

position. Later, when the advance in thick fog was most difficult, he placed himself at the head of a leading company, and with the aid of his compass led it right to its objective. Throughout he rendered most valuable service.

Lt. Ronald Beal, R.F.A., Spec. Res., attd. D/15th Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative. When the battery was in action in a forward position he went to a mound, which was fully exposed and being shelled, to obtain observation. Having laid a line from the battery to the mound, he brought fire to bear on several targets with excellent results. The whole time he was subjected to heavy shell and machine-gun fire. His gallant conduct caused many casualties to the enemy and prevented the removal of much equipment.

T./2nd Lt. Geoffrey Reginald Beauchamp, 1st Bn., Wilts. R.

For conspicuous gallantry while leading his platoon in an attack, when he reached his objective, and, pushing on, consolidated a position on the far side of a village. When daylight came it was discovered that his platoon was surrounded, but, in spite of heavy machine-gun fire, he maintained the position. Later, while leading a patrol which suffered several casualties, he displayed great courage in carrying the wounded to a place of safety.

Capt. John Cardean Bell, 1/7th Bn., R. Scots, T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Acting as second in command, he assisted under heavy fire to deploy the battalion for the attack; this was most difficult owing to a large number of the men suffering from the effects of mustard gas through which they had to pass. His coolness and ability were responsible for the correct deployment of the battalion.

2nd Lt. Kenneth Pyman Bell, R.F.A., T.F., attd. C/78th Bde., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He ran a single gun into the open and compelled an enemy machine gun to withdraw, thus enabling the infantry to advance. He then engaged other enemy nests and forced them to withdraw. He displayed marked courage and ability.

T./2nd Lt. Percy Herbert Bell, 15th Bn., Tank Corps.

He commanded his Tank during an attack with great gallantry and ability, leading it on foot in spite of an intense and well-directed fire from the enemy machine guns in order to keep the right direction through a heavy mist. At one point he captured 150 prisoners. The successful action of this Tank was chiefly due to this officer's leadership and exemplary coolness under heavy fire.

2nd Lt. Arthur Bellerson, 2nd Bn., S. Staff. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He was instrumental in the capture of several machine guns and trench mortars, and, although wounded, he remained with his platoon and was of

great assistance in the reorganisation of his position after capture. His courageous bearing and fine example were most marked.

Lt. Roderick Henry Bemrose, R.F.A., T.F., attd. C/286th Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his battery position was being heavily shelled and one gun received a direct hit, setting alight the camouflage and exploding the cartridges, he rushed to the pit, dragged off the camouflage, and separated the burning ammunition from the dump, thereby saving the gun from further damage. He has always set a splendid example to the men of the battery.

2nd Lt. Athol Benzie, 14th Bn., Lond. R., attd. 9th Bn., M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. He led his section of guns to their final objective under heavy shell and rifle fire, and gave excellent support to the infantry. Though half his team became casualties, he maintained his positions until relieved after nearly three days. He set a fine example of courage and energy, and inflicted severe casualties on the enemy.

2nd Lt. Charles Joseph Bergin, R. Dub. Fus., Spec. Res., attd. 1st Bn., R. Mun. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and resource. He took command of his company during an attack when the company commander was killed. While he was leading the company along the enemy front line, they were held up by enfilade fire from two machine guns. He at once led a party forward, bombing his way down the trench until he was within a few yards of one of the machine guns. Jumping on to the parapet, he rushed forward with two men, silenced the gun, and captured the team. His courage and initiative saved many lives.

Lt. (A./Capt.) John Stewart Noall Bernays, Leic. R., attd. 6th Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry. When an enemy counter-attack was launched on his company, his swift appreciation of the situation and skilful handling of his men under heavy fire, saved a very doubtful situation. Later, he again displayed great ability during an attack, and throughout the whole operations his courage and cheerfulness set a fine example to all ranks.

Lt. Thomas Wilfred Berry, R.F.A., S.R., attd. C/83rd Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as forward observation officer during an attack. For sixteen hours he maintained communication under heavy fire, and sent back most valuable information.

T./2nd Lt. Arthur Edward Bettaney, 9th Bn., N. Staff. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He rushed his platoon forward and began working on a large crater which blocked the main road close to our front line. He then reconnoitred the road under machine-gun fire, and got his men to work on the bad places. His energy and initiative enabled Tanks and armoured cars to get forward, and contri-