with his section, reduced to three including himself, and kept up a steady rate of fire until the enemy attack died down. He set a fine example of determination and devotion to duty.

2nd Lt. Aubrey George Adlam, R.G.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in carrying out observation work with the utmost disregard of danger. On one occasion two signallers, sent out to repair the broken line, were missing, and he went out alone through a heavy barrage and found them both killed. He repaired the wire, under heavy fire, and maintained communication throughout the day. In the evening he extricated the observation post party and salved the instruments, though nearly surrounded and under machine-gun fire.

T./2nd Lt. William Patrick Ahern, D.C.M., North'd Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while commanding a company during an enemy attack. He moved about under heavy shelling and machine-gun fire with absolute disregard of personal danger, and his fine example encouraged his men to hold on to their position. He was finally wounded.

2nd Lt. John Robert Ainley, E. York. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. He led his two platoons with great dash and determination, and tackled dug-outs and enemy posts in the most fearless manner. With one man he attacked and killed the crew of a machine gun and captured the gun. He set a very fine example to his men.

2nd Lt. Edward Alexander, D.C.M., R. Dub. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while leading his platoon in an attack. When held up by a machine gun he rushed the post single-handed and killed three of the enemy with his revolver. After his company commander was killed he organised an attack, supported by Stokes and rifle grenades, on an enemy machine gun successfully, thus enabling the whole objective to be gained. Later, his energy and fine leadership were largely responsible for a strong counter-attack by the enemy being driven off with heavy loss.

Capt. (A./Maj.) John Sandeman Allen. R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his battery position was being bombarded, some full cartridge boxes and the camouflage material over the gun were set on fire. This officer ran out and extinguished the flames, burning his hand in doing so, but his prompt action and personal courage undoubtedly saved further damage and explosions.

Lt. Ernest Frederick Chaston Amos, R.E. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in preparing for the demolition of four bridges. He repeatedly came under machine-gun fire, and was finally wounded in the legs by machine-gun bullets. All his crew were wounded whilst placing the charges, but thanks to his fine example and leading succeeded in blowing up the bridges.

T./2nd Lt. Ernest Charles Anderson, Midd'x R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In a minor enterprise this officer led the first party to enter the enemy trenches. Having advanced some distance, he established a block in the trench upon which the success of the raid largely depended. He held his ground until recalled, when he withdrew his men with great skill through heavy artillery and machine-gun fire.

No. L/9108 C.S.M. (A./R.S.M.) Henry Anderson, Midd'x R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He, with eight men, held on to some high ground until the last moment, inflicting severe losses on the enemy and covering the retirement of men on the flank. An officer in charge of three machine guns covered his retreat by a rapid burst of fire, and he withdrew his men successfully. He showed fine courage and ability.

2nd Lt. Edward George Andrews, R. Fus., S.R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Prior to an attack he personally reconnoitred the position in daylight and cut two gaps in the enemy wire. He brought back valuable information to his company commander. During the attack he led his platoon with courage and determination, and, though wounded, did not leave the line until the captured position was consolidated.

T./2nd Lt. Harry Appleby, S. Staff. R. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in carrying out a very daring reconnaissance under intense rifle and machinegun fire until he could observe the enemy dispositions and return with information enabling a position to be taken up which held up a further advance by the enemy.

T./2nd Lt. Alexander Addison Armstrong, M.M., North'd Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in command of two platoons of pioneers following a party detailed to clear an enemy post. The latter failed in their task, and he reorganised the attack and succeeded in all essentials, his party capturing six prisoners, two machine guns, and a Lewis gun. Several hours later he withdrew from the position with a total of twenty prisoners, having shown marked courage and initiative throughout.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Charles Stuart Atkinson, Lan. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. Fighting throughout the morning, he was responsible for killing a great number of the enemy, and with only two men took prisoner and brought back a party of twelve of the enemy. He did splendid service.