

fighting he commanded his guns with much ability. He did fine service.

T./2nd Lt. Alfred Henry Murch, R. War. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He was in charge of an advanced post. Seeing that the advancing troops would be held up by the wire in front, he went out with one man under heavy machine-gun fire and commenced to cut it. He continued this work until badly wounded.

Capt. Frederick Charles Murphy, R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While this officer was pulling out of position under shell and machine-gun fire there was considerable delay in getting the railway trucks to remove two of the guns. He got two guns pulled out on the road by hand and the other two ready for removal by rail. Then, seeing that the enemy were advancing, he took the personnel of the battery around with rifles to hold them off, and eventually got the guns safely away and into action again in another position.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) James Kennedy Murphy, Linc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. For two days this officer's company was heavily shelled and attacked time after time, but by his personal example he kept his men together and held his ground. Although badly wounded in the face he refused to leave his post.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) William Stafford Murphy, Leic. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On a very dark night he collected a few troops and led them to the front line which had been evacuated, rushing each post in turn and leaving a garrison in each. He held on to the front line until relieved. He showed fine courage and determination.

2nd Lt. Alastair Campbell Murray, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the line between the receiving station and the guns, some 300 yards, was broken, this officer volunteered to take the orders from the station up to the guns. He did this again and again under very heavy fire. On a later date he carried out most useful observation from an observation post in spite of continual shelling.

T./Lt. Ovington Murray-Lyon, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of a battery, when his fine example and disregard of personal safety were largely instrumental in keeping up the fire of the battery at a critical period. He successfully withdrew the guns from a very difficult position with very slight casualties, and showed great powers of command and coolness in dangerous circumstances.

Capt. John Vickers Naisby, R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Though his position was heavily shelled and gassed, and casualties were being

inflicted, he kept his guns in action continuously, doing great execution to the enemy at short range. His initiative and energy were most inspiring.

Capt. Ian Patrick Robert Napier, Arg. & Suth'd Highrs. and R.A.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer has carried out many reconnaissances, and flying at low altitudes has engaged massed enemy troops with bombs and machine-gun fire, inflicting heavy casualties. He has brought down seven enemy machines.

T./Capt. Kenneth Russel Napier, R.A.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during recent operations. He carried out several successful reconnaissances under heavy machine-gun fire from the ground, dropping bombs on troops and machine gunning them, while attacked himself by enemy aircraft. Under very trying weather conditions he brought back most valuable information. He did very fine work.

Capt. Desmond Annesley Fraser Needham, R. Fus., attd. W. York. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an enemy attack this officer displayed great coolness and gallantry, personally organising and supervising the defence and encouraging the men under very heavy machine-gun fire. When forced to retire, as the enemy had broken through on a flank, he rallied stragglers from different battalions and personally organised and led a counter-attack which resulted in a substantial advance of our line. On another occasion, when the men, wearied with prolonged fighting, were being hardly tried by an exceptionally severe bombardment, his great coolness and cheerfulness did much to keep up their spirits. During the whole time his energy was untiring and his disregard of personal safety conspicuous. His conduct of the operations saved a very critical situation.

2nd Lt. Vivian Herbert Nesor, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although wounded he remained with his trench mortars until they both became useless with the firing. He then destroyed them and made his way through the enemy's lines to the rear positions, firing the mortars still in action there. Then he fought with the infantry in the front line until relieved, sixteen hours after he had been wounded.

Lt. (A./Maj.) Hugh Percy Nesham, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During many days' hard fighting this officer directed from the front line, under heavy fire, the fire of his battery, dispersing the enemy's concentrations and breaking up his attacks. He was of the greatest assistance also in reorganising parties of infantry that had become dispersed. Throughout a