

to cover a gap in the line and controlled them skilfully during a strong enemy attack. Later, he did most excellent service in organising infantry near him whose officers had all become casualties.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Cedric Hewardine Marshall, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on many occasions during the retirement, especially when the battery, whilst on the move, came under very heavy fire. He was of great assistance in extricating the guns and vehicles, and also organised a relief party to return and get away the wagons which were left behind owing to losses of horses. Although blown off his horse by a bursting shell, he stuck to the work and eventually got them away.

Lt. Donald Marshall, Lanc. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer assumed command of his company when he was unable to find either his company commander or second in command, both of whom were subsequently found wounded. He led the company forward from a reserve position through an intense barrage, and joined in the fight at a critical moment. He commanded the company throughout with judgment and coolness.

2nd Lt. Frederick Marshall, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. When the ammunition in one of the gun-pits had been set alight by the explosion of a hostile shell he, without any hesitation, rushed up and, single-handed, removed the burning camouflage, and, by shovelling earth on the ammunition, successfully quenched the fire. But for his prompt and gallant action the entire pit, including the gun, would have been lost.

2nd Lt. Charles Harry Martin, York & Lanc. R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When this officer was leading a small raiding party, of which he was in charge, wire was encountered before reaching the enemy's post. He behaved with exceptional coolness, cutting the wire, with the assistance of a N.C.O., and so enabling the party to approach the post. He led the way with great determination through a gap in a hedge, which was the only means of access. He engaged two of the enemy single-handed, killing one and only being prevented from bringing the other back a prisoner by the arrival of a greatly superior party of the enemy. He, however, managed to bring back useful marks of identification. Throughout the operation he displayed courage and initiative of a high order.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Granville Basnett Martin, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on two occasions. First, on seeing the greater part of two battalions retiring, he rushed forward in the open under machine-gun fire and rallied and reformed them. Secondly, when the enemy made three attacks, penetrating a portion of the line

each time, he organised and led a counter-attack on each occasion, which drove out the enemy, largely owing to his brilliant leading and example.

T./Lt. Reginald Dean Martin, North'n R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when battalion intelligence officer. He advanced through a heavy barrage to find out the situation. He led forward a party that had gone astray in time to prevent the enemy from reoccupying a trench. He brought back information of the greatest value throughout the day, and has at all times shown great ability and courage.

Lt. Ronald Martin, R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer was left in charge of the last remaining gun of the battery, the rest of which had been withdrawn one by one after he had maintained them in action throughout the day. Owing to the particularly unfavourable position of the gun and the exhausted condition of the detachment it was decided not to withdraw it but to keep it in action till the last moment and blow it up on the approach of the enemy. This he did after firing for some time under heavy shelling and machine-gun and rifle fire on short-range targets, and when the enemy had got to within a few hundred yards. He then brought the detachment back to the new position which had been taken up by the battery. On another occasion he displayed great gallantry in helping with other officers, under heavy shell fire, to keep in action a gun the detachment of which had all been either killed or wounded.

2nd Lt. Oswald Henry Mason, N. Staff. R., attd. S. Staff. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a company. He formed a screen through which part of another battalion was ordered to retire. His excellent dispositions enabled this to be done with complete success. When forced later to withdraw his men, he stayed behind with his one remaining Lewis gun, inflicting severe losses on the enemy until his company had reached its new position. He set a very fine example of courage and good leadership.

Lt. Frank Eric Massie, York. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in command of a battalion ammunition reserve. He led his transport time after time through heavy fire, bringing up ammunition. He was during critical situations untiring in energy and devotion to duty.

2nd Lt. Theobald Mathew, I. Gds.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer led a raid with dash and ability, its success being largely due to his leadership and example. When one of his sections was held up by a machine gun he rushed it from a flank, putting the gun out of action and killing the gunner.