

for three days. His coolness under fire and very chereful demeanour during a period of nine days' exceptional strain were a fine example, and had a most inspiring effect on all who came into contact with him.

2nd Lt. (A./Lt.) Edward McLandsborough Mervyn Warren, R.G.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer was acting as liaison officer with the artillery, but in addition to this duty he took a prominent part in guiding and assisting the troops he was with throughout nine hours of shell fire, sharing their risks and inspiring them by his courage and coolness. At the end of the day, when the enemy was approaching, he went out with a gunner to disable the guns which were in front of a strong point, accomplishing this under heavy fire.

T./2nd Lt. William Percy Waskett, R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his company at a critical time, and in face of several heavy enemy attacks, inspired his men by cheerfulness and disregard of danger. He was wounded.

2nd Lt. Henry Waters, D.C.M., Durh. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. When his company commander became a casualty he took command and handled his men with great skill and courage against heavy enemy attacks.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Philip Duncan Joseph Waters York. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when transport officer. He brought up rations under heavy machine-gun and shell fire within 200 yards of the front line. During the whole time his battalion was in action he never failed to reach it with rations, though its position was constantly changed. His conduct throughout set a fine example to his men.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Harold Claude Watkins, Yeo., attd. M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer, in charge of the machine-guns, held up the enemy's advance for two days. On the first day the enemy reached one of the gun positions and bombed the dug-out, forcing him to retire a short distance, but getting his gun into action again, he regained the position. Although practically surrounded on the second day, he kept visiting each of his guns, and kept them in action until ordered to retire.

Qrnr. and Hon. Lt. John Watkinson, R. War. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during two days of severe fighting. Owing to heavy officer casualties in the battalion he volunteered to take command of a company, and with the greatest courage and determination led them into action. His company was involved in very bitter fighting around a position, and it was due only to his coolness, utter disregard of personal danger,

and the capable way in which he kept his men together that the garrison of the position was not completely cut off. By rallying his men at a very critical moment and fighting a rearguard action, he covered their retreat in the most able manner.

T./2nd Lt. Alexander Forsyth Watson, R. Scots.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy was in the same trench he led his platoon to a counter-attack and drove them out. This enabled the remainder of the company to hold on for some hours. His splendid example inspired his men, who followed him unhesitatingly wherever he asked them to go.

T./Lt. Charles Beaumont Watson, M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of two machine-guns. Under heavy artillery fire he controlled the fire of his guns in such a manner as to break up a determined enemy attack. Later, when the enemy had got round his flank, he moved his guns and inflicted heavy casualties on them. He fought his guns most efficiently, and his conduct throughout was of the highest order.

Rev. John Edmund Malone Watson, Army Chaplains Dept.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During six days' fighting this chaplain was in line with the battalion and in close touch with the men, being indefatigable in his attention to the wounded. His fine example and cheerfulness under very trying circumstances greatly encouraged the wounded.

T./2nd Lt. Thomas Watson, A.S.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer was supply officer to a mixed force composed of many different units, and supply arrangements were consequently most complicated. On several occasions he personally conducted supply lorries up to the troops under heavy shell fire. By his tireless energy he met all demands with the utmost efficiency.

Lt. George Robert Watt, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when performing the duties of adjutant and signal officer. He rapidly established telephonic communication, enabling the advance of an enemy party to be stopped. He laboured incessantly to bring communications to the highest degree of efficiency possible, and succeeded in this. Whenever anything went wrong, he went out himself and put things right, and showed the greatest zeal and devotion to duty throughout.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Francis Henry Watts, R.G.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer successfully withdrew the battery, which had been temporarily abandoned in a very exposed position. It took four days to reconnoitre the position and its approaches and prepare suitable tracks under intermittent shell fire, often intense. The