

was instrumental in bringing in about twenty-four wounded officers and men under heavy fire. Next day he again distinguished himself, and was wounded.

2nd Lt. (temp. Lt.) Aubrey Francis Blackwell, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry during operations. When his battery was being heavily shelled, and the order was given to clear part of the position, he repeatedly returned to his gun pits and telephone dug-out to make sure that all his men were safe. On the afternoon of the same day, during another heavy shelling, he went back and brought away three men from a dug-out, which was shortly afterwards blown in.

Lt. (temp. Capt.) Guy Bolsover, R.G.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry during operations. When the battery had been ordered to take cover, owing to heavy shell-fire, he ran out with a serjeant to two wounded officers near the battery position. They carried one to a trench 200 yards away, and then returned to the other. Finding him dead they went back to the first officer, dressed his wounds, and had him carried back. All this took place under very heavy shell-fire.

Temp. Capt. Hugh Salvin Bowlby, R. Suss. R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. After launching a successful attack with two platoons, he at once reorganised his company, sent off a party with machine guns to reinforce a captured trench, and organised a reconnoitring patrol to get in touch with the enemy. It was largely due to his coolness and courage that we were able to hold this trench against the enemy attack.

2nd Lt. Norman Brearley, L'pool R., Spec. Res. and R.F.C.

For conspicuous skill and gallantry. He went out to attack an enemy kite-balloon and managed to get immediately above his objective. He then pretended that he had been hit by anti-aircraft fire and side-slipped down to fifteen hundred feet, when he suddenly dived at the balloon which was being hauled down, and fired into it until he almost touched it. When at 300 feet from the ground the balloon burst into flames and was entirely destroyed. He then returned.

Temp. Capt. Osbert Harold Brown, D.S.O., Suff. R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He commanded the only company which succeeded in reaching its objective, and beat off many bombing counter-attacks until he was finally ordered to withdraw. He set a fine example of coolness and courage, and carried out the withdrawal with great skill.

Capt. Thomas Gerard Brown, Conn. Rang., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry during operations. He displayed great skill and personal courage when in command of trench mortar

batteries. On one occasion he took up two mortars into a position, only part of which was held by us. On another occasion, under heavy fire, he took a heavy mortar across the open and brought it into action.

• 2nd Lt. Eric West Brutton, Devon R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry during operations. He supported the infantry attack with a machine gun. After practically all his gun team had become casualties he served the gun himself, and remained in action as long as the gun could be of any use.

Temp. 2nd Lt. Arthur George Burrows, Suff. R.

For conspicuous gallantry when in charge of a raid. He was ordered to take a prisoner. He crawled under the enemy's wire and, though wounded on the parapet, entered the enemy's trench. After firing at one of the enemy who ran away, he saw another, closed with him and forced him to surrender. By this time he had been wounded in four places, and had to be assisted back by two privates who had followed him. The prisoner was brought back.

Temp. Lt. James Sidley Alexander Burton, R. Berks. R.

For conspicuous gallantry. When bringing up rations under heavy shell fire a pair of mules in a limber bolted, knocking down the driver. Though badly wounded, Lt. Burton pursued the limber, climbed on the tail-board and along the pole, and stopped the mules. His pluck probably saved casualties, as the limber was loaded with bombs.

2nd Lt. Colin Bishop Callander, R. Muns. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry. When a torpedo failed to cut the enemy's wire completely, he went with two men to cut it with wire-cutters. When both men had been wounded, he carried on for fifteen minutes and completed the work.

2nd Lt. Colin Palmer Campbell, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry as F.O.O. during operations. Though wounded in three places, he stuck to his post and carried on his duties for several hours.

Temp. 2nd Lt. Maurice Leslie Chaland, Norf. R.

For conspicuous gallantry during operations. When all the officers of his company had become casualties, he took command and consolidated a strong point in the captured enemy trench.

Temp. Capt. Sydney Herbert Clark, R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry during operations. He dressed the wounds of many men under a heavy hostile barrage. Later he led a bombing attack, took 150 yards of enemy trench, and, although wounded in three places, held it for more than an hour against enemy bombers and snipers until relieved.