

source and most energetic leadership he withdrew from the trench he had captured and extricated his company from a difficult position and led them eventually back to the battalion, taking three of the enemy prisoners on the way. Throughout the operations his initiative and skill were not less conspicuous than his great courage, and his good leadership saved many casualties.

T./Capt. Charles Beauclerk Despard, M.C., Dns.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During five days of retirement, while as second in command of the battalion, he throughout displayed very high qualities as a leader. While in command of the rear-guard the gallantry and determination with which he disputed the ground was largely responsible for the safe withdrawal of the rest of the main body.

Lt. (A./Maj.) Hugh John Duff, M.C., Yeo., attd. L'pool R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He commanded his company with marked ability, and at a critical time sent back valuable information to battalion headquarters. He showed courage and cheerfulness under heavy fire.

T./2nd Lt. Arthur Elliott, M.C., Lan. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He ran over under heavy machine-gun fire and rallied men on the right flank who were being driven in, inflicting very heavy losses on the enemy by firing a Lewis gun himself. He covered the withdrawal of his party with nine or ten men, later ordering the main body of his men back and with one man covering their withdrawal. The right flank being again driven in he nevertheless held on to his line for three more hours, practically surrounded and under heavy enfilade fire. He then made a dash with his men for our lines, attached himself to another unit and continued to fight for the rest of the day. His action is worthy of the highest praise.

2nd Lt. Lyle Fullam Ellis, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of a sector during an enemy attack. He kept his guns firing to the last possible moment, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy, and scattering one of their batteries altogether. He showed great coolness and determination under heavy fire.

T./Capt. Ralph Franklin Eminson, R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When two companies who had made a counter-attack and reached a village, were obliged to fall back 150 yards, suffering heavy casualties, whom it was impossible to rescue owing to the accurate machine-gun and rifle fire from the village, this officer went himself, regardless of fire, and in full view of the enemy, across "No Man's Land" many times, and carried and assisted back the wounded, who would otherwise have been left.

Capt. Frank Entwisle, M.C., Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Having led his company through an intense machine-gun barrage, he established himself on a hill, which became practically isolated owing to all approaches being commanded by the enemy. For three days and two nights he fearlessly exposed himself, organising the position, which was of vital importance, and encouraging his men, who were continuously under heavy shell and machine-gun fire. After three most determined counter-attacks had been driven off, he was the only unwounded officer of the two half battalions. Assuming command, he rallied the men and beat off a fourth attack. Then clinging to the lower slopes of the hill until dusk, he withdrew with all the wounded and every Lewis gun, having first destroyed any material which had to be abandoned.

Maj. Thomas Etchells, M.C., R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took over the battalion after the O.C. had been badly wounded, and greatly added to its efficiency by his energy and leadership. He organised a series of patrols under difficult circumstances, and gained valuable information of enemy movement.

T./Capt. Gerald Watson Failes, M.C., Norf. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed good initiative in promptly moving all his Lewis guns to meet the direction of an enemy attack, breaking their attack up. He also led a bombing squad successfully, rallied and reorganised stragglers, and by his fine example greatly conduced to the splendid resistance made by his men.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Stephen Feary, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With two sections he attacked and captured a farm strongly held by the enemy, killing thirty and capturing eighteen, as well as three machine guns. An enemy officer broke his arm with a revolver bullet; he shot the officer and then established his position. He displayed fine courage and determination.

T./2nd Lt. Edward Field, M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a section of guns during repeated enemy attacks. For eight hours he fired his guns with great judgment under heavy machine-gun and artillery fire. The enemy poured out of a valley in large numbers, and the guns fired with terrific effect. The enemy was held for seven hours. Then, reinforced, they advanced to within 100 yards of the guns and bombed the positions from the right rear. He ordered his guns to cut their way to new positions while he helped their retirement by throwing the remainder of the bombs. In getting back he was shot through the body. His determination and fearlessness were magnetic. Throughout the day he fought magnificently.