

enemy's trenches, and rallied men of his own and other units under very heavy fire.

Temp. Capt. John Dorrington Batt, R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in digging out a number of men who had been buried by a shell. Whilst doing so another shell killed and wounded all who were there, and he was partially buried himself. He continued his work of rescuing other men and dressing their wounds, regardless of all danger.

Capt. Arthur Hugh Batten-Pooll, V.C., R. Muns. Fus. (Spec. Res.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a critical situation, when the forward movement of our attack seemed to be wavering, he rendered valuable service in rallying and personally leading all the men he could collect to the attack. He successfully reached his objective and held it. His fine example kept the men together, and enabled them to inflict heavy losses upon the enemy.

Temp. 2nd Lt. Lionel Warmington Battershill, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On numerous occasions he distinguished himself greatly by the valuable support and protection he gave to raiding parties through his skilful use of machine gun fire. Though constantly under heavy fire, he showed the greatest promptitude and coolness in dealing with any situation that arose, and his personal disregard of danger was most marked.

Temp. Lt. (acting Capt.) John Edwin Bayliss, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, in continuing for some hours to register the guns of his battery from an exposed position, where he was subjected to very heavy shell fire. He showed the greatest coolness and courage.

Temp. 2nd Lt. John Menzies Beattie, Arg. & Suth'd Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the attack he was indefatigable in maintaining connection. Although wounded early in the day, he continued to carry on with great courage and determination.

Temp. 2nd Lt. William Charles Beckett, att'd. Shrops. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although severely wounded, he led a raid into the enemy's front line, and with great courage and determination remained until he had brought it to a successful issue. His presence had a great moral effect on his party.

Temp. Capt. Raymond Douglas Belcher, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the infantry were compelled to temporarily vacate their forward position, this officer, under heavy fire, left the trench where he was observing, and collecting the troops near him greatly helped to restore the

confidence of the men, thus relieving a very serious situation.

2nd Lt. (actg. Capt.) John Francis Bellman, R.W. Kent R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He gained all his objectives and showed great resource and initiative in the handling of his company.

Temp. 2nd Lt. George Fritz Benson, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He supervised the mining of entrances into craters to admit the forming up of the assaulting troops. This work was performed under heavy fire of all kinds. It was due to his coolness and energy that the work was successfully completed.

Capt. William Mervyn Biden, M.B., R.A.M.C., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His organisation for the evacuation of the wounded was admirable. With total disregard of danger, he personally supervised the stretcher parties, who worked in daylight in full view of the enemy.

Temp. 2nd Lt. Joseph Wallace Binge, D. of Corn. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was wounded in the thigh soon after starting, but led his platoon through a heavy barrage to his objective, which he held for two hours against enemy counter-attack until ordered to withdraw.

Temp. Capt. (temp. Maj.) Basil Frederic Bishop, S. Lan. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was sent forward in charge of reinforcements. He successfully disposed of two hostile counter-attacks and displayed great initiative and skill in protecting the right flank of the brigade.

Temp. Capt. Charles Kennedy Black, E. Kent R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When commanding his company in an attack he displayed great resource and ability in re-establishing the security of his exposed flank, and in reorganising men who had lost direction in the darkness. His preliminary arrangements for the assault in pitch darkness were excellently made.

2nd Lt. Walter Ian Black, R. Dub. Fus., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack on hostile trenches, when he showed a complete disregard of danger and skilful leadership throughout. He cleared a large portion of the enemy's line. His example encouraged all ranks.

2nd Lt. Giles Noble Blennerhassett, R. Ir. Fus., Spec. Res., and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has shown great skill and courage when acting as escort in attacking hostile formations. On one occasion he attacked two hostile machines, driving down both out of control. Later, he forced three other machines down.