

the guns were successfully got away in an orderly manner.

Lt. William Joseph Sharples, R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went under heavy fire to the various batteries of his brigade when all communications had been cut. When the enemy had captured the forward section of a siege battery he went forward to reconnoitre right into the enemy's front troops. On another day he twice made valuable reconnaissances of the enemy's position. His dash and gallantry were a splendid example to all.

Lt. Reginald Sugdon Shaw, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He organised parties at the ammunition refilling point, and took over the corps ammunition dump, where he remained to supply the retiring batteries, though under hostile fire, which was concentrated on the vicinity of the dump. Again he remained at the ammunition railhead after its evacuation by the railway personnel. On another occasion, being warned that the enemy were approaching, he stayed to destroy all records, and only left when the railhead was between our infantry and the enemy. His perseverance, steadfast demeanour, and courage were a fine example to his men.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Frank Edward Cecil Shearme, W. Rid. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in skilfully handling his company when attacked by the enemy on five occasions. On each occasion, under his able command, the attack was smashed by the excellent use the company made of their Lewis guns and rifles.

2nd Lt. Joseph Sheldon, Notts. and Derby. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, when in charge of a part of the H.Q. details holding a small trench. Under a terrific bombardment, 50 per cent. of his men became casualties, and he was ordered to counter-attack part of a trench, which the enemy had entered. He led the attack with great courage and skill, and recaptured the trench. Later, when attacked by a vastly superior force, he established a block, and held the position. Throughout the operations his fearlessness and devotion were beyond praise.

2nd Lt. William Hubert Shelley, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While the battery was firing an S.O.S., it was heavily shelled from front and flank, one shell killing an officer and disabling a whole detachment. He at once organised another detachment from his section, and assisted himself to keep the gun in action. His splendid example had a great effect on the men of the battery during a critical period.

Capt. Brian Shelmerdine, Lanc. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a company during recent operations. This officer, by his fine example of leadership, held on to a position against repeated attacks by the enemy until ordered to withdraw. He habitually set a fine example to his men and showed great dash and determination.

T./Capt. Carl Joseph Shephard, Linc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of the first wave of a raiding party. He reached the exact objective allotted to him, and by pressing close to the barrage, enabled the waves to enter the trenches before the enemy could direct their machine-gun fire. The first to enter the trenches, he kept his men under control, covered the withdrawal, and was the last of his party to leave. His leadership and courage greatly inspired all ranks.

T./Lt. Percy Albert Shepherd, R.N.D. R.N.V.R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack on enemy machine-gun positions. In spite of the difficult nature of the attack, which took place through a dense wood, he showed great skill and initiative in the handling of his company, so that the enemy were outflanked and forced to retire, leaving a machine gun behind them.

2nd Lt. Daniel Sheridan, D.C.M., H.L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in command of half a company, and was ordered to protect an unprotected gap of some 600 yards between two brigades upon which the enemy was advancing. He promptly led his party forward against vastly superior numbers under very heavy rifle and machine-gun fire. He was wounded as he reached the position he was making for, but continued to encourage his men to keep up a heavy and accurate fire on the enemy, thereby greatly assisting the right battalion of the left-hand brigade in its withdrawal. Only four men survived, but the devotion to duty of this gallant party, inspired by their courageous leader, saved what would probably have developed into a serious situation.

Capt. Hubert Shield, M.B., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at advanced dressing stations. Under heavy fire, he managed to save all wounded from falling into the enemy's hands, and remained doing his duty till his stations were cleared. In one dressing station, which he alone ran for sixteen hours, he dressed and evacuated over 300 men.

T./Lt. Alfred John Shipton, R. Berks. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when the situation of the troops was not clear. He was brigade intelligence officer, and by a personal reconnaissance of the whole brigade front he established the positions of all the troops. The information which he obtained under difficult circum-