

valuable information. At a critical moment he greatly assisted in rallying men of other units and in holding up an enemy counter-attack. During the night, under heavy fire, he dug out men who had been buried by shells. He showed an utter disregard for personal safety, and set a splendid example to all.

2nd Lt. Eric William Marchington, Herts. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He led his platoon, under very heavy fire, to the final objective, through the only gap in the wire there was on the right of the battalion frontage. This line was strongly held by the enemy, and he stood on the parapet and cheered the men behind him on. He bombed his way fifty yards down the enemy trench, and, being outflanked, had to withdraw. Though wounded, he took command of his company and continued fighting with them until wounded a second time.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Frederick William Martin, R. Innis. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company was held up by machine-gun fire from a farm he organised a frontal attack. When this failed he twice endeavoured to take the farm from a flank; but the enemy still held out, inflicting casualties on his men. Finally he withdrew and held a line 100 yards from the farm.

2nd Lt. Horace Charles Henry Martin, Notts. & Derby. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a successful raid on the enemy's trenches. He led his party with great gallantry, attacking several dug-outs, being the first to enter and bomb the enemy in each case. His splendid example throughout the whole operation contributed in a large measure to the success of the raid.

T./2nd Lt. Thomas Martin, K.R.R.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his company during an enemy attack and handled it with great skill and gallantry throughout the operations. He was forced to give ground, owing to the troops on his flank being forced back; but he subsequently went forward again and held his position until relieved. He showed great coolness and initiative and sent in valuable reports on the situation.

T./Lt. Oswald Nelson Mash, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a bombardment of his battery position a dump of howitzer charges was set on fire by a shell. The danger of the situation was greatly added to by some gas-shells which had been scattered amongst the burning charges, but this officer, with the greatest coolness and courage, rushed to the fire and extinguished it, by his prompt and gallant action preventing an explosion which would undoubtedly have had serious and far-reaching results.

Lt. Alfred Mason, R.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of 214 pack animals with ammunition, which he delivered when all other fatigue parties failed to get through. On another occasion he got 300 rounds of gas-shells through on a very dark night under heavy fire, though the guides had failed him.

Lt. (A./Maj.) William Murray Matheson, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under heavy shell-fire, when two gun-pits and an ammunition dump were set on fire, he organised a party and succeeded in extinguishing the fire. He was also successful in putting out a second fire. By his gallantry and fine example the guns and a large quantity of ammunition were saved.

2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) Errol Creagh Maunsell, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his line was raided by the enemy, and some posts driven in, he reconnoitred the line by daylight, and succeeded in re-establishing it. Later on, though in command of a clearing-up party, he collected men from other units and organised the line under heavy shell-fire, showing utter disregard of personal safety and inspiring all ranks with confidence.

Capt. Gerald Joseph Constable Maxwell, Yeo. and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on many occasions. He has taken part in forty-three offensive patrols, in fourteen of which he acted as leader. He has destroyed at least three enemy aircraft, and driven down nine others completely out of control. He has consistently shown great skill in aerial combats, and his fearlessness and fine offensive spirit have been a splendid example to others.

2nd Lt. William Arthur McAdam, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of his platoon in an attack. He captured his objective, killing several of the enemy and taking several prisoners and when ordered to retire successfully organised his platoon and brought his prisoners back to safety.

Capt. Albert Edward Peel McConnell, R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of the evacuation of the wounded. Though heavily shelled he kept his line perfectly clear. He superintended the evacuation personally, working for forty-five hours without ceasing under the most difficult and dangerous conditions, and by his example encouraged the men under him in every possible way. Later, he took two stretcher squads to the relief of batteries which were being heavily shelled.

2nd Lt. Robert Brooks McConnell, R. Innis. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in command of a platoon of a reserve battalion he went forward with his Lewis-gun team to help the leading bat-