

2nd Lt. Achilles Bostock, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On two occasions when communications had been destroyed, he went forward under heavy shell fire, obtained valuable information and established communication with his brigade. He has worked with untiring energy, and has rendered services of the greatest value during most critical times.

2nd Lt. Eric Norman Bostock, North'n R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an enemy attack he remained in a very exposed position with a few men and a Lewis gun, and successfully maintained it until his gun was knocked out and most of his men were casualties. He displayed great coolness and set an inspiring example to his men.

2nd Lt. William Ronald Botterill, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Seeing a team of another unit in difficulties on a road which was being heavily shelled, he extricated the unwounded horses and finally cleared the road. Another officer with him was severely wounded, and although he himself was wounded in three places, he dressed this officer's wounds and organised a carrying party. He showed great coolness and gallantry under most trying conditions.

2nd Lt. George Bottoms, K.R.R.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company was forced to withdraw and all officers but himself had become casualties, he did exceptionally good work in organising and manning successive lines of defence, and by his covering fire enabled a battery of artillery to withdraw.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Henry Mason Boucher, Som. L.I., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer encouraged his men to press on through heavy machine-gun fire by going ahead of them. Later, when the enemy counter-attacked under cover of heavy trench mortar and shell fire, he dashed up to the front line and rallied some posts which were wavering, and pushed in supports and reserve Lewis guns, breaking up the counter-attack.

Lt. Hugh Bowditch, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of ammunition dumps. This officer, with one other officer, took charge successively of four dumps; fifteen direct hits were made on the first one causing many fires and explosions; in spite of this the issue of ammunition was continued with little interruption. For six days these two officers worked under shell fire and bombing by aircraft, keeping their men steady, and continuing the supply of ammunition to artillery, infantry and tanks.

Lt. Geoffrey Stour Bowen, Kent Cyc. Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While making a reconnaissance under heavy bombardment he was badly gassed, but continued at duty. Later, he made several daring reconnaissances, and was continually visiting posts under heavy fire, and adjusting dispositions to meet enemy attacks. His courage and devotion to duty were of a very high order.

Capt. Harry Lawrence Bowen, York. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty throughout five days' heavy fighting, especially on one occasion in taking messages through heavy hostile fire to battalions, arranging for a counter-attack. Also when the left of the brigade had been forced back in assisting in the organisation of a new line.

T./Lt. John James Bowen, Welsh R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the line was being heavily attacked, and in danger of being broken, this officer took charge of the reserve company of the battalion, and so organised the line as to stop further withdrawal. He also made a reconnaissance to the front, and brought back valuable information. His energy and determination during a week's fighting were an example to all.

Capt. Cecil Syndercombe Bower, Dorset. R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. He was wounded while his party was being formed up for the attack, but led them forward to their final objective, when he was again wounded. He remained in command, personally killed two of the enemy, withdrew his party, and remained with his company till satisfied it was reformed. The success of the raid was ensured by the skilful manner in which he handled his command, while the value of his example of personal courage was great.

T./2nd Lt. Tom Bowker, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of an advanced machine-gun section during three days' fighting. On several occasions, when the infantry were ordered to withdraw, he kept his guns in action, effectively covering their movement, and then brought his guns into action in fresh positions. When relieved he voluntarily returned to the trenches and took charge of a party of infantry who were without an officer.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Frank Herbert Bowles, Glouc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He maintained his position during four enemy attacks, and extricated the remnants of his company when his left flank was turned. He was twice wounded, but remained at duty, showing fine courage and determination.