and successful personal reconnaissance of a wood, ascertained that it was not held, and conveyed his information to the artillery who were shelling it. He has on previous occasions carried out work of this nature, and has always brought in most useful information. He was subsequently wounded in the advance.

T./2nd Lt. Edgar Herbert Ashcroft, atfd.  
L'pool R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During two days of heavy fighting he led his company forward most gallantly through a very heavy fire. When the attack could go no further, he personally went through close and accurate rifle and machine gun fire, collected stragglers, and brought them up to the line. He then reported his position at headquarters and personally supervised the consolidation of the new line until relieved.