

T./2nd Lt. Thomas Allen Womersley, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when ordered to get into touch with the flank of a division and hold the ground. This he did until the last possible moment, and then fought a rearguard action, contesting successive positions with stubbornness and ability. His cheerfulness and courage afforded a fine example to all ranks.

T./2nd Lt. Benjamin Wood, E. Yorks. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, especially in consolidating a position under heavy machine-gun fire, and also successfully withdrawing his company from a difficult situation.

2nd Lt. Cyril Blake Wood, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a withdrawal across country under heavy shell fire, when one gun team had three horses shot, he caught stray horses and saved the gun. On another day, while brigade observation post officer, he was badly shaken by a shell bursting near him, but continued for some hours to send through valuable information. On both occasions he showed great courage and determination.

2nd Lt. John Wood, Bord. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his forward posts were heavily attacked and driven in by the enemy, he at once led a counter-attack, and by his determination and courage succeeded in recapturing all the posts which had been lost.

Lt. (A./Capt.) John Alexander Wood, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Anticipating an attack, this officer worked incessantly for several days and nights building alternative cable routes, which he supervised under heavy shell fire. Owing to his foresight and organisation, communication was kept up at a very critical time.

2nd Lt. Richard Oliver Wood, R. Scots.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Throughout nine days' operations was out the whole of each day in the forward trenches as intelligence officer, sending back accurate information. Later, owing to a company commander being killed, he took over command, and held the trenches under very severe shell fire.

T./2nd Lt. Frederick Thomas Woodcock, Ches. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He assumed command of the company when all officers had become casualties, and maintained the defence for several hours in spite of an intense shell fire. He then withdrew with much skill and daring to a new position. Later, he assisted his company commander in beating out a fire which had started in front of the trench, and was masking their fire.

T./2nd Lt. Harry William Woods, Worc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to

duty. When in command of a Lewis gun team he held up the enemy advance for a considerable time. After several of the team had been hit, he took charge of the gun himself and continued to fire, although wounded, until the order to withdraw was sent forward to him. His inspiring example throughout the action had a splendid moral effect on the troops under his command.

T./2nd Lt. Leslie Woodward, S. Lan. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During enemy attacks he displayed great qualities of initiative and resource. It was owing to his fine leadership an attack was repulsed on his company front, and when a second materialised, he organised and led a bombing party, which accounted for many of the enemy. His fine example greatly heartened his men.

T./2nd Lt. Bernard Wright, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of an infantry post. Ammunition ran short, and he led a small party to a dump to get more. He failed through getting wounded in the knee, but returned to and held his position for ten hours with what ammunition remained.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Cyril John Sidney Wright, Gen. List.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of two 6-in. mortars which he had to move under great difficulties in the night. Shortly after reaching the new position a heavy barrage was put down, but this officer, calling for volunteers, made two journeys forward, bringing back 20 rounds of ammunition.

T./2nd Lt. George Edward Wright, A.S.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in maintaining his guns in action and in keeping up the supply of ammunition under very trying conditions. On two occasions he returned to old evacuated positions and salvaged ammunition in order to keep the battery supplied. Later, it was due to his great energy and cheerful example that six guns and stores were saved, and that his men, though worn out with fatigue, so ably performed their duties.

T./Lt. John William Wright, Gen. List.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty throughout eight days' fighting, during which he managed to maintain communication between units all the time, facilitating counter-attacks, and indicating targets for the artillery.

2nd Lt. Percy Wright, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He brought a convoy of ammunition through a terrific gas barrage along a heavily shelled road which was frequently blocked by destroyed vehicles. He was badly gassed as he had to take his mask off to give orders to drivers. His fine courage and determination enabled the ammunition to reach the guns.