

tributed to the success with which they accomplished a difficult and dangerous task.

2nd Lt. Alfred John Buckler, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At night he led a party of sappers and infantry into "No Man's Land," and with incendiary piles set light to two aeroplane hangars which the enemy had been using as cover from observation and for machine-gun emplacements. While successfully carrying out his work, he was all the time under heavy machine-gun fire from another hangar fifty yards away.

Capt. John Edward Wallace Bushelle, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his company in a counter-attack. In the face of heavy fire he showed an utter disregard for danger, and by his fearless leadership greatly assisted in the success of the operation. Later, under heavy and close machine-gun fire, he moved in the open, directing the work of his company.

Capt. Norman Sydney Cains, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company successfully to his objective under heavy fire, and skilfully consolidated his position. When the enemy counter-attacked he drove them back, showing fine leadership and courage.

2nd Lt. William Bosward Carr, D.C.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of a "mopping up" party, when he led his men with great skill and captured twenty prisoners. He bombed the enemy's battalion headquarters, killed the commanding officer, and captured a liaison officer, from whom valuable information was obtained. Later, being unable to regain touch with other parts of his battalion, and attacked on two sides by the enemy, he extricated his men and got them back to his own lines.

Lt. John Carlyle Christian, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At a critical moment this officer arrived in the front line with a patrol of sixteen men, and at once got them into position, rendering valuable assistance. Later on he volunteered to go back and report the situation, which he successfully did.

Lt. Walter James Clasper, M.G. Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the infantry were held up, this officer brought his two machine guns to bear on three enemy machine guns, silencing them all. On another occasion, with one gun, he silenced five enemy machine-guns, and then, pushing his other gun forward, inflicted heavy casualties on the retiring enemy.

Lt. Gladstone John Garland Clayton, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer led his platoon with great gallantry, in the face of heavy artillery and machine-gun fire, to the attack of an enemy

command post, which he captured with the officer in charge, who was in the act of sending a message by telephone when he was taken. Whilst our troops were consolidating, several officers and men were shot by snipers, whom he eventually drove off by skilful bombing. His coolness during the work of consolidation was not more marked than the courage with which he led the attack, and his whole conduct set a high example to his men.

2nd Lt. Joseph Climpson, M.M., Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a night counter-attack, this officer was in charge of the brigade forward party. All communications had to be improvised in a very short time, and this was accomplished by the energy with which he led his party of linesmen. While the attack was in progress, lines were laid under incessant fire and maintained almost continuously throughout the attack and for the two following days, thanks to his untiring efforts.

Lt. Thomas Edward Cowley, M.G. Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. In spite of heavy casualties from machine-gun and shell fire, he organised his gun teams and reached the allotted objective. During the advance he brought his guns into action and silenced two enemy machine guns, which were temporarily holding up the attack. By his resource and courage he set a fine example to his men. He was finally wounded.

Lt. Moreton Cameron Crocker, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a night counter-attack, it was largely due to this officer's energy that communication was rapidly established between battalion headquarters and the front line. Leading a small squad of linesmen through an area which was under very heavy fire, he established telephone communication shortly after midnight. The next night he volunteered to act as guide to some neighbouring troops, and led them under artillery fire to their jumping-off line. His services were invaluable throughout a difficult and successful operation.

Lt. Eric Wyndham Dark, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack by the enemy, all communications being cut, this officer was ordered to get in touch with the left company and send back information of the general situation. He had to pass through heavy artillery and machine gun fire, but he succeeded in getting in touch with all concerned. To get in touch with the right company he had to pass over 300 yards of ground exposed to machine-gun fire. His liaison work was most useful.

Capt. John Murrison Davidson, A. Vet. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a heavy gas bombardment this officer directed the removal of the horses to a fresh locality, and treated those affected. Thanks to his organisation and care the casualties were kept to a minimum.