

mand and encouraged the men by his splendid example. For fifteen minutes before the company advanced to the attack he walked along the parapet cheering and encouraging the men.

Lt. (A./Capt.) George Sidney Fillingham, Durh. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the advance his company came under point-blank fire from a hostile field battery, which was holding up the attack on the flank. Having located and reported the exact position, he was sent forward with two parties to attack the battery. They charged the guns and captured the battery, all the gunners being either killed or taken prisoners. The success of the enterprise was due to his gallant reconnaissance and dashing leadership.

2nd Lt. Philip Gerard Finch, North'd Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He successfully dislodged a party of the enemy who were holding out in an advanced post. He took command of his company after an enemy counter-attack, and during the following days and nights he so persistently harassed the enemy with bombs and rifle grenades that they were forced to abandon their position. He displayed splendid coolness and courage.

T./2nd Lt. John Finney, R. Innis. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The enemy being held by machine-gun fire, he crossed a canal and went over the open to communicate with a Tank, the assistance of which he procured. He was mainly responsible for the rapid advance of his platoon along the trench system, tackling all isolated machine-guns without hesitation. He led his men with fearless determination in the face of great difficulties.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Richard Helden Forster, Midd'x R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a company in an attack. For forty-eight hours he worked untiringly under heavy fire. Although at one period he collapsed through exhaustion, after a very short rest he returned to take command of his men. He was largely instrumental in maintaining the line at a critical period.

Lt. (A./Capt.) George Flett, Sea. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a company in an attack. He overcame the enemy's resistance and pushed forward. He inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy and captured many prisoners. He was wounded, but continued to lead his men.

T./2nd Lt. Hubert Charles Franklin, R. Dub. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a very severe enemy bombardment of our trenches, the telephone wires being destroyed, he carried out the repair of these personally under very heavy fire. Later, he displayed the greatest fearlessness, when, during a heavy enemy bombardment, he repaired time after time the lines in the

open, being finally successful in re-establishing communication throughout the sector. His courage was worthy of the highest praise.

2nd Lt. John Courtney Fraser, G. Gds., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He set a splendid example to all ranks by his courage and initiative during an engagement, and broke up several enemy counter-attacks by his machine-gun fire. Though he was wounded and badly shaken, he refused to leave his post until he was relieved.

Capt. John Henry Pearson Fraser, M.B., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in organising a new line of evacuation when the original line was blocked by the initial success of an enemy counter-attack. Many wounded had collected, but he got away over 100 stretcher cases, working unceasingly in the open for thirty-six hours.

T./2nd Lt. Ernest Howard Freer, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as brigade signalling officer during three days' operations. He established cable communication very speedily between old and new brigade headquarters, a distance of 3,000 yards, though the enemy was still holding out close by. He showed great initiative and resource.

T./Lt. Francis Aylmer Frost, Cav.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his troop in a most gallant and dashing manner under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire. He afterwards took up a position to protect the exposed flank of another unit. The fine example set by this officer largely contributed to the consolidation of the position before nightfall.

Capt. Joseph Lawrence Fry, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When one of the gunpits caught fire during a heavy bombardment, with the assistance of another officer and a serjeant, he put out the flames, thereby saving the gun from serious damage and the ammunition from destruction.

2nd Lt. Percy Claude Furlong, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When one gun blew up while the battery was in action he collected the detachment, who were suffering from shell shock, got them under cover, and steadied the detachments at the other guns, under heavy shell fire.

Capt. Philip Jacob Gaffikin, M.B., R.A.M.C., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of stretcher-bearers during an engagement. He directed the removal of the wounded under heavy shell fire, and showed great courage and resource.

T./2nd Lt. Henry John Gale, M.M., R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a trench mortar gas bombard-