

when put in charge of an attack, he reached his objective, consolidated it and held it against repeated bombing attacks.

2nd Lt. John Archibald Bessant, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry during operations. He laid out and superintended the construction of 250 yards of communication trench up to the captured enemy trenches. He got the work completed by daylight. The whole work was carried out under heavy shell fire.

Temp. 2nd Lt. Sidney William Bevis, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in that when telephone and visual communication was impossible, and his orderlies were absent on duty, he thrice carried messages from the front line under intensely heavy shell fire.

Temp. Capt. William Bryce Binnie, R. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. When another battalion had suffered very heavily in officers during an attack, he brought his own company into the fight, took command of the whole and consolidated the position won. Though buried by a shell early in the morning, he never ceased his fine work.

Temp. 2nd Lt. (temp. Capt.) Keith Riddell Binning, Gen. List and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and skill, notably when he made two contact patrol flights over the enemy's trenches at a height of under 1,000 feet. His machine was repeatedly hit by machine gun and rifle fire, but he rendered exact reports of the position of our own and the enemy's troops. On another occasion he did similar fine work.

Temp. 2nd Lt. William Black, Cam'n Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry. 2nd Lieuts. Black and Orr were in charge of two of the parties ordered to dig strong advanced posts. When they saw that the enemy was driving our men back, they at once fell back on the flank, built a double block and stopped the enemy's advance by a bombing counter-attack. It was largely due to their pluck and determination that the captured trench was held.

2nd Lt. William Boocock, W. Rid. R.

For conspicuous gallantry during operations. He commanded his company in a wood during six days of heavy shelling and sniping. Regardless of personal danger, he took our patrols time after time to clear up the situation.

2nd Lt. Alan John Bott, R.G.A., Spec. Res. (attd. R.F.C.).

For conspicuous gallantry and skill. As observer he has been in many fights, and furnished many good reports. On one occasion, when his pilot was gliding back to our lines after his engine had been hit and stopped, he drove off an attacking aeroplane and put out with his hands a fire started by anti-aircraft guns. On another occasions, after driving down one hostile aeroplane, he

fired at another, which dived and collided with a third. This last one fell vertically.

Temp. Capt. Thomas Bourne-Price, R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations. He went from place to place under very heavy shell fire to try and get into communication with the ambulance cars. Finally he was half smothered by the explosion of three successive heavy shells. For many months he has done very fine and gallant work when in charge of stretcher-bearers, and when tending and evacuating wounded under shell fire.

Capt. William Bowater, R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations. He collected the wounded from the front line trenches and advanced dressing stations under heavy shell fire during several days. He allowed himself hardly any rest, and set a fine example to his men.

Temp. Lt. Reginald Walter Brent, M. Gun Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry during operations. He commanded his machine gun with great coolness under heavy fire, and, on his own initiative, consolidated a line to resist counter-attack, making several journeys over open ground under heavy shell fire.

Temp. 2nd Lt. Edward Harold Brittain, Notts. & Derby. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and leadership during an attack. He was severely wounded, but continued to lead his men with great bravery and coolness until a second wound disabled him.

2nd Lt. Eric George Brock, L'pool R.

For conspicuous gallantry during operations. When patrolling he found a company without senior officers, and at once took command, organised the defences, and, though cut off for two days, finally managed to join up on both flanks.

Temp. Capt. Gordon Byron Brookes, D. of Corn. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. Prior to the advance our trenches were heavily shelled, but he calmly walked along the parapet encouraging his men. After an advance through heavy fire he captured his objective, and consolidated his position.

Temp. Lt. John Douglas Brooksmith, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry during operations. He has on two occasions carried out difficult and dangerous reconnaissances under heavy shell fire and sent back excellent reports.

2nd Lt. Gerald Dick Brown, Wilts. R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He led his men in the attack with great dash, and, when driven out of the enemy's front line, rallied his men and established and held a bombing post under heavy fire.