

only through his perseverance and personal energy that these guns were delivered after thirty-six hours of persistent effort, during which the line was continuously broken by shell fire, both before and behind him. His total disregard of personal safety set a splendid example to all ranks.

2nd Lt. Edwin Ross Squire, Linc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when commanding a flank company of an assault. Finding the enemy in a strong position and offering considerable resistance, he at once organised his company for defence and repulsed two counter-attacks. Throughout the day he held on to the positions he had taken, organising them in a very able manner under heavy fire of all kinds, and doing work which was extremely valuable as well as being of an exceptionally difficult nature.

Capt. Henry FitzMaurice Stacke, Worc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He directed the assembly of his battalion for an attack under heavy shell fire with the greatest gallantry, and later, when wounded, refused to leave the battalion until ordered to do so. It was largely due to his splendid work as adjutant in personally supervising all the preliminaries that his battalion took all its objectives.

Lieut. Robert Wilfred Stafford, Tank Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He reached all his objectives and rendered most valuable assistance to the attacking infantry in knocking out strong points, which resulted in the capture of about one hundred prisoners. He was wounded towards the end of the action whilst assisting to unditch his Tank.

Capt. Robert Alexander Stark, M.B., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of an advanced dressing station under an intense bombardment. He worked steadily for over twelve hours, and, although seriously affected by gas, did not complain, until he finally collapsed from the effects, and was found lying on the ground. He personally supervised the clearing of a thousand cases, and it was largely due to his splendid self-sacrifice and devotion that the complete and successful evacuation of the casualties was effected.

T./2nd Lt. Richard Douglas Starley, Gen. List and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When he had located a large force of the enemy infantry who were about to counter-attack, his machine was immediately afterwards hit by a shell, which destroyed the wireless, and so prevented his reporting what he had seen. His machine was obviously so badly damaged that no expert would have believed that it could possibly hold together in the air. In spite of this he went down and dropped a message on Divisional Headquarters, who were able to put nine batteries on to the counter-attack. He then managed to get his machine back to the aerodrome and confirmed the message by telephone. Throughout the operations he

has on all occasions shown the same spirit of pluck and determination.

Rev. Charles Steer, Army Chaplains Dept.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Notwithstanding the heavy shell fire, he remained continually in the batteries assisting in moving the wounded and encouraging the men. On a previous occasion, during a long period of heavy shelling, he acted with the greatest gallantry and devotion, by his personal example of cheerfulness very greatly inspiring all ranks under most difficult conditions.

Capt. John Stephenson, R.A.M.C., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of stretcher-bearers. He remained in charge of his sector for thirteen days, refusing to be relieved, although his bearers had to be reinforced and the aid post had to constantly change position owing to heavy shell fire. His personal example and gallant leadership were largely responsible for the way in which his bearers stuck to their duty.

Lt. Sydney Henry Stevens, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack on the enemy's position. When his Commanding Officer and other senior officers had become casualties, he went forward and rallied the battalion, which had lost heavily. His untiring energy and gallant personal example were deserving of the highest praise.

T./2nd Lt. William Cecil Stevens, Worc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During important operations he showed a very quick grasp of the situation, and was of the greatest assistance to his Commanding Officer. On one occasion, when no orderlies were available, he himself carried an important message, under very heavy shell fire, with the utmost fearlessness and disregard of personal danger.

T./2nd Lt. William Thomas Stevens, E. Kent R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went forward at a critical moment during an attack upon our trenches, rallied the garrison, which had been forced back, and led a bombing party forward, which repulsed the enemy. By his courage and initiative he undoubtedly saved an important portion of the trenches from falling into the enemy's hands.

T./Lt. John Affleck Stevenson, Gen. List and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a balloon observer. Working under very great difficulties owing to a high and gusty wind, he has furnished invaluable information to our artillery, continually ranging them on hostile batteries with complete accuracy and success in spite of the difficulties with which he had to contend. He has at all times set a very fine example of pluck and determination.

Capt. William Howard Edwin Stewart, R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a loading post for