

safe. Our close liaison with the division was in a great measure due to him, and he set a splendid example of energy, coolness and courage throughout.

2nd Lt. Gerald Aubrey Bond, Yeo.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on several occasions when bringing up rations and material to the front line on pack animals over very difficult country and under almost continuous shell fire. In spite of casualties to animals and a stampede caused by shells, he never failed to deliver the whole of the stores. Throughout he set a very fine example to his men.

T./2nd Lt. James Bonnyman, M.G. Co.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an action. Though seriously wounded early in the operations, he continued to lead his section until the objectives were gained and the position made secure.

2nd Lt. John Thomas Bookless, Cam'n Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of his company after the company commander had become a casualty. Finding his flank in the air and his company coming under heavy machine-gun fire, while the enemy tried to work round behind his right flank, he at once formed a flank defence and got a Lewis gun to bear on the enemy, and so succeeded in retaining his position.

T./Lt. Walter Charter Boomer, R. Ir. Rifles.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of his company. When the assaulting troops were falling back he rallied them under very heavy fire, collected parties of other units, and reorganised the defence of the front line.

2nd Lt. John Auguste Boret, R.W. Surr. R. and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on many occasions. He has taken part in forty-one night bombing raids, many of which were carried out at a very low altitude and in bad weather. He has successfully inflicted considerable damage upon his objectives.

T./2nd Lt. George Godfrey Bowerman, att'd. R. War. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of an advanced out-post line. Under most trying conditions, and under continuous shell fire, he visited his posts continually, cheering up and encouraging his men. He personally helped to dig out some men who were buried in the mud, and organised stretcher parties, collecting many wounded in full view of the enemy.

2nd Lt. Charles Henry Leonard Boyton, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the battery was heavily shelled and gun-pits and dug-outs blown in and men buried, he at once organised a party and started digging them out, continuing his efforts until all were rescued.

T./2nd Lt. Ernest Evelyn Brassington, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His teams suffered heavy casualties whilst going forward to their position, only two men and one gun being left. He got this gun into action and held his position for four days under most difficult conditions.

T./2nd Lt. Percy Broatch, North'd Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his men to attack and got into action on the final objective in a very short time. Although half his men became casualties he kept his mortars in action and supplied with ammunition until relieved three days later. It was only owing to his brilliant leadership and cheerful example that the mortars were kept in action.

T./Lt. Donald George Brook, att'd. Notts. & Derby. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as signalling officer during an advance. He did splendid work in establishing forward communication during the operations. The conditions were difficult owing to the heavy shelling, but he overcame all difficulties and maintained his communications in a high state of efficiency. He set a most inspiring example to his men.

Lt. Herbert Cecil Brooks, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in bringing a convoy of ammunition to a forward battery. Hostile shelling was very heavy and the ground was in a very bad state. In spite of numerous casualties he succeeded in keeping the convoy together and delivering the ammunition. On several previous occasions he did excellent work of this kind.

T./2nd Lt. Archibald Brown, R. Ir. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. The bed plates of his trench mortar having been lost by shell fire, he turned his detachment into riflemen, and, collecting details of other companies, formed a defensive flank and restored a situation that had begun to look dangerous.

T./2nd Lt. George Arthur Brown, att'd. North'd Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a carrying party. He made three journeys to the captured position with ammunition and R.E. material through a heavy barrage, during one of which four men were killed near him and several others wounded.

Lt. Charles Rolland Brown, R. Highrs., att'd. M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. Whilst moving forward through an intense barrage he found the flank unprotected, and, despite heavy shelling, he reconnoitred the position, went to his teams, and brought them up to protect the flank. Throughout the day, first protecting his gun teams, he went out reconnoitring by himself in order that he might guard the flanks from surprise, and he gave much information to parties of our infantry. His conduct was an inspiring example to all with whom he came in contact.