

reconnaissance work, carried out for five days before the raid with the greatest keenness and untiring energy, greatly added to the success of the operation.

T./Lt. Thomas James White, R. Ir. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He held his positions with his platoon against heavy odds with great courage and tenacity, and showed good powers of command.

2nd Lt. Alfred Magnus Whitehead, W. Rid. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the other officers had become casualties, this officer took command and led one of his platoons forward in a counter-attack with great gallantry, and in a most able manner, being largely instrumental in driving the enemy out of our trenches, in which they had obtained a footing. On another occasion he led two platoons forward under heavy fire to fill a threatened gap in our line, disposing his men with much ability, and controlling their fire with great effect.

2nd Lt. Charles Frederick Whiteman, M.M., Rifle Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action, when he disposed of large numbers of the enemy with a Lewis gun, both whilst being attacked and during the time he was forced to retire. Later, when his company commander was wounded, he took charge of the company, and showed the greatest coolness and indifference to his personal safety, and by his cheerfulness at all times he kept up the spirits of his men and by his skill withdrew the company with a minimum of casualties.

T./Capt. Eric Leslie Whiteman, E. Surr. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. Under heavy shelling he removed transport personnel and horses to a place of safety. The same night he made several journeys under heavy fire, and saved all the battalion records and a large quantity of valuable stores. Owing to his splendid initiative and untiring energy during the withdrawal the battalion was kept supplied with ammunition and rations.

2nd Lt. Joseph Evans Whiting, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while commanding the battery. Though the battery was under extremely heavy enemy fire each gun was served up until it was knocked out. He continued to command after being severely wounded. He showed splendid pluck and determination.

T./2nd Lt. Walter Kennedy Whitson, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He fought his section unsupported by infantry, and inflicted heavy casualties. Seeing an artillery battery closely engaged with the enemy he advanced his guns and came into action, enabling the artillery to withdraw. In accomplishing this his re-

maining guns were destroyed. He then collected 200 men and held up the enemy advance for nearly six hours. His courage and initiative throughout were of a high order.

Lt. George William Whittall, D.G.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer acted as liaison officer between regimental headquarters and the front line for two days and nights, continually carrying messages across the open under heavy shell and machine-gun fire. When the line became disorganised owing to repeated enemy attacks he was always on the spot, where the situation was obscure or touch had been lost, reorganising and keeping regimental headquarters accurately informed as to the situation.

2nd Lt. (A./Lt.) John Robson Whittle, L'pool R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while commanding a company ordered to protect the battalion flank. Against very heavy odds he led a successful counter-attack, and by his courage and energy saved the battalion heavy casualties.

2nd Lt. John Scott Whyte, Scot. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer led the first wave of the left and leading company in a counter-attack. When his left flank became exposed and enfiladed from the rear he turned a party about, destroying an enemy machine gun and forcing them to retire. He was the first man to reach the objective, and then moved across a gap to the left under heavy fire to gain touch with the next unit. He set a fine example throughout.

T./Lt. Edward Wickham-Jones, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When ammunition was required on one occasion at the battery position he went himself to ascertain the best way to bring it, knowing the enemy were on both flanks. He brought up the ammunition, and later returned through a heavy artillery and machine-gun barrage with the limbers, and withdrew the six guns in spite of the heavy shelling. His energy and coolness alone enabled this to be done. He eventually took the guns to another position and brought up six wagon-loads of ammunition.

Lt. Cecil Rookherst Wigan, Sco. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as liaison officer to his battalion. He made constant journeys under heavy fire between battalion and brigade headquarters, bringing clear and valuable reports on the situation. He also carried out a personal reconnaissance successfully, and behaved throughout with courage and energy.

T./2nd Lt. Ernest Wightman, Ches. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a wounded man who was struggling towards our lines was seen to collapse about forty yards off, apparently exhausted, this officer jumped over the parapet, and although continuously fired at by the enemy