

over two hours, and only withdrawing when all his party had been either killed or wounded. His gallant behaviour was a splendid example to all ranks.

L/8523 C.S.M. Jasper Lawman, R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. For six days his company held an important section of the battle front, on which the enemy made constant bombing attacks. During the whole of this period he was always at the threatened spot, encouraging all ranks by his fearless example, and by his personal efforts with bombs and rifle doing much to defeat every hostile attack.

6886 C.S.M. Thomas Rush, Norf. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy had succeeded in penetrating between the front and support platoons of his company, and all the officers had become casualties, he took charge of the company, and rallying his men held up the enemy with rifle fire and bombs, inflicting heavy losses on them. By his cool and gallant leading he set a splendid example to all ranks.

#### CANADIAN FORCE.

Lt. George Frederick Adams, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the other officers of his company became casualties he took command of the company and led them through a heavy barrage to reinforce the advance position. During the consolidation he continually exposed himself to the enemy's fire encouraging his men. Though twice buried and badly shaken by bursting shells, he refused to leave the line, and set a splendid example of coolness and courage under very difficult conditions.

Lt. John Macintyre Airth, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the situation was very obscure during an attack and several runners had become casualties in attempts to obtain information, he went forward in daylight over the open for 800 yards under intense fire and obtained most valuable information which resulted in the breaking up of an enemy counter-attack. He showed splendid courage and determination.

Capt. Percy Carruther Band, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company in the attack with the greatest skill and initiative under most difficult conditions. Though wounded, he remained with his men and set them an inspiring example of courage and resource.

Lt. Charles Benjamin Bate, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while engaged on the construction of a plank road. His infantry working parties of 250 men were frequently dispersed by shell fire. On each occasion, with the help of his sappers, he collected the party and remained at work until the task was completed.

Lt. Arthur Boyes, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. When the flank of the

battalion became exposed during an attack he used excellent judgment in forming a defensive flank, and by his coolness and contempt of danger inspired his men with such confidence as to avert all danger from the exposed flank.

Lt. Victor William Bunn, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of a working party, which was heavily shelled, he displayed exceptional skill and courage in manœuvring his men and keeping them together. He personally took two men who had been wounded to a "pill-box," and helped to dress their wounds. His example greatly inspired his men and enabled them to finish their task under very heavy hostile shell fire.

Lt. Gordon Carmichael, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his company when all the other officers became casualties. Finding it impossible to consolidate the captured ground owing to heavy machine-gun and rifle fire from a strong point, he organised and led a successful attack on the position, capturing four machine guns and 18 prisoners. He worked untiringly at securing the position, and it was chiefly owing to his grasp of the situation and able leadership that his company were able to hold their ground against an enemy counter-attack and under heavy fire.

T./Capt. David William Clarkson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when the enemy attempted to raid his trenches on three occasions. His courage, coolness and leadership were largely responsible for the repulse of the attacks. He directed his men throughout the raids, followed up the retreating enemy, killed one and carried in a wounded prisoner.

Capt. Chester Francis Commins, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed great skill and courage in handling not only his own platoon, but men of other units who had become attached, regulating the pace of the advance behind the barrage by encouraging his men forward and yet checking them as circumstances warranted. Whilst holding the line he was most active and assiduous in his duties, keeping his men in good spirits and visiting posts during heavy bombardments.

Lt. Marmaduke Murray Dillon, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during lengthy operations, when in command of four guns. He exhibited the greatest courage and skill, in face of very great difficulties, in placing his guns in position and getting up ammunition. His fine example to his men and his coolness and judgment were entirely responsible for keeping his guns in action.

Lt. Ronald MacKinnon Donaldson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led forward two platoons to reinforce the front line, and finding that the leading company had suffered considerable casualties, he took command and consolidated the position. He moved about along