

ing a retirement under the most trying circumstances, when he formed one of a very successful covering party. He also made a daring reconnaissance, and brought back valuable information. Later, in organising the defence of a strong point, he did admirable work, and greatly encouraged all those around him by his coolness under fire.

T./2nd Lt. Thomas Russell, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When ordered to move his guns to another section he did so without casualties from a heavily shelled front line position. Later, he used his guns with deadly effect covering the infantry, only falling back when almost surrounded. He was then blown over by a shell, but resumed command as soon as he recovered consciousness.

Lt. William Russell, A. and S. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty throughout six days' fighting, especially when his company was hard pressed and almost cut off, and he organised two platoons, collecting men from other units to form a defensive flank, his promptitude and initiative saving a critical situation.

2nd Lt. James Ruxton, R. Fus., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in command of a company attacking. He was twice wounded while getting his men to the forming-up line, but cheered them on, and advanced with them until he fell from exhaustion. He behaved most pluckily.

Capt. Peter John Ryan, M.D., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during lengthy operations in charge of bearers and advanced dressing stations. He organised the whole forward work, and it was due to his individual efforts and energy that so large a number of casualties were prevented from falling into hostile hands. He worked continuously throughout the whole retreat, and his success was such that no wounded man fell into the enemy's hands after once having been put under the care of the field ambulance bearers. His work was carried out under extremely difficult conditions and often under heavy shell fire. His devotion to duty was quite beyond praise.

T./2nd Lt. Leslie Sample, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on many occasions, under heavy hostile fire. With his train crew, he repaired lines, where shot up, whenever possible, and brought up ammunition, collecting and carrying back many wounded, and conveying them to a dressing station. Later, he remained in a town, assisting in the evacuation of stock under heavy fire, and until the enemy had actually entered it. Throughout he set a magnificent example of courage, and greatly inspired all under his command.

T./Capt. (A./Maj.) Hector Edwin Vincent Sants, M.G.C. (transferred from Glou. R.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a company of machine guns. Noticing that certain rearguards were being heavily engaged, he personally went forward with two machine guns, under a very heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, and engaged the enemy with great effect, forcing them to retire, and thus allowing the rearguards time to withdraw. It was largely due to his skill and utter disregard of personal danger that the enemy was kept at a distance and did nothing further to hamper the rearguard movements.

T./Lt. Douglas Alfred Savage, Gen. List and R.A.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, especially on the following occasions. When on patrol attacked a formation of enemy aeroplanes, crashing one, while another fell to pieces in the air after a short combat. Attacked an Albatross, which he set on fire, and drove another down out of control. Attacked many ground targets from low altitudes.

T./Lt. Harold Algernon Sawyer, R.N.D., R.N.V.R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When communications had been cut and the situation was very obscure, he volunteered to go forward, and in spite of heavy machine-gun fire succeeded in reaching the battalion, to whom he gave instructions. Later in the night, he again showed splendid grit and determination in his daring efforts to reach the front line.

2nd Lt. Geoffrey Latimer Sayer, Yeo.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during enemy attacks. Standing on the parapet of a trench, under heavy machine-gun fire, he directed the fire of his men, inflicting severe losses on the enemy, and holding up the local advance. During succeeding days he continually rallied stragglers, and, with great courage and skill, held advanced positions with success until ordered to withdraw. Finally he was severely wounded while leading a counter-attack.

Lt. Douglas Hollingsworth Sayers, Sco. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After a village had been evacuated owing to intense hostile shelling and the near approach of the enemy, he went back to it with a party of men and brought away, under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, eight Stokes' mortars, which had been left behind.

Lt. Robert Horton Sayers, W. Rid. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led a patrol to gain contact with a flank battalion, rapidly reconnoitred the ground under fire, and established a line of posts in face of the enemy on a large frontage where a dangerous gap existed. Owing to