

Capt. Francis Joseph Breeden, R. War. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a successful raid. He captured twelve prisoners and demolished a dug-out, afterwards withdrawing his party without loss.

Capt. Charles Henry Brennan, R.A.M.C., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his bearers fearlessly through heavy shell fire, and made a most valuable reconnaissance beyond the regimental aid post to find out if there were any wounded lying out. Though blown up and gassed, he remained at duty, setting a magnificent example to all.

Lt. Arthur Darley Bridge, C. Gds.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon with fine skill and judgment, and when the advance was held up by an enemy strong point, he assisted with rifle grenades and a Lewis gun in out-flanking the enemy post and in capturing forty prisoners with a machine-gun. He showed courage and set a fine example.

2nd Lt. Leonard Brooke, N. Lan. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as intelligence officer during an action. He established an observation post in a commanding and conspicuous position, and worked under heavy shell fire throughout a critical period, having only one signaller left out of his party. Later, he found himself the only officer in the front line, and took command until the battalion was relieved, showing marked coolness and contempt of danger.

2nd Lt. Andrew Donaldson Brotherton, Sea. Highrs., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was severely wounded in the right thigh by a shell after making a reconnaissance. Knowing that it was essential that his report should be delivered, he crawled back several hundred yards over ground swept by machine-gun fire, but fainted before reaching battalion headquarters. When brought in he recovered consciousness, and succeeded with great difficulty in delivering his report.

2nd Lt. Gerald Brindley Brown, Manch. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as Adjutant. He showed great coolness and efficient leadership in selecting positions. When a number of his senior officers and nearly all his signallers and runners had become casualties, he showed great gallantry in handling the battalion under fire.

T./2nd Lt. Alfred Hugh Brunwin, R. Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when temporarily in charge of his company during an attack. When checked by two strong points, he was himself mainly instrumental in the capture of them and their garrisons. Seeing that the supporting battalions were too far behind, he led his own company forward and largely contributed to the capture of the final objectives. Finally, he consolidated his former objective under fire until buried and rendered unconscious.

T./2nd Lt. Philip Edward Buckingham, attd. R. W. Kent R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. By his gallant example he kept up the morale of his men, and showed great energy and resource in keeping his guns in action in spite of a heavy barrage and many difficulties connected with the guns themselves.

T./2nd Lt. Percy William Burgess, attd. S. Staff. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack on an enemy post. While he was cutting the wire the enemy attempted to escape. He immediately rushed past and turned them back into a sap, where five were killed and one taken prisoner. He himself shot two, and it was entirely due to his splendid dash and careful previous reconnaissance that the encounter terminated successfully.

Rev. Peter John Burns, A. Chaplins. Dept.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the evacuation of the wounded was held up owing to heavy shell fire on the roads, he remained continuously in the open, giving both spiritual and material comfort, as well as confidence, to all. His personal example and untiring energy were of the greatest value.

T./2nd Lt. George Herbert Burton, attd. North'd Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon with great courage in the attack, putting a machine-gun out of action and capturing and consolidating his objective. Later, he volunteered to go back under heavy shelling to guide a party carrying ammunition and rations to the new position, and succeeded in getting forward urgent supplies.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Robert Lancelot Busby, Lanc. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On his Commanding Officer becoming a casualty, he took charge of the situation, communicated with the forward troops, and sent messages to brigade headquarters under great difficulties. He collected men from various units scattered about in shell-holes, and sent them forward under a responsible leader. The men, though tired out, were everywhere inspired by his coolness and tact.

Capt. William Newsome Bushill, R. War. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when 2nd in Command of his battalion. He established a forward battalion headquarters in an open trench during an action, and remained there for four days under heavy shell fire. He constantly visited the front line under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire, organised the consolidation of the position, and repulsed several counter-attacks.

Capt. Allan Herbert Butcher, Worc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of the advanced battalion headquarters. Though continuously under heavy shell fire he supervised the operations which resulted in the capture of the objectives with over seventy prisoners and nine machine guns.