

sonal example and gallant leadership overcame the resistance of an enemy battalion headquarters forty strong, who were holding out in a concrete blockhouse.

2nd Lt. (T./Lt.) Walter Bilson Easterfield, Notts. & Derby. R., attd. M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He brought his guns into action in the open within 100 yards of a fortified house held by hostile snipers and machine guns. It was due to his coolness and courage and the accuracy of his rapid fire that the garrison were compelled to surrender. He was subsequently wounded.

2nd Lt. Richard Henry Booth Edge, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on two occasions. As signalling officer he remained in a most exposed forward position under continuous heavy shelling, maintaining communication with group headquarters practically without a break throughout the day, although his lines were frequently cut by enemy fire. He remained many hours in the open under heavy shell fire repairing them himself, and it was due to his fearlessness and determination that information was maintained from all parts of the line. A few nights later, when a sudden and heavy salvo of gas shells caused a number of casualties in his group headquarters, he, although suffering severely himself, showed most conspicuous gallantry in rescuing and attending to the dying and wounded men under concentrated shelling all around him.

2nd Lt. John Keith Edwards, S. Gds., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In spite of a severe flesh wound in his leg he continued to command his platoon until the objective was captured, working hard at the consolidation himself and setting a splendid example to his men. He did not go sick until ordered to do so by the medical officer, and his pluck and coolness were most marked.

2nd Lt. William John Eldridge, R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Owing to severe hostile shelling of his battery position a number of cartridges exploded and set light to the camouflage which was lying on the top of some shells. Notwithstanding the imminent risk of another explosion he pulled away the burning material with his hands, which were badly burnt by wire netting of the camouflage. His action displayed the greatest promptitude and devotion to duty at a critical moment.

2nd Lt. James William Eling-Smith, High. L.I., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack when communication between advanced headquarters and companies in action was in danger of being lost he personally laid the line under exceptionally heavy fire. On the following day when our line was counter-attacked, he led out the signallers and orderlies of battalion headquarters and took up a defensive line, going forward himself with the utmost fear-

lessness and determination, and obtaining valuable information with regard to the enemy.

2nd Lt. William John Russell Elliott, Notts. & Derby. R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a platoon. When forming up his platoon came under sudden and heavy fire from enemy strong points. He at once led an attack on them, accounting personally for several of the enemy and captured a machine gun and twenty prisoners, thus clearing the way for his company to advance. He captured and maintained his position, although twice counter-attacked, having displayed the utmost gallantry and presence of mind at a critical moment.

2nd Lt. Douglas Wade Emery, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an intense hostile shelling of his battery, he with an N.C.O. rushed out and extinguished two burning ammunition dumps and the camouflage of a gun. By this prompt and gallant action they saved the whole of the ammunition and guns, which would certainly have been destroyed, the high wind at the time being in favour of the flames. His gallantry and disregard of danger set a fine example to the remainder of the battery.

2nd Lt. Claude Mulliner Evans, Tank Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company into action under a heavy barrage of gas and other shell fire, unditched his Tank twice under heavy fire and proceeded in front of our Infantry, engaging the enemy until his Tank was put out of action by a direct hit. He then took his crew and guns into a trench close by and continued for two hours to fire on hostile machine gun emplacements from an advanced position two hundred yards in front of our Infantry. His gallantry and determination deserve the highest praise.

2nd Lt. Jenkin Albert Evans, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as Forward Observing Officer with an infantry attack. Although blown up by a shell and stunned, he went on and established his post, and when the infantry fell back he went with them, and by his great coolness and presence of mind helped a number of our wounded to get away, who would otherwise have been captured. All this time he was under heavy fire, and his courage and energy under very trying circumstances deserved the highest praise.

2nd Lt. Montague Evans, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when his battery was being heavily shelled. He went out under fire to an infantry working party and brought four wounded men into the battery officers' mess and dressed them. He afterwards went out again to extinguish a burning ammunition dump, continuing at work in spite of being blown over and slightly wounded by an explosion. He has been foremost in seeing to the safety of his men during a long period