

effects of gas, performed his duties in the open, regardless of all danger. He behaved splendidly.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Gerald Grimwood Mears, R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While ammunition and houses round the guns were blazing he organised the relief of two guns, and got one gun, which was temporarily out of action, into action under exceptionally heavy shelling.

2nd Lt. Alexander Meffett, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer, with his section of sappers, was digging supporting posts in front of a town when the enemy attacked, and he became involved in the fighting. He rendered great assistance to the infantry by loopholing walls for machine guns and encouraging and controlling his men in house-to-house fighting, holding up the enemy at many points.

T./2nd Lt. Thomas Macfarlane Meikle, Yorks. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a patrol in "No Man's Land." The enemy fired a Verey light, showing up four of their own men. He at once gave chase and captured one of the enemy alive. By his coolness, courage and dash he was instrumental in obtaining a much needed identification.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Aubrey Rollo Ibbetson Mellor, Yeo., attd. R.W. Surr. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was sent down by the medical officer, but on hearing that all senior officers of his battalion had become casualties he collected a party from other units, returned to the front line and took command of his battalion. He commanded the battalion for six days with great ability.

17951 C.S./M. Sam. Mellor, D.C.M., R. Scots.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a night attack by the enemy, which drove back the unit on the left, this warrant officer took two Lewis guns to that flank, and by keeping them in action restored the situation. When all his company officers became casualties he took command, and by his fighting qualities inspired the men with confidence.

T./2nd Lt. Patrick Stewart Melville, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer showed great resource in handling his guns at two strong points, keeping them in action throughout the day, and inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. His cheerfulness and courage were an inspiring example to his men.

T./Lt. Daniel Menzies, R. Highrs., attd. M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of machine guns. During an enemy attack, though wounded in six

different places early in the day, he declined to leave his guns, though urged by the medical officer to go to hospital. Later in the day he collected all the stragglers of machine-gun sections in the vicinity, and under heavy fire, regardless of danger, he organised the defence of the line. His four guns were continuously in action during the day and inflicted very heavy casualties on the enemy, whose advance was effectively arrested. During the whole operations this officer displayed gallantry and endurance of a high order.

T./Capt. George Christian Meredith, Ches. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during enemy attacks. He was acting second in command, and obtained much useful information which materially assisted his commanding officer. Throughout, under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, he showed contempt of danger, and rendered valuable services to his battalion.

2nd Lt. William Barwick Metcalfe, High. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a company. He followed up the enemy after they had retreated, got hold of other units and brought them up to prolong his flanks; he repulsed a strong hostile attack, and maintained his line unbroken throughout the day.

Capt. Harry Middleton, M.B., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. Though suffering from the effects of gas he remained at duty dressing wounded for four days until ordered to hospital. He was frequently under shell fire, and had to change his aid post several times.

Lt. (A./Capt.) John Alfred Middleton, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an intense bombardment of the battery position the battery commander was killed, and this officer, though badly wounded, carried on in command of the battery until a senior officer could be obtained to replace him. It was due to his splendid example that the battery continued in action at a critical time, despite hostile fire and heavy casualties.

Lt. John Miles, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during three days' operations. He was continuously laying or mending wires, and maintained a complete system of communication to all batteries of the brigade and neighbouring formations. His work and conduct were excellent.

Lt. Frederick James Steel Millar, Sco. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while commanding a company. Under heavy enemy bombardment he moved continually along his line, encouraging his men. Immediately the barrage ceased he moved three platoons forward to a position from which they were able to inflict heavy casual-