

bardment commenced all telephone wires from battalion headquarters to companies were cut. Without waiting for orders he sent up three of his platoons to reinforce the front line. They arrived just in the nick of time. Later, he led a small party against the enemy who had got through the front line and killed them all. Although wounded he remained until relieved.

Lt. Hilary Gilbert Allum, I.A. R.O., attd. 16th Sqdn., M.G.C. (MESOPOTAMIA)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed great courage and coolness in carrying out a successful withdrawal of all his machine guns and horses under intense shell fire. He had previously done good work under trying and hazardous circumstances.

Jemadar Ami Lal, 3rd Skinner's Horse, attd. 16th Sqdn., M.G.C.

(MESOPOTAMIA)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a sub-section of machine guns supporting the advance of the cavalry. Although exposed to heavy fire he continued to use his guns with great skill and coolness until the last squadron of cavalry had withdrawn. On another occasion he showed great coolness and judgment when in charge of led horses which were heavily shelled and suffered casualties.

Lt. John Millar Anderson, 5th Bn., W. York. R., T.F., attd. 5th Bn., Devon. R., T.F.

This officer went forward to tape out the assembly position in advance of a line, and although under heavy and continuous fire, and in spite of darkness, he successfully accomplished his task. At a later date during an attack, when the troops, owing to heavy casualties, had become disorganised, he made a careful reconnaissance under heavy fire to clear up the situation. His gallantry and devotion afforded a fine example to all ranks.

T./2nd Lt. Robert Harold Anstey, 1st, attd. 12th, Bn. Glouc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and dashing leadership during an enemy counter-attack. He was sent forward with a patrol to get information. He got behind the enemy line and charged them from behind, killing a number and causing 180 to surrender. During his advance he had moved across ground swept by machine-gun fire. By his splendid performance he broke up the counter-attack.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Charles Stewart Anton, R.F.A., attd. 256th Bde., R.F.A., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during recent operations. He did most excellent work in reconnaissance and patrolling. He sent in valuable information and by his daring in establishing an advanced observation post was largely responsible for enabling his battery to silence an enemy battery which was causing considerable casualties.

T./2nd Lt. Frank Archer, M.M., 25th Bn., North'd Fus., attd. 2nd Bn., Linc. R.

When in command of a platoon during an advance his company was held up by intense machine-gun fire. He worked his platoon round skilfully to a flank, in spite of heavy casualties, thus materially assisting the advance to be continued. He showed complete disregard of danger, and his example and conspicuous courage imbued his men with confidence which ensured success.

Lt. John Robert Armstrong, 9th Bn., Durh. L.I., T.F.

In the face of the fire of a field battery firing over open sights and heavy machine-gun fire he led his platoon forward in very gallant fashion, and engaging the batteries with Lewis gun and rifle fire he captured his objective and held it. He set a fine example to his men, whom he led well with a skill which prevented many casualties.

T./Lt. Norman Alfred Arnold, R. Dub Fus., attd. 1st Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and splendid leadership. He led the attack on a strong point and "pill-box," capturing one officer and thirty-five men. He worked his platoon so well that notwithstanding he had the worst position, he took the largest number of prisoners in his company and had the least number of casualties.

T./2nd Lt. William Herbert Ashby, Bed. R., attd. 5th Bn., R. Berks. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He made a personal reconnaissance of an exposed flank under very heavy shell fire and obtained most valuable information. Again, under heavy shell fire, he skilfully led a daylight patrol to the enemy lines, bringing back information which enabled our advanced posts to be pushed further forward.

T./2nd Lt. William Ashton, 7th., attd. 2nd Bn., Bedf. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and bold leadership during an attack. He led his platoon splendidly under heavy machine-gun fire and drove the enemy out of a trench, capturing a machine gun. He was entirely unsupported, and his success enabled the battalion on his right to advance, as from his position he could overlook any machine guns that tried to engage them at close range. Though sniped at continuously he established posts on his flanks and a block down a communication trench, and held his position until relieved in the evening. Later, he did a successful daylight patrol under continual machine-gun fire and brought back valuable information.

2nd Lt. William Proctor Bell Ashton, 4th Bn., Welsh R., T.F., attd. 15th Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He found himself, a few hours after joining the battalion, the only surviving officer in his company in an assault on an enemy position. When the company was checked by hidden wire and very heavy fire of all kinds, he rallied and led them forward, going on in advance and fearlessly exposing himself while he cut the wire. By