

T./2nd Lt. David Roy Birch, Tank Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry in engaging a hostile field battery at close range. He fought until his tank received two direct hits, three of the crew being killed and the rest wounded. Having knocked out one gun of the battery and inflicted severe loss on the crews of the other guns, he proceeded to remove his wounded men to a place of safety.

T./2nd Lt. Percy Vincent Birch, R. War. R.

For conspicuous gallantry when leading his platoon against the enemy trenches. He set a fine example of courage and determination to his men under machine-gun fire, his platoon capturing two machine guns and some prisoners. He afterwards showed great coolness and initiative while supervising consolidation.

Capt. John Henry Joshua Blackburn, Dragoon Guards.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He brought his squadron into action against two battalions of the enemy who were preparing to launch a counter-attack against a weak spot in our line, and repelled them with heavy losses. His coolness and quick judgment enabled him to relieve a critical situation.

Lt. Clinton Grove Blacklaws, Gord. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. At great personal risk he reorganised a company which had been too close to our own barrage, and led them forward. On reaching the objective, which was being heavily shelled, he supervised consolidation. He set a fine example of courage and devotion to duty.

T./Capt. Leo Blake, M.B., R.A.M.C.

During operations in connection with a counter-attack, he displayed great courage and skill in attending to the wounded at all hours of the day and night.

2nd Lt. Arthur Lovell Douglas Bold, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership. He rallied parties of men who had got scattered in the fog, and led them forward with great skill and courage, capturing a field gun. He continued to push forward with great determination, until he was severely wounded.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Reginald Herbert Douglas Bowles, R. Berks. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. When his company was checked by heavy machine-gun fire, he went forward and reconnoitred, and, finding that troops were being held up by fire from fortified houses, he made a most gallant effort to work round on the flank. Though wounded, he continued to direct operations, and displayed throughout great courage and determination.

Temp. 2nd Lt. Clifford Coates Bracewell, Lanc. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership during an enemy withdrawal from advanced positions. When our scouts and patrols were held up by snipers and machine-gun fire from a farm, he, on his own initiative, successfully attacked the farm with his platoon, and enabled our scouts to go forward. He rendered most valuable service, and set a splendid example of determined gallantry to his men.

T./2nd Lt. Franz Benjamin John Bradbeer, Tank Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as company reconnaissance officer. He led the Tanks until the moment they came into action, and rendered invaluable services to his company commander throughout the day.

2nd Lt. Albert Alfred Bradley, M.M., Hampshire R.

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership. He led his platoon against a trench strongly held by about twenty of the enemy and two machine guns. He rushed and captured the position with great dash, in spite of heavy fire, taking four prisoners and accounting for the remainder of the garrison. His example greatly inspired his men.

2nd Lt. Albert Victor Bradshaw, R. Berks. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. Though the bridge over which he had to lead his platoon was broken, he successfully crossed a river and gained his first objective. He then brought his Lewis gun into action and maintained his position until compelled to retire owing to lack of ammunition. He showed great determination and set a fine example to his men.

2nd Lt. Robert Arthur Brand, S. Gds., S.R.

For conspicuous gallantry on patrol. On being challenged by an enemy party of some strength he and his patrol of three men at once attacked and scattered them, killing and wounding several and securing a prisoner. He led his men with great dash, and his coolness and skill during the patrol inspired his men with much confidence.

Lt. Ian Geoffrey Brassey, R.F.A. (Spec. Res.).

For great gallantry and initiative in keeping up a telephone and visual exchange under heavy shell fire. At one period the bursting shells quite obscured the visual station for ten minutes. The line was frequently cut, but as often repaired by him. As the infantry advanced he ran out more line, and in this way kept his battery and the brigade continually informed as to the situation.

Capt. George Robert Brockbank, R. War. R.

He led his company in an attack with magnificent dash and killed four of the enemy himself. After ejecting the enemy out of a wood, he pursued them without a check until he reached his final objective. By this