

dawn 500 to 800 yards in front of the infantry line without escort, so that by checking the enemy's advance he could assist the withdrawal of the infantry. He also brought back limbers for ammunition, which he fired, gaining the necessary time.

T./Lt. (T./Capt.) John Hamilton Boag, M.B., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his aid post was occupied by the enemy he hastily established himself in a new position and rendered valuable assistance. He several times went fearlessly out under machine-gun fire and brought in casualties, and by his devotion saved many lives.

T./2nd Lt. Thomas Shemer Ross Boase, Ox. & Bucks. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He spent four days clearing the enemy out of farms and houses from which the line had been sniped and enfiladed, organising small parties of scouts and Lewis gunners, and leading them across enclosed and difficult ground intersected by streams and hedges. Though repeatedly counter-attacked he never gave ground, firing a Lewis gun himself from the lofts of buildings and accounting for many of the enemy.

T./2nd Lt. Welford Bolam, North'd Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry, devotion and initiative in leading up two platoons in support of an attack. He brought up his men to reinforce an exposed flank during heavy shelling and machine-gun fire at a very critical moment, with the greatest courage and determination. Later in the day he captured and put into use two enemy machine guns, extending his flank to do this till all final objectives had been gained.

T./Lt. Leonard George Bolton, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst in command of a machine-gun company this officer displayed courage and endurance. At a critical period of the operations he worked his sole remaining gun himself until it was destroyed by shell fire and he was severely wounded in nine places.

Lt. David Doughty Mill Bonar, R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went out with a telephonist and repaired the line in several places while a heavy fire was being poured upon it, setting a fine example to his men.

T./2nd Lt. George Herbert Bond, Y. & L. Regt.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He took command of remnants of his battalion and handled them with great skill and coolness. He formed a rearguard with them and very ably covered a withdrawal. By his coolness and clever leadership under heavy machine-gun fire he inspired confidence in his men.

2nd Lt. William Niblock Bond, R.G.A., Spec. Res., attd. 1st Siege Bty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer was section commander on duty with the guns when they came under heavy and continuous shell and machine-gun fire. When his detachments had become very reduced by casualties he collected cooks, officers' servants, and every available man, keeping the guns served without cessation of fire. His conduct and example were splendid. He was wounded later while on duty at an O.P.

T./Capt. Frederick Howard Bone, Wilts. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He formed a defensive flank with half his company, and with the remainder reinforced the front line, inflicting severe losses on the enemy and holding them in check for many hours. He subsequently withdrew, and, although in an exhausted state, helped with the re-organisation of the battalion. He showed untiring energy and great coolness in the face of overwhelming numbers.

Lt. Algernon Arthur Bontor, Hdqrs., R.H.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Having brought orders for batteries to withdraw, he voluntarily returned to one which was under heavy barrage and rendered invaluable help in getting it away. When the last gun had actually been abandoned owing to the horses being blown up, he succeeded in finding another team and saving the gun. His fine example helped to maintain the men's morale at a very critical time.

2nd Lt. Oscar Leslie Boord, R.H.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On his way to the Observing Station under very heavy shell fire he was wounded. He went on and continued to observe, although a direct hit half buried him and bruised him badly, and later he was knocked down by a shell. He only returned to the battery when further observation was impossible. His courage and endurance throughout the day were most marked.

T./2nd Lt. William Evelyn Boot, R. Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led battalion headquarters with great determination and dash in a counter-attack against the enemy, driving them through a village and fields beyond, and finally capturing a company commander. Later, at a critical moment, he used a Lewis gun so effectively as to save the situation. He did fine service.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Walter Greig Borthwick, Sco. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He did excellent work with his trench mortar battery, knocking out an enemy machine gun after three rounds and scattering the team. Throughout he showed great efficiency, and set a fine example to the men of his battery.