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Lt. Chester William Halstead, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His utter disregard for machine-gun fire inspired his men greatly. He with his platoon captured 77 prisoners and two machine-guns, the latter being brought into action at once against the enemy. After the captured position had been consolidated, he went forward some 200 yards, where he met an enemy Staff officer, whom, on his refusal to surrender, he promptly killed. He gave a splendid example of courageous energy and dash.

Capt. William McLeod Fletcher, Fld. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when a mule train carrying ammunition was heavily shelled. By his gallant conduct and courageous example he rallied and steadied the column under intense fire and succeeded in getting them forward to safety. He then organised a party and removed the wounded.

Lt. Adrian Tidmarsh Forsythe, Fld. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as forward observation officer during an attack. He went forward to the captured position and remained all night in the open, establishing communication under heavy shell fire. During the attack he kept up visual communication under heavy fire for 30 hours, and by his dogged perseverance and courage was able to send back important information.

Capt. George May Foster, A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of the evacuation of the wounded from the front line during the operations, and set a splendid example to his stretcher-bearers by his courage and determination. He led a party to remove several stretcher cases under heavy shell fire, and though wounded himself he attended to their wounds and arranged their removal.

Lt. Sylvester Francis Hannan, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Though severely wounded before the attack, he led his platoon in the advance and personally accounted for several of the enemy. He captured his final objective and, though suffering severely from his wound, remained with his men until the position was consolidated. He set a splendid example of courage and endurance.

Lt. Bernard Stanley Heath, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during offensive operations, when he took over a section of mobile guns and by his coolness under severe shell fire and his good judgment of position materially assisted in holding the captured position until relieved, although he was unsupported and suffered severe losses.

Qmnt. and Hon. Capt. George Airey Jackson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led a mule train during an

attack over almost impassable ground and through heavy barrages and kept up the supplies of water and rations. He reconnoitred the ground at great risk, his conduct proving a considerable factor in the success of the enterprise.

Lt. Wilson Talmage Johnston, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was severely wounded in the head before an attack and, having had his wound attended to, led his platoon in the attack to the second objective, where he collapsed from loss of blood. He would not leave his men until the position had been consolidated, and set a most inspiring example of energy and courage.

Capt. William Walker Kennedy, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company in an attack to the final objective in spite of very heavy machine-gun and artillery fire, which caused severe losses, and later, learning that a flank company had lost all its officers, he went over to reorganise the situation. Later, his coolness and courage during a strong counter-attack undoubtedly saved a critical situation.

Lt. John Ernest Hill Laidlaw, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company suffered heavy casualties, by his courage and determination he kept the men together and reorganised the company. A large gap in the line occurred on his left, and he at once went out to reconnoitre, and succeeded in gaining touch with the unit on his left and re-established the line. His disregard of danger was a splendid example to his men.

Lt. Edward Charleton Lattin, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon in the attack and by great daring and coolness reached the final objective. When his company commander became a casualty he took command of the company and, though wounded himself, remained with them until the captured ground was consolidated. He set an inspiring example of energy and courage to his men.

Lt. Reginald Lingford, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He supervised the installation of signalling lamps under heavy fire and moved up and down the lines throughout the engagement, keeping communications intact, and on one occasion spent over an hour in the open, under intense fire, repairing the wires. He did splendid work under the most difficult conditions.

Capt. Albert Henry Loughton, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company in the attack with great courage and ability. When the company on his right moved beyond their objective to attack a party of the enemy he at once grasped the situation and moved two platoons to fill the gap. He assisted in capturing a "pill-box" with four machine-guns and 13 prisoners, and showed splendid initiative and courage throughout. Though wounded he remained at duty until his company was relieved.