

altitudes under heavy fire, and he set a magnificent example by his skill, gallantry, and initiative.

T./Lt. Basil Holmes Nelson, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as F.O.O. He selected an observation post in the captured trench, and then returned and endeavoured to lay a line forward under exceptionally heavy artillery, rifle and machine gun fire.

2nd Lt. Frederick George Newcombe, R.G.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a party getting two guns into a new position. He carried out the work successfully, under very heavy shell fire, although more than half his party became casualties.

T./2nd Lt. Aubrey Clifford Lidstone Nicholson, E. Kent R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of the company when his company commander was wounded during a very difficult relief, and, in spite of heavy shelling and pitch darkness, carried out the relief successfully. Later, when, owing to fire from the flanks, patrols had twice failed to reach an important position in front of the line which it was necessary to prevent the enemy from occupying, he crawled out and reconnoitred the position in daylight, and was thereby enabled to make his dispositions so as to prevent the enemy from occupying the position. He showed great courage and initiative.

2nd Lt. George Bernard Nickson, R.G.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a truck containing ten tons of H.E. shells and cartridges was set on fire, with the help of four men he uncoupled the burning truck, pushed it clear, and then succeeded in extinguishing the fire.

Lt. Douglas Nicoll, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his battery was heavily shelled, seven men being killed and the gun-pit with three severely wounded men in it set on fire, although himself wounded in three places, he rushed into the burning pit and succeeded in getting the wounded men clear.

2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) William Wilson Nimmo, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. A bomb was dropped by an enemy aeroplane on an ammunition dump, and set fire to some boxes and camouflage. He, accompanied by the battery Serjeant-Major, at once ran to the place, and separated the burning boxes and camouflage which was burning on the top of boxes containing live rounds. There is no doubt that by his prompt action he saved a large number of rounds from being destroyed, and also prevented many casualties.

2nd Lt. Derick Edwin Oliver, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when sent forward as F.O.O. owing to casualties. He reached his position and re-

turned through a heavy barrage with information so important that it was considered necessary to verify it. He therefore went back again through the barrage and returned again with the necessary confirmation.

Lt. Edwin Charles Oliver, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. A dump of 400 rounds of ammunition was set alight by enemy shell fire. With great gallantry and coolness, after repeated efforts, he put out the fire, and, in spite of a heavy enemy bombardment, he did not leave the position until order was restored. He set a magnificent example to his men.

T./2nd Lt. Robert Edwin Orton, attd. R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. He led his men with great dash and determination, and was the first to reach the trench. His party captured ten prisoners, destroyed a machine-gun, and killed several of the enemy. He kept a complete command of the situation on his flanks, and his personal example of fearlessness and initiative had a marked effect on the men he commanded.

2nd Lt. William Henderson Osborne, Leins. R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon came under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire he halted them under cover and went forward alone at great risk to select a position from which his men could answer the hostile fire. During a five-hours' severe bombardment his example was of the greatest value in encouraging his company under very adverse circumstances.

T./Lt. Charles Lockhart Overton, R. Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his company when the company commander was wounded, and led them to their objective. He consolidated and held the position against a counter-attack which drove in the troops on his right, and though partially surrounded, he still held on until a defensive flank was formed by reinforcing troops. His coolness and determination in holding on saved a most important position.

T./Capt. Douglas Charles Murray Page, R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in going through a heavy barrage in search of two wounded officers, about five-hundred yards across the open. He dressed their wounds in the open by the light of the gun flashes. Hearing that the M.O. of the relieving unit had been wounded, he obtained permission to remain with the incoming unit.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Herbert Lionel Palmer, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On two occasions he succeeded in bringing up ammunition to his battery gun-line in spite of a very heavy barrage of gas shells, and when the track leading to his