

forward to reinforce the post, and hand-to-hand fighting ensued, in which he was wounded. He held to his ground and persisted in his endeavours to obtain an identification, until forced by superior numbers to retire, which he succeeded in doing, after having inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy. By his fine tenacity of purpose and cool leadership he set a fine example to his men.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Eric Douglas Donnell, R. West Surr. R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on several occasions, when he maintained supplies to all companies and greatly inspired the men by his coolness and courage under heavy fire. On one occasion, noticing signs of wavering in a body of troops, he went across the open, under heavy machine-gun fire, and by his courage and fine example inspired them with fresh confidence and determination.

T./2nd Lt. William Gurwood Douglas, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of a forward gun during an enemy attack. The gun was continuously shelled, and small dumps of ammunition caught fire. He put out the fires as they occurred and kept the gun going throughout.

2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) Francis Barré Beresford Dowling, E. Surr. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His company in one night dug in five times on successive positions. His men were always under complete control. When his flank was exposed he tenaciously held on to his position. He led his company in the most intrepid manner and throughout displayed the greatest coolness and disregard for his personal safety.

Lt. (A./Maj.) William John Dowling, R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under heavy shelling he took charge of a party and extinguished an ammunition dump which had been set on fire. The same morning he saved ammunition in a cartridge truck, which had been struck by shell splinters, from igniting, and later, whilst in action, though knocked over by the explosion of a shell, he remained with his gun and superintended its removal.

2nd Lt. James Doyle, K.R.R.C., attd. Rif. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under heavy bombardment of high explosive and gas shells he kept his platoon well in hand and successfully repulsed an enemy force greatly superior in numbers. Though severely wounded he continued to direct the fire of his men, and put up a splendid defence. He showed very fine courage and determination.

Lt. Philip Keven Doyle, Spec. Res., Leins. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer took command of the battalion when all the senior officers had become casualties. He rallied the men and showed

a fine example of leadership and courage, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy, until he was severely wounded.

T./2nd Lt. Harold Victor Drinkwater, R. War: R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a raiding party on hostile trenches. Two minutes after zero he was badly wounded in the leg, but in spite of great pain and difficulty in moving, he carried on in charge of the party, which he handled with the greatest dash and initiative. It was largely due to his courage and ability that the raid was a success and valuable identification secured.

2nd Lt. Thomas Andrew Driscoll, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer remained behind under heavy shell fire in the endeavour to save a gun which had dropped out of the column owing to a broken pole. The enemy was rapidly advancing, and it was only after several failures and two casualties to horses that the pole was repaired by his personal efforts.

Lt. Harry Farrant Driver, Camb. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a night attack, when the enemy worked round a flank, threatening to get behind the line, this officer, throwing back the flank of his platoon, led a counter-attack and drove the enemy back in confusion. On another occasion he assisted in leading a counter-attack with great dash, capturing twelve prisoners and a machine-gun.

Lt. Malcolm Blair Drysdale, Notts. & Derby. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During seven days' hard fighting this officer, who was intelligence officer to the brigade, was almost continuously manning an observation post in an exposed position which was constantly shelled. In spite of this, he always remained there, sending valuable information to the brigade. On one occasion, in going forward to ascertain the situation, he was wounded in several places by a shell which burst at his feet. After having had his wounds dressed, he continued to do his work, refusing to be evacuated until the brigade was relieved. His gallant behaviour and his devotion to duty were of a high order.

2nd Lt. George Ducker, York. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a company. He showed initiative and resource in forming a defensive flank and holding his line against repeated enemy attacks. By his gallant conduct and disregard for personal danger he set a fine example to his men.

2nd Lt. Thomas Sydney Duddy, D.C.M., Durh. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He handled his platoon, and later his company, with great courage and ability against heavy enemy attacks. He also successfully carried out a reconnaissance under heavy barrage.