

buted in no small measure to the success of the attack.

Lt. Alexander Steven Bilsland, 1/8th Bn., Scot. Rif., T.F., attd. 156th Inf. Bde. Hdqrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and resource as Staff Captain of his brigade during an advance. On three occasions he took charge of transport carrying rations and water to the most advanced units along roads swept by continuous heavy fire. It was due to his fearless example that the rations reached their destination.

2nd Lt. Adolphus George Black, 1/4th attd. 1/5th Bn., Linc. R., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and resource in an attack. He handled his platoon with great coolness and skill, cleared an enemy strong point, and put several snipers out of action. His initiative enabled his company to reach its objective with the minimum of casualties.

2nd Lt. Frank William Blackmore, Bucks. Bn., Ox & Bucks. L.I., T.F. (ITALY)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. He led his platoon with courage and determination, although wounded early in the fight. Having had his wound bandaged, he rejoined his platoon and resumed command, successfully clearing the whole of the area allotted to him.

T./Lt. Arthur Frederick Blakiston, D/149th Bde., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a convoy of ammunition wagons, of which he was in charge, was heavily shelled and suffered several casualties, he succeeded in removing all the wounded men, under continuous shell fire, and by his coolness and initiative prevented further casualties among the convoy.

Lt. John Cooper Bland, 20th Hrs. (Spec. Res.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of a squadron during an attack. He carried out a reconnaissance under heavy fire, and it was due to the valuable information obtained by him that the advance was able to continue. He showed fine leadership and enterprise.

T./2nd Lt. Fred Bolton, Lanc. Fus., attd. 2/5th Bn., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and determination in an attack. He was wounded at the beginning of the attack, but continued to lead his men, and captured and consolidated his objective. He remained with his men, setting them a splendid example, for twelve hours, until ordered to leave.

Lt. (A./Maj.) Lionel Gordon Bonner, 121st Bty., 27th Bde., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry during an advance. He organised most ably the supply of ammunition to the battery, and brought it up himself, under heavy barrage. On assuming command of the battery, after his battery commander was wounded, he handled it brilliantly, and rendered valuable support to the infantry. He showed great coolness and devotion to duty while

observing under heavy machine-gun fire, and throughout kept his men up to a high pitch of efficiency.

2nd Lt. Francis Rhodes Bootland, 1/5th Bn., Manch. R., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He rushed a machine-gun position that was holding up his platoon, getting dangerously wounded in doing so. Throughout the action, until wounded, he showed splendid courage and great initiative.

T./Capt. Ellis Campbell Bowden, R.A.M.C., attd. 2nd Bn., Lond. R.

He attended to wounded men under a very intense fire from machine guns, in daylight, and helped to carry many wounded into safety in full view of the enemy. His unceasing efforts and his self-sacrificing disregard of danger saved many lives, and were the admiration of all who saw him.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Ian Bower, 3rd Dn. Gds. (Spec. Res.), Secd. 3rd Lt. Bn., Tank Corps.

He got out of his tank under heavy artillery fire at close range and managed to get his own tanks out of the way of the leading section, who had got too far within close range of the enemy artillery and could only move backwards down the road, as rain had made the country impassable. His own tank was hit, and he and one of his crew were severely wounded, and another man was killed. He set a fine example of gallantry and self-sacrifice.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Archibald Edgar Baron Bowker, 10th Bn., attd. 7th Bn., Midd'x R., T.F.

During several days' hard fighting he rendered valuable services when the situation needed prompt and energetic action. When casualties in officers and men on one occasion had been very heavy, he went forward and reorganised and consolidated the captured positions under heavy fire, inspiring the men by his example of energy and complete disregard of danger.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) William Bowles, 11th Bn., E. Lanc. R., attd. 86th T.M.B.

This officer showed outstanding gallantry in the way he went forward and fixed new positions. During two attacks he personally directed the fire of his battery under heavy enemy artillery and machine-gun fire, and showed fine qualities of leadership and courage throughout the operations.

2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) James Eyre Boyle, 1/4th Bn., Ox. & Bucks. L.I., T.F.

(ITALY)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid. Under considerable shelling he taped out a forming-up line, and from this ran forward tapes for each leading platoon. During the raid, despite enemy barrage, he laid out tapes towards the enemy's front line to guide the raiding party back, and did not return to his lines until the whole party was in.

T./2nd Lt. Samuel Brandle, 15th Bn., Tank Corps.

During an attack which commenced in a heavy mist, he went forward on foot under