

encouraged and steadied his men throughout by the magnificent example which he set them.

2nd Lt. Fred Proud, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The battery was shelled and a gun-pit was set on fire with its ammunition. He immediately entered the gun-pit with an N.C.O. and subdued the fire, when a heavy shell buried the gun and again set fire to the gun-pit. The fire was again extinguished and the gun got ready for the attack at the appointed hour. The whole work was carried out under heavy fire, and his prompt action undoubtedly saved a difficult situation.

2nd Lt. George Pugh, R.G.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a heavy shell fire was opened on his battery, he cleared his men to a place of safety and returned with an N.C.O. and dug out a man who had been buried by a shell. They were continuously under fire during this work, and a large ammunition dump close by was threatening to blow up at any moment. This officer's coolness undoubtedly saved the life of the buried gunner.

2nd Lt. Gordon Raward, R.G.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Though subjected to a very heavy and continuous bombardment, he continued to fight his section in support of an infantry attack until his task was completed. He showed admirable courage and devotion to duty, and his example inspired his men with the same spirit.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) John Reardon, Tank Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a section of Tanks. When taking his section forward he injured himself by falling on a bayonet in the dark. Despite this and very bad ground conditions, he succeeded in launching three out of four Tanks the following morning. By his determination and pluck he caused heavy casualties to the enemy.

Lt. William Arthur Rees, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his battery's position was being heavily shelled, he continually visited the detachment at great personal risk in order to ensure their safety. Two days later, when his battery was in action during an attack, he kept the remaining two guns in action under heavy shell fire until one was knocked out, and then continued to fire the remaining gun throughout the programme. He showed a splendid example of personal courage and devotion to duty.

2nd Lt. William Reeves, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The battery position and the light railway track near it was being heavily shelled and the track was torn up, preventing a truck with three wounded men from being sent to the rear. With one N.C.O., under intense shell fire, he carried the wounded men past the break in the track,

and then transferred the trolley and succeeded in getting the wounded men clear of the shelled area.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Robert Crossman Richardson, K.R.R.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a company. He led them forward 300 yards across a stream, and established a new line by digging a trench under heavy shell fire. He set a fine example to his men by his cheerfulness and coolness under fire throughout three days' operations.

2nd Lt. Edward Henry Roche, R.G.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He established an observation post near the front line, and remained there for four days and nights under heavy shell fire, sending back valuable information. He showed great endurance and fortitude throughout.

Capt. William Stuart Rollo, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under continuous shell fire he superintended the laying of a cable route, and within a very short distance of the front line. He has previously done similar valuable work.

T./Lt. Walter Keith Runham, S. Wales Bord.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When he was in charge of a detachment of Lewis guns his teams brought down two hostile aeroplanes. He set a fine example of courage and coolness to his men.

T./2nd Lt. Alfred Henry Rutledge, W. York. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed great courage in leading his platoon to its objective, killing several of the enemy himself. After beginning consolidation he pushed forward to the barrage with four men and assisted in the capture of an enemy strong point, in which two machine guns and fourteen prisoners were taken.

2nd Lt. Kenneth Arthur Ryde, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The battery position was heavily shelled, a gun-pit received a direct hit and the ammunition was set on fire. With a serjeant he entered the gun-pit under intense shell fire and kept down the fire until further assistance arrived. Later, on the same day when another gun-pit was set on fire by a shell, he promptly removed the ammunition under heavy fire, and prevented further damage being done. His prompt actions saved considerable damage being done to guns and equipment.

2nd Lt. John Murray Rymer-Jones, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went forward with the first wave of the infantry in an attack to the final objective, establishing signal stations at each objective as he went forward. He sent in early information as to the capture of the