

canal. It was entirely due to his untiring and gallant efforts that the bridges were kept in repair, in spite of frequent breaks by hostile shell fire, and that they were in a serviceable condition by zero hour, in good time for our attack.

T./2nd Lt. Alfred Brewer, Worc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While relieving two companies on a defensive flank, he and his company were subjected to very heavy shell fire, losing 50 per cent. of their strength during the day. The personality and coolness of this officer during this very trying period were of the greatest value, and it was entirely due to him that the men were kept cheerful and ready for action under demoralising conditions.

2nd Lt. John Brice, High. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst assembling for an attack his party was heavily shelled, but although blown down and badly shaken four times he led them forward, took and consolidated all his objectives. He remained at his post all day, although wounded in the hand, collecting enemy wire for consolidation when his own supply failed. Throughout the operation his gallant conduct and determination to disregard his wound in the performance of his duty set a splendid example to his men.

2nd Lt. Henry Brierley, Rif. Brig., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took charge of his company and led them with great skill and gallantry under the most difficult circumstances. His prompt action undoubtedly prevented serious confusion.

Lt. John Harley Brindley, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under an intense hostile bombardment of his battery he displayed the greatest promptness and magnificent disregard for danger in attending to the wounded and working energetically to extinguish a fire which had broken out and to save the ammunition which was exploding in consequence. His gallant action undoubtedly saved great loss of life and material.

T./Capt. Clarence Albert Brisco, M.B., R.A.M.C.:

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of bearer parties. After twenty-four hours' continuous work in attending to the wounded without sleep or rest he conducted stretcher parties over ground which was swept by shell and machine-gun fire and almost impassable on account of the mud. He showed a total disregard of his personal danger, both during the attack and for several days afterwards, and by his splendid devotion and gallantry encouraged his men under the worst imaginable conditions.

2nd Lt. Richard George Briscoe, G. Gds., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when commanding a half company in an attack. He led his men with the greatest

energy and dash under continuous and accurate rifle and machine-gun fire, and when two runners in succession had been killed he decided to take their message himself back to his company commander, and successfully got through and back to his platoon, although heavily shot at all the time. For the next three days he remained in the front line in a most exposed position, doing his duty admirably under heavy fire and most adverse weather conditions.

T./2nd Lt. Arthur Britton, R. Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when commanding his platoon in a raid. By his able handling he kept them in perfect order and assaulted at the moment the barrage lifted, thus ensuring success with very slight loss. He personally shot two of the enemy and sent back four prisoners, after which he withdrew his men exactly at the right moment and got them all back to his own trench. This operation was carried out under shell fire and severe machine-gun fire, during which he displayed the utmost coolness and fine leadership.

2nd Lt. Jack Russell Brooke, Leic. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Acting as patrol officer for ten days previous to a raid he carried out most successful and daring personal reconnaissances both by day and night, sending in clear and valuable information. On one occasion, hearing that the enemy had vacated their front line, he went across in broad daylight and lay on their parapet listening until he met a patrol of the enemy which compelled him to withdraw under a shower of bombs and rifle fire. His pluck and determination deserved the highest praise.

Lt. Arthur Frederick Robert Brown, Norf. R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed the greatest initiative in getting a Stokes mortar into position within 150 yards of the enemy at a moment when they were arranging a bombing attack, thereby materially assisting in driving them back. He worked fearlessly and with untiring energy during the whole operation and greatly assisted in the success of his battalion.

2nd Lt. Douglas Knox Brown, High. L.I., attd. M.G. Co.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He completely and rapidly reorganised the company under heavy shell fire. He brought the guns into action and kept them there in spite of severe casualties, also keeping up the supply of ammunition and maintaining command throughout the action with the greatest ability and coolness.

T./2nd Lt. Harold John Brown, E. Lan. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon to their objective with great ability and determination, afterwards organising parties to bring in wounded men. He was untiring in his work, and it was due to his personal supervision that every wounded man on the front of his battalion, both of his own regiment and others, was brought in.