

which penetrated the line of the battalion on his flank and threatened to cut off his men entirely, since his other flank was already exposed. He immediately collected a few men, charged the enemy across the open, and drove them into a communication trench, at the end of which he succeeded in forming a block. Despite the very superior numbers of the enemy, and though nearly all his party had become casualties, he held this block against repeated attacks, throwing bombs continuously for three hours. He displayed the greatest dash and initiative under very heavy fire, and it was entirely due to his action that the battalion was not completely cut off.

Maj. Arthur Harold Bibby, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy attacked and advanced towards his battery, he walked up and down behind his guns under heavy fire encouraging his men. Though the enemy continued to advance, he kept his guns in action till the arrival of the limbers, controlling his fire with the greatest coolness. His example was an inspiration to all.

T./Capt. Patrick Dick Booth, M.C., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Having rallied a party of divisional machine-gunners, who were retiring, he, with one machine-gunner, succeeded in holding a ridge against the advancing enemy until an organised defence could be arranged. Later he took command of a party of infantry in order to clear a village just occupied by the enemy. Having captured five of the enemy and cleared the north end of the village, he encountered a party of twenty of the enemy, armed with bombs. Though he was wounded in the subsequent fight, the enemy was driven back, thanks to his courageous efforts and those of the officer accompanying him. It was entirely due to the gallantry displayed by these two officers that an advanced dressing station was recaptured.

Capt. and Bt. Maj. (A./Maj.) Austin Hanbury Brown, M.C., R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of the construction of tracks in preparation for the operations. By his splendid example and determination he completed the work in time, in spite of heavy shell fire, and by skilful organisation reduced his casualties to a comparatively small number.

Lt. Frederick Arthur Montague Browning, G. Gds.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of three companies whose officers had all become casualties, reorganised them, and proceeded to consolidate. Exposing himself to very heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, in two hours he had placed the front line in a strong state of defence. The conduct of this officer, both in the assault and more especially afterwards, was beyond all praise, and the successful handing over of the front to the relieving unit as an entrenched and strongly fortified position was entirely due to his energy and skill.

T./Capt. Ferguson Fitton Carr-Harris, M.D., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Hearing that ten men of another battalion were lying wounded in front of the position, he volunteered on completion of the relief to go to their rescue. He was out for eight hours of the night, found nine of the men alive, took two of them back to headquarters, and organised the rescue of the remainder. He showed great coolness and self-sacrifice.

2nd Lt. Joseph Percy Castle, W. Rid. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a company. He established communication on both flanks under heavy fire. He cleverly cut off and captured an officer and two men from the rear of an enemy company, and scattered the whole company with a Lewis gun. The next day he rushed through heavy machine gun fire to redirect the fire of the Tanks. Though twice wounded, he remained with his company, setting them a splendid example of courage and determination.

T./Maj. Vernon Douglas Robert Conlan, A.S.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Coming up to a captured village in his car, and finding that ammunition had run out, he returned to the dump and brought some in his car under heavy machine gun fire. He then returned and brought up Lewis gun drums, afterwards advancing with the attacking party. He showed great initiative throughout.

Maj. (T./Col.) Anthony Courage, M.C., Hrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in successfully organising Tanks in their assembly position and making dispositions which were mainly responsible for their successful attack. He showed splendid skill and resource.

Maj. Murray Heathfield Dendy, M.C., R.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He reconnoitred sites for batteries and got the batteries to their positions before an attack. Later he showed great coolness and initiative during a counter-attack.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Andrew May Duthie, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company with marked success, and it was largely due to his excellent leadership that the attack was pushed to its final objective. When this had been reached he took out a patrol, and put out of action an enemy machine gun, which was holding up the attack on the flank. Before withdrawing his patrol he was able to have four badly wounded men brought in, whilst on their return the men of his patrol surprised two other hostile machine guns, the crews of which were killed, and the guns were brought in. It was largely due to this officer's splendid example and fine leadership that the attack was carried to a successful end.