

magnificent work in assisting the wounded. He was in the line during the whole period. He was tireless to assist in helping any stretcher cases to the rear, and organised and inspired stretcher bearers to further efforts. He showed utter disregard for his own safety, and set a fine example.

2nd Lt. Henry Leonard Bell, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went forward with a Lewis gun and two men when the enemy were about to attack. By carefully ranging his gun he succeeded in putting a number of the enemy out of action and in breaking up their attack. Later in the day, when his company commander became a casualty, he took command, and led his men with marked skill.

Capt. (A./Maj.) Lestock George Robert Forbes Hamilton Bell, R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The battery under his command was heavily shelled during a whole day, and suffered severe casualties, four officers being wounded, but by his splendid example of coolness, courage, and powers of leadership he was enabled to keep it in action. During the four succeeding days the battery occupied three different positions, and suffered further casualties, and its efficiency throughout a most trying period was mainly due to the able manner in which he exercised his command.

2nd Lt. Richard Logsdail Bell, Hamps. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst with a party constructing roads. From a hill in front of him sudden bursts of enemy rifle fire made him apprehensive for the safety of a party of sappers working on the enemy side of the hill. He collected some of his men, took them at the double towards the place, spotted the enemy, and by rapid fire and a bayonet charge dispersed them.

2nd Lt. William James Knox Bell, R.G.A.,
Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in repeatedly leading out a party at rear position under very heavy artillery fire to mend telephone lines and establish communication. When not mending lines he was foremost in keeping the men and guns working, and he twice went to forward positions and back through heavy artillery barrage.

T./2nd Lt. Frank Bentley, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when, isolated and without infantry support, he stuck to his position, and for two days did much to impede the advance of the enemy.

T./Capt. George William Henry Bentley,
E. Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a company in several critical phases, especially in holding on to a very extended front for five hours when heavily attacked, and keeping his men well in hand when withdrawing.

2nd Lt. William Alfred Berridge, Leic. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while raiding an enemy post. By daring patrol work beforehand he gathered sufficient information of the enemy lines to enable him to rush the enemy post, capture a prisoner, and bring the raiding party back without a casualty in under five minutes.

Lt. Leslie William Hazlitt Best, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his section through a heavy barrage to hold a front-line post and in carrying out a reconnaissance under heavy shell fire, when he brought back valuable information. Throughout the operations he has shown great initiative and a complete disregard for his own safety.

T./2nd Lt. Walter Gordon Bevan, R. War.
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For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack on the flank of his company. He organised posts to protect the flank, and held the enemy until a withdrawal of the company to a fresh line could be made. Next day he reorganised a portion of his company and reoccupied a position, showing great coolness and ability.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Alan Primrose Beveridge,
R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As forward observation officer he maintained communication with his battery throughout the day, although the line was repeatedly cut, and continued to observe and range his guns with great skill and effect on the enemy infantry. On another day the house he occupied was repeatedly struck by shells, but he continued to observe and send back most valuable information until ordered to withdraw. He showed fine courage and devotion to duty.

Lt. Jervis Crosbie Biggs, Lrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of his troop. Under the most trying conditions, he handled his men with great skill and courage. On many occasions he made personal reconnaissances and returned with the most valuable information.

Lt. Maurice Crosier Biggs, Yeo.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during several days of a retirement, when, by his indefatigable efforts, courage, and skill the batteries were linked up by visual and wire, and were enabled to carry on important fire. His work was invaluable and was carried out under great difficulties and intense hostile fire.

T./2nd Lt. George Sydney Bird, A.S.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in loading up stores and supplies during an evacuation, when he carried on with his work in spite of a heavy bombardment. Again he showed great coolness while in charge of mechanical transport convoys, which were being bombed and machine-gunned by enemy aeroplanes.