

officer and twenty other ranks, the capture of six prisoners, and much damage to enemy dugouts and material. When his right party was held up by an enemy strong point he personally led them forward, the post being rushed and all those in it killed.

T./Lt. Peter Wentworth Vernon, A.S.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of two caterpillars with guns for his battery. Seeing one of the cartridge dumps on fire, and finding that the battery personnel had been ordered to their dug-outs on account of the shelling, he and his men immediately went and put it out, thus saving the majority of 2,000 cartridges.

T./Capt. Frederick Leonard Wainwright, Lan. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a raiding party. He led his men in the most gallant manner, and finding the wire uncut he withdrew his party, superintended the destruction of the wire, and then led his men into the enemy's trench. He secured an identification and carried in a wounded officer under heavy machine-gun fire.

2nd Lt. Frank Ernest Walker, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. One of the gun pits of his battery received a direct hit, which set the ammunition on fire. In spite of the explosions this officer immediately ran into the pit with water and proceeded to extinguish the fire. Though knocked down by an enemy shell, he carried on his work with great courage and coolness until the fire was extinguished.

2nd Lt. Lionel Henry Walsh, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a company in an attack. During a heavy bombardment of the newly captured position he moved up and down the shell hole line visiting his posts and encouraging his men. He secured his position very skilfully, and so directed the fire of his men as to break up a serious hostile counter-attack. He showed great courage and initiative.

T./2nd Lt. Charles Harold Ward, attd. E. Surr. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his company in an attack and led them forward, though his right flank was unprotected, and reached his objective, clearing a wood of the enemy as he advanced. He turned his right flank and ensured the safety of the flank of the brigade. His courage and coolness inspired his men with confidence in difficult circumstances and under heavy fire.

T./2nd Lt. William Francis Watson, attd. Rif. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was ordered to take his platoon to reinforce an attack, and led them across a river in broad daylight in the face of sniping and machine-gun fire. He mopped up several enemy dugouts, and then took charge of a portion of the line, and was largely responsible for protecting the flank

of the position against an enemy counter-attack. He showed the greatest courage and initiative.

T./2nd Lt. Cecil Hayhoe White, attd. North'd Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his platoon in an attack. He penetrated the hostile defences, but was severely wounded in the thigh. In spite of this he sent back a runner giving a report of the situation, and instructed the stretcher-bearers to take him to Coy. H.Q. to report.

Lt. Thomas James White, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the forward observation party was heavily shelled and sustained many casualties, he went forward, bound up the wounded and had them removed to safety. He then advanced with another party, still under heavy shell fire, and sent back valuable information.

2nd Lt. Baldwin Edward Hamilton Whiteford, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in assisting to extinguish a fire in a dump of ammunition, though under shell fire at the time.

2nd Lt. John Charles Foster Wilkinson, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. His courage and example were responsible for the successful capture of the objective, and his skilful leadership largely accounted for the success of the battalion.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Bennett Montgomerie Williams, Durh. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his company in a raid on the enemy's trenches. His dash, determination and energy played a most important part in the success of the operation, and his coolness and courage were an inspiration to his company under heavy fire.

2nd Lt. Leslie Charles Williams, Suff. R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the enemy's trenches. He led his men to the final objective in spite of heavy casualties from machine-gun fire at close range. He organised the withdrawal, taking command of the company, and got all the wounded away in spite of intense enemy fire. He displayed the greatest gallantry and leadership.

T./Lt. (A./Maj.) Kenneth Bamford Williamson, R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when the cartridges in an ammunition dump were set alight by enemy shelling. He at once led a party and saved as much of the ammunition as possible, working under intense shell fire and great heat from the burning explosives. He set a splendid example of fearlessness and devotion to duty.

2nd Lt. Jason Vincent Wilshin, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as Group Liaison Officer. When on a