

shell fire, which caused many casualties and blocked the narrow track. He at once took command, and by his splendid example of coolness and the clear orders which he gave under heavy shell fire order was restored, and the brigade was got into action before dawn.

2nd Lt. Spencer Seymour Baskett, R.G.A.;
Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at a most critical moment, when a hostile shell had ignited his battery ammunition dump. In spite of heavy hostile shelling he saved the greater part of the dump, aided by a corporal and a gunner, and working with the utmost fearlessness and devotion. Later on he was blown into the air and rendered unconscious whilst unloading ammunition.

Capt. Edwyn Ernest Hope Bate, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although wounded, he led his men to their objective with great courage, keeping them together, and successfully resisting severe counter-attacks, during which he was wounded for the second time. His energy and fearlessness in organising and leading bombing attacks and generally supervising his defences, under heavy fire of every description, were beyond all praise.

2nd Lt. William Victor Beaumont, R. Dub.
Fus., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as Brigade Forward Observing Officer. He pushed forward through heavy enemy barrage, and for forty-eight hours sent back valuable information to his brigade from an exposed position under continuous heavy shell fire. He has previously done excellent reconnaissance work.

Capt. John Arthur Bell, R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a heavy bombardment. He proceeded along a road which was exposed to the most intense shell fire in order to attend to four wounded officers. He dressed their wounds and remained with them until they were evacuated by motor ambulance, which was only accomplished with the greatest difficulty owing to the heavy shelling. His absolute disregard of danger and devotion to duty amidst terrific shell fire were exceptionally splendid and beyond all praise.

T./2nd Lt. William George Bentley, attd.
N. Staff. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a working party in a communication trench. Although partially buried and stunned by a shell which had also buried and mortally wounded his Company Commander, he set to work as soon as he recovered consciousness to extricate the other officer. Although very badly shaken, he returned to his working party later on, and insisted on staying with them during the remainder of the night until their work was completed. He showed a splendid example of devotion to duty.

2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) Arthur Harold Birchall,
Durh. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. Regardless of personal danger, he moved along the top of his trench under fire of every description, encouraging his men. Afterwards he went out with a serjeant, and located a number of enemy snipers, bringing four of them back unwounded to our lines. He set a very fine example of keenness and fearlessness.

2nd Lt. Hugh Wilbert Blakeney, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in establishing forward communications during an attack under exceptionally difficult circumstances. Although units were mixed up, and the ground was unknown, he worked for four days unceasingly, under continual shell fire and for a considerable part of the time without sleep or food, until he had overcome all the difficulties and rendered invaluable services towards the success of his brigade.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Carl Bollam, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a working party of 700 men. They were heavily shelled for the greater part of the night, but, owing to his splendid personal example of coolness and courage, the work, which was of a very urgent nature, was successfully completed.

Temp. 2nd Lt. Edward Ramsden Priestley
Bond, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a working party in a forward gun position. He displayed admirable presence of mind and resource when a dump exploded under hostile shell fire, causing casualties amongst his men. He dealt with the situation successfully and carried on with the work, and on the following night, whilst the wagons were being unloaded under heavy shell fire, he rescued the wounded and got them away to the dressing station. On both of these very trying occasions his splendid personal example inspired the men under him in a very marked degree.

T./2nd Lt. John Randolph Bothwell, M.G.
Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when commanding machine guns during an attack. By the skilful handling of his guns, he reached the objective with the infantry, and broke up a local counter-attack. Although seriously wounded and under heavy shell fire, he refused to leave his guns, but cleverly changed their position and stopped a fresh enemy counter-attack. By his coolness and absolute fearlessness, he put new life into the defence and inspired all by his magnificent example. He has repeatedly shown the utmost gallantry in previous actions.

T./Lt. Robert Edward Bowen, Conn. Rang.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a mopping-up party. He did most valuable work in collecting prisoners and thoroughly probing the very intricate system of enemy dug-outs which fell to