

clear report on the situation. His coolness and contempt of danger throughout were most marked.

2nd Lt. Edgar James Hobbs, Yeo.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With two men he successfully covered the withdrawal of his platoon. Noticing that his left hand man was heavily engaged, he returned to his assistance and found him wounded and unconscious. In spite of a heavy bombing attack he succeeded in delaying the enemy's advance and in bringing the man away to a place of safety. His determination and courage were beyond praise.

T./2nd Lt. Francis Hodgkinson, R.E.

For great coolness and gallantry in action during a gas-projector discharge. When the projector position came under intense shell fire, setting the camouflage in flames and cutting all the leads, he worked for two hours in the open, putting out the fire and repairing the broken leads. In spite of casualties the operation was successfully carried out, and the majority of the drums fired.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Maurice Caedmon Hoole, W. Rid. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership during an attack. He gained his several objectives and showed the greatest coolness under heavy fire while consolidating them, inspiring all ranks with great confidence by his cheerful mood and utter disregard of danger. Though twice blown up and half buried by shells, he kept his battalion headquarters constantly informed of the situation throughout, and sent in very accurate maps of his dispositions.

T./2nd Lt. Herbert George Houchin, K.O.Y.L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry while in charge of the two rear platoons of a counter-attacking company. While the leading platoons were bombing the enemy to the right he kept up a steady fire from the parapet at them approaching frontally, and personally accounted for several. Showing a total disregard for his own safety, unprotected as he was on the parapet, he kept firing into the enemy, and set his men a splendid example of coolness and pluck.

2nd Lt. John Houston, M.M., H.L.I.

For very fine patrolling work, when his keenness and pluck were beyond praise. He reconnoitred forward and laid tape 500 yards from our outpost line in preparation for a raid. On four succeeding nights he led strong patrols, on one occasion surrounding an enemy post containing a machine gun. By his energy and fearlessness he greatly added to the men's zest for going on patrol.

T./2nd Lt. Horace William Howe, D.C.L.I

For conspicuous dash and determination while commanding a raid. Through almost insurmountable obstacles he finally gained his objective single-handed, and attacked five enemy holding the post. He was subse-

quently assisted by an officer and a lance-corporal. One prisoner and a machine-gun were brought back, the remainder being killed. Throughout the operation he displayed the greatest coolness and gallantry.

Lt. James Allan Hughes, R. Dub. Fus., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry, ability and bold leadership when under heavy fire. By his resource and skill he captured two of the enemy's field guns and secured forty-seven prisoners. Throughout the day he rendered the utmost assistance. He did splendid work.

T./Capt. (T./Maj.) FitzHerbert Hugo, Spec. List.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an enemy air raid a direct hit exploded a large dump of ammonal, setting fire to some trucks near a quantity of ammunition. He at once went to the scene, and thanks to his clever organisation and fine example to those working under him, the fire was extinguished and a serious disaster averted.

Lt. John McNab Humphry, A. & S. Highrs., S.R.

For great courage during an attack. While observing the fire of Stokes mortars, eight of the enemy appeared with a machine gun and opened fire on our attacking troops. Drawing his revolver, he dashed over the parapet alone and shot one of the enemy, whereupon the rest surrendered. On the arrival of our troops he handed over the prisoners, and brought back the machine gun to the lines.

Lt. Robert Inch, R. Highrs.

During an attack he was sent forward to reconnoitre a forward battalion headquarters. Before arriving at the former front line he discovered that the attack of the leading brigade had failed. He therefore established a forward observation post, and kept headquarters constantly informed of the situation. When three of the four runners he had with him had become casualties, he himself went forward to the front line, and working along it under continual machine-gun fire and sniping, he obtained the exact dispositions of the battalion and reported them to headquarters. He behaved with great gallantry and determination, and did excellent service.

Capt. (A./Major) Alexander Innes, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He fought his battery with great energy and determination under heavy enemy fire of gas and high-explosives. He fired over 4,000 rounds in the first eighteen hours. He set a splendid example to his men of courage and cheerfulness.

T./2nd Lt. Denis Jackson, Midd'x R.

Previous to a raid this officer obtained valuable information by his reconnaissances in "No Man's Land," during which on two