

them under cover. He then put out fires in the ammunition pits, and extinguished the smouldering ammunition. He dressed many wounded men and directed their removal, remaining on the position until they had all been got away. He showed the greatest coolness and contempt for danger.

T./2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) Edward Lancelot Weale, R. Suss. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He handled his company with great skill in the attack, captured all his objectives, and took nearly 200 prisoners. He consolidated the position, and during the two following days he set a splendid example to his men under heavy shell fire.

2nd Lt. Stephen Foster Webb, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While acting as liaison officer with an infantry battalion during an action, he made a valuable reconnaissance of the front line under heavy shell fire, during which he lost all his signallers. He returned to brigade headquarters, reported the situation of the front line, collected other signallers, and returned to his post, where he remained until relieved.

T./2nd Lt. James Weir, K.O.S.B.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in taking charge when a shell had killed or wounded all the officers and several men at a company headquarters, evacuating the wounded, and reorganising the company, though the position was exposed to direct observation and under heavy fire.

T./2nd Lt. James Lawrence Wenn, attd. Midd'x R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in command of a platoon on the left flank of his company, and when the company commander became a casualty he took command, organising and leading forward flanking parties with great initiative when the left of the company was held up. By this means he was responsible for the capture of two strong points with forty prisoners. Later, he showed great determination and skill in protecting an exposed flank of the battalion, and in beating off counter-attacks.

2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) William James West, Hamps. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the attack on a strong point faltered owing to uncut wire and heavy machine-gun fire, he threw his company, which was in close support, into the firing line and personally led the attack through three lines of enemy trenches. He captured his objectives, re-organised his company, and consolidated the position. During the attack and throughout the following days he displayed great personal courage, good leadership, and ability under heavy shell fire.

• 2nd Lt. William Weston, Notts. & Derby. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his battalion was ordered to occupy a trench, he took charge of a com-

pany, and, under very heavy shell fire, organised and disposed of his men to the best advantage. It was largely owing to his coolness, courage, and initiative that the battalion was able to carry out the relief of the unit in the front line with the minimum of casualties. His valuable patrolling in front of the line was extremely helpful when settling the disposition of certain forward posts, which he established personally. Throughout the operations his entire disregard of danger, good leadership, and exceptional hard work inspired his company to a marked degree.

T./2nd Lt. William Roper Weston, attd. Shrop. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. Though in full view of the enemy and in close range of their machine guns and snipers, he personally established a line of outposts in broad daylight, thereby enabling the captured ground to be quickly consolidated. His courage and devotion to duty were an inspiration to all.

Capt. Sidney Stratton Whitaker, Ind. Army.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed great coolness and courage in the firing line under the most trying conditions, and by his cheerfulness and untiring energy set a fine example to all ranks. When left in charge of the firing line, by his indomitable pluck and perseverance he maintained his position until dark, finally executing a skilful withdrawal.

2nd Lt. Frank Edward Whitby, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an action. He personally reconnoitred and established posts in front of the line, continually moving up and down the line of shell holes under heavy fire. Throughout the operations he displayed the utmost skill and courage, and by his personal example instilled confidence into all ranks.

T./2nd Lt. Horace John White, R. Suss. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His right flank was turned and he was forced temporarily to withdraw. Nevertheless, he went forward again as soon as possible and re-occupied his former position, which he held under very heavy fire for seventy-two hours. He displayed great courage, coolness, and contempt of danger throughout, and set a splendid example to his men.

T./2nd Lt. Arthur Henry Whitehead, Leins. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Having made a personal reconnaissance by day under continuous shell fire and sniping, he led his battalion forward at night to the position selected, and the value of his complete reconnaissance was well proved by the ease with which a hostile counter-attack was driven off afterwards. By his deliberate and careful inspection of ground an extremely obscure situation was cleared up. He has done similar good work on many previous occasions.