

T./Capt. James William Vasey, North'd Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He held the enemy at bay, with eight men and two Lewis guns, while the infantry withdrew across a river. It was not until he was nearly surrounded that he retired, after destroying the bridge. Later, during a terrific bombardment, it was due to his coolness and resource that the company held so well.

Capt. (A./Maj.) John Leonard Veitch, Devon. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He and another company officer, with their companies, defended a bridge-head against five enemy attacks and an armoured car. Under heavy shelling they displayed courage and skill of a high order, and did most valuable service.

T./2nd Lt. William Martin Veitch, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when caught by a heavy enemy barrage of gas and high explosives while taking his section across the open to the corps line. He got them into a trench close by, and then led them, under very heavy fire, to their allotted position. The fine example of coolness which he set had the result of steadying the men.

2nd Lt. Arthur Humphrey Vernall, Leic. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while holding an advanced post with his platoon. He successfully beat off a strong enemy raiding party which attacked under cover of trench mortar barrage. Later, he again repulsed an enemy attack, inflicting heavy casualties. He showed fine courage and leadership.

2nd Lt. Victor Lawrence Vernon, Worc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy had broken into a village he led his men so well in a vigorous counter-attack that the enemy was driven back from his positions. He was wounded, but the situation was restored before he left. He set a splendid example by his promptness and courage.

2nd Lt. Frank Court Vessey, M.M., R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On a morning when his battery was being subjected to exceptionally heavy shelling and many casualties were being inflicted, this officer rallied his men and encouraged them to increased efforts. In the evening, during the withdrawal of his guns, he exerted himself to the utmost, man-handling trucks carrying the guns along the light railway. They were three times driven off by shell fire, and only ceased their efforts when the railway had been cut in so many places that it was impossible to withdraw the remaining guns. Later on he returned and disabled them under intense fire.

T./2nd Lt. Frank Cecil Vickers, North'n R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company in a counter-

attack with great skill, and organised the consolidation of the position under heavy machine-gun fire.

2nd Lt. Arthur Richard Curtis Vieweg, R.G.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under very heavy shell fire he rallied his detachments, keeping up the fire and arranging ammunition supply. When the enemy was within 300 yards, he disabled his guns, the road in rear being broken up. He set a fine example of courage and determination.

T./2nd Lt. Frank Hillidge Viner, North'd Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During five days' fighting this officer by his cheerfulness and initiative maintained a fine fighting spirit in his platoon, helping them to hold their section of the line against repeated attacks. When his company commander was wounded he took command and continued his good work until he was sent to hospital through illness.

T./2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) Ernest John Vipond, North'd Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. For gallantry and initiative in selecting and holding defensive positions in the face of persistent enemy attacks. Leading a counter-attack, he drove the enemy back in disorder, being twice wounded during these operations.

T./Lt. Rupert Collins Wace, Shrops. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer showed great gallantry and prompt initiative when one of his gun teams had all become casualties. He personally took the gun into action, assisted only by a runner, and largely contributed by his accurate fire to break up the enemy's attack and inflict heavy casualties. His determined courage at a very critical moment of the battle was of great value.

T./Lt. Robert Charles Wadley, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an enemy attack one of his two guns was destroyed by shell fire, but taking charge of another gun from an officer who had become a casualty, he fought on with great determination, causing heavy loss to the enemy. He was subsequently wounded, but refused to leave until relief could be obtained.

Capt. (A./Maj.) Percy Holt Wain, R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer commanded his battery with coolness and judgment until wounded. On a night when the battery was in a forward position he kept the guns in action until the last possible moment, the last gun being withdrawn under machine-gun fire. Another evening he kept the battery in action until all the ammunition was expended, and again got all six guns safely away. He showed a splendid example to all ranks by his courage.