

2nd Lt. Alfred Osland Bilson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of a line of outposts they were blown in, and he skilfully withdrew his men to their position, when he reorganised them again and worked them forward later. He afterwards led his company with fine skill and judgment through an enemy barrage, and got them into the front line, where he gained considerable ground by working to a flank. He displayed untiring energy in both of these operations.

Lt. Benjamin Robert Bird, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon to the attack with great gallantry, afterwards commanding his company during a counter-attack. He also made a daring reconnaissance single-handed of an enemy post, which he surprised, killing two and capturing the remaining twenty when his party came up. He set a very fine example throughout.

2nd Lt. Leonard Charles Boase, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led a bombing party against a company of the enemy with great dash and skill, capturing some and forcing others into the open under fire of our machine-guns. He afterwards held out in an isolated position until his ammunition was expended, keeping the enemy heavily engaged and allowing the troops who were working up to operate with greater freedom. He displayed remarkable initiative and resource during both occasions.

Lt. Victor Denson Bowen, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. By his daring personal reconnaissance and constant supervision of all routes he secured for his brigade an unbroken system of communication. Although on two occasions rendered unconscious and badly shaken by the explosion of a shell, his marked determination and disregard of danger communicated itself to all connected with him. On one occasion in particular he went out in front through a hostile barrage to re-establish communication between our raiding party and headquarters, thereby greatly assisting the success of the operations.

2nd Lt. George Stephenson Browne, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of two Stokes mortar teams. Although his guns were several times blown out of position, he succeeded in replacing them and keeping them in action, setting a splendid example of untiring energy and presence of mind.

Capt. John Bricknell Calder, Infy

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He, with his company, dug 500 yards of communication trench beyond the outpost line, carrying out the work after dark under continual machine gun and rifle fire.

Throughout the night he personally handled his men with the greatest courage and determination, completing the work on the following night under increased difficulties owing to intense shelling. He has on this and on all other occasions set a fine example to all ranks.

Capt. Wendell Inglis Clark, A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He remained on duty for nearly three days with only four hours' rest, attending to over 300 cases of wounded and working mostly under extremely heavy fire. On many previous occasions he has done excellent work whilst under fire, displaying the greatest courage and devotion.

Capt. Hugh John Connell, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His fine leading and continuous display of personal courage during our offensive inspired all who came in contact with him, and during a reconnaissance of assembly trenches he showed great coolness and determination in carrying out the work and getting through with his party when others had failed.

2nd Lt. William Harold Conwell, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took charge of his company and worked untiringly, pushing positions forward and encouraging his men at a moment when they were in danger owing to our own shell fire falling short. By his personal example and energy he got his men to dig deep trenches for their protection, in spite of their being greatly exhausted.

2nd Lt. Harry Keith Coward, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in following up the barrage in front of our attacking troops and bringing fire to bear on strong enemy points. His prompt action enabled our attack to go forward. He afterwards commanded his guns under continuous heavy enemy bombardment, setting a fine example to his men throughout the whole of the operations.

Capt. Derwas Goring Charles Cumming, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he handled two companies with great ability, and by his quick appreciation of the situation and prompt and effective action he was greatly responsible for the final success.

Lt. John James Daley, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At a critical moment prior to an assault he reorganised and rallied his company, which had been broken up by intense artillery fire, and led it to the assault with great coolness and determination. He set a brilliant example to his men, and his initiative turned what might have been a disaster into a conspicuous success, under very difficult conditions.