

2nd Lt. Norman Sydney Beale, E. Surr. R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a patrol. Although severely wounded by a bomb, he continued to handle his patrol with skill and judgment, and returned with valuable information as to the enemy's dispositions.

T./ 2nd Lt. Bailey Bebbington, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He extricated two captured enemy guns from a most difficult position in a very much shelled area, getting them to a road, from which he got them into our lines, and his gun teams up, in spite of heavy shelling.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Adrian William Bay Becher, York. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company with great skill and dash to the assault of the enemy positions. During three days of heavy shelling he displayed admirable coolness, continually encouraging and inspiring his men by his own cheerfulness.

2nd Lt. Edward Beddington Behrens, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a very heavy bombardment of his battery he showed the greatest courage and promptitude in extinguishing fires amongst camouflage and ammunition. He also brought under cover a serjeant who was badly wounded. His energy prevented the destruction of much ammunition and material.

T./Lt. Arthur Bennett, Notts. & Derby R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although wounded and taken to the aid post after an assault, he returned to his company and successfully reorganised them and consolidated the captured trenches. This splendid example greatly stimulated the men of his company, who were much exhausted by a hard day's fighting.

T./2nd Lt. Thomas Francis Bentley, R.F.A., attd. R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry in charge of his section. He was mainly responsible for the creation of a smoke barrage to screen assaulting troops, maintaining it for 1½ hours under heavy shell fire. His courageous example encouraged his men to superhuman exertions.

T./2nd Lt. Maurice Leon Bernstein, Lanc. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon with great skill and dash to the attack and capture of an enemy position. Although wounded before the final assault, he led his men and captured thirty prisoners, afterwards helping to reorganise, until sent to the dressing station.

2nd Lt. (T./Lt.) Robert Bickerdike, W. Yorks. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion in an attack, when he destroyed three hostile dug-outs, causing many casualties, and finally, although wounded himself, took com-

mand of his company, holding his ground against superior numbers until his ammunition ran out.

Capt. Arthur Fraser Birch-Jones, Worc. R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although wounded in the foot during an attack, he remained with his company until all objectives had been captured, afterwards doing excellent work reorganising his men and consolidating their position.

2nd Lt. Sydney Blackhurst, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company with the greatest gallantry and determination to their objective. Although wounded in three places, he disregarded his wounds until the objective had been consolidated three hours later, although they were sufficiently severe to justify him not remaining on duty. He set a splendid example of courage and determination, which had an immense moral effect on his men.

Lt. Archer Charles Blyth, Norf. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although wounded early in the day, he continued to lead his men, eventually occupying the enemy's redoubt, which he held for three hours, making use of enemy rifles and ammunition.

Capt. Thomas Henry Boss, Cyc. Bn., attd. Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After gaining his objective he made a personal reconnaissance under heavy fire, thereby greatly assisting the advance of other troops. He also displayed exceptional energy and ability in holding the position and encouraging his men.

2nd Lt. Charles Thomas Bothwell, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He kept his guns in action in spite of many difficulties and succeeded in silencing a hostile battery. His disregard of danger and cheerfulness have at all times set a fine example to his men.

2nd Lt. Parcell Rees Bowen, Welsh R., attd. M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed great gallantry and skill in handling his guns under very trying conditions, and behaving with great resource and initiative in outflanking a house used as divisional headquarters and compelling the inmates to surrender.

2nd Lt. Thomas Llewelyn Bowen, R.G.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion. A magazine was set alight by heavy shell fire, and he went alone to the position and succeeded in extinguishing the fire with wet earth, thereby saving a large quantity of ammunition.

2nd Lt. Stanley Robert Bower, North'n R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After losing the use of his right arm