

these patrols with great skill and determination and brought back valuable reports.

Lt. (temp. Capt.) George William Norman Barefoot, R. Ir. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He held on to the position gained until ordered to withdraw eighteen hours later, having successfully repulsed three enemy attacks. When he withdrew he brought back a trench-gun, a machine-gun, three prisoners and all his wounded.

Temp. Lt. John Vincent Bates, R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when tending wounded men under heavy shell fire, utterly regardless of his own safety. He made repeated efforts to save wounded men from burning when his dressing station was set on fire by a shell. His conduct throughout several days of heavy fighting was very fine.

2nd Lt. Malcolm Glassford Begg, Rif. Bde. and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and skill in contact patrol work. A close reconnaissance was required of a certain locality, and he came down to 700 feet and obtained valuable information under a heavy fire from the ground.

2nd Lt. John Rotherford Bellerby, W. York. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and skill in covering a detachment of infantry and machine guns during retirement. He was subjected to heavy fire and continuous bomb attacks. He has shown the utmost devotion to duty.

Temp. Capt. Cyril Armand Bernard, R.A.M.C.

For great gallantry and devotion to duty in volunteering to conduct, under very heavy shell fire, stretcher-bearers bringing in wounded. He made several trips and brought in many wounded.

2nd Lt. Francis Victor Blackwell, W. Rid. R.

For conspicuous gallantry. He volunteered and led a patrol by daylight to within 15 yards of the enemy's lines, and returned with most useful information. He brought back four machine guns which had been left behind during the fighting.

Temp. Capt. Arthur Joseph Blake, R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations. He tended wounded men incessantly day and night under most trying conditions. He went out into "No Man's Land" searching for any wounded men who might still be lying there.

2nd Lt. (temp. Lt.) Stanley Charles Booker, Worc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry. Assisted by another officer and two men, he brought in 14 wounded men from "No Man's Land" under heavy fire. Next day, with two men, he brought in a wounded officer from within 30 yards of the enemy's parapet.

Temp. 2nd Lt. (temp. Capt.) Edmund Farmaner Bowkett, Gen. List, attd. Trench Mortar Bty.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. When he found it impossible to employ his trench guns, after getting them across "No Man's Land," he organised and led with great bravery a bombing party, which materially helped to break the enemy's counter-attack.

Temp. Lt. (temp. Capt.) Henry Wycliffe Brewis, Glouc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He led his company with great dash, and seized under heavy fire a hostile advanced post, which proved most useful.

2nd Lt. Laurence Briggs, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry during operations. With a detachment of his section he laid out a line 400 yards long as a starting place for an infantry attack. This line was well in advance of our position at the time, and he was under continuous shrapnel fire.

Temp. 2nd Lt. Herbert Seton Broughall, R. Suss. R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He led an assaulting party with great dash into the enemy's third trench line and did fine work there, clearing out their bombers and snipers. It was his first time under fire.

Temp. Lt. James William Brown, R. Scots.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. Lieutenant Brown and 2nd Lt. Winchester rallied the battalion after a check in front of uncut wire, and afterwards led the men on to the enemy's second line. Later these two officers organised and carried out a bombing attack, which resulted in the capture of 63 of the enemy.

2nd Lt. David Brown, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry during operations. When three guns of his battery had been put out of action and many casualties had been suffered, he continued to load, lay and fire the fourth gun under heavy and accurate shell fire. Later he went back under fire and brought up stretchers for the wounded.

Temp. 2nd Lt. John Brown, Royal Irish Rifles.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He led his platoon into the enemy's line with great dash and courage, subsequently driving off an enemy bomb attack from a post on his flank. He was wounded in doing this, but carried on and completed his task.

Rev. Geoffrey Edward Browne, Chaplain to the Forces, 4th Class, Army Chapl. Dept.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations. He went up with the first party of stretcher-bearers, and worked indefatigably both in the open and in the first collecting post, tending and cheering the wounded. He worked for two days without rest, and his cheery optimism never deserted him.

Lt. Kenneth Robert Gordon Browne, Essex R., Spec. Res.

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