

Temp. 2nd Lt. Ellis Francis Pemberton Bartlett, Hamps. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With a small party of men he became isolated in the enemy line. Although badly wounded he continued for eight and a half hours to reorganise his men and keep the enemy at bay. He only withdrew when all his ammunition was expended.

Temp. 2nd Lt. Cyril Henry Bazeley, K.R.R.C.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He showed great courage and determination in retaking a trench which had been lost. Later, he directed operations from the open under very heavy fire until he was wounded. He showed a fine example to his men.

2nd Lt. William Fortescue Beachcroft, R.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He carried out a most valuable reconnaissance under very heavy fire. Later, although himself wounded, he rescued a wounded signaller. He displayed great courage and determination throughout.

Lt. (temp. Capt.) Wilfrid Henry Beaumont-Nesbitt, G. Gds.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. When in command of a company in the second wave, he found on reaching the first objective, that the enemy were still holding the trench on his right, in front of which our troops were held up by uncut wire. He seized a machine gun and worked down the trench, clearing every traverse and killing many of the enemy, thus enabling our troops to get in. He was finally wounded.

Temp. 2nd Lt. Vivian Colenso Beckerleg, D. of Corn. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He assumed command of and handled his company with great courage and determination. He set a splendid example to his men.

Lt. Osborne Alexander Bell, R.A.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He reconnoitred the enemy lines under very heavy fire, obtaining most valuable information and displaying great courage and determination. Later, he rescued a wounded man.

Temp. 2nd Lt. William John Bell, D. of Corn. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. When the casualties in the front line had been severe, he collected all the signallers and spare men, and gallantly led them into the firing line, displaying great courage and initiative.

2nd Lt. Herbert Kenneth Richard T. Bent, R.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. When F.O.O. he went forward under heavy shell fire to obtain good observation and returned twice through the hostile barrage to give information. He displayed great personal courage and determination.

2nd Lt. Reginald Cheyne Berkeley, Rif. Bde., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. When his company commander was wounded, he led the company with great dash to its final objective, and later displayed great determination in consolidating the captured line.

Temp. 2nd Lt. Wilfrid Bigwood, Worc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He carried out a daring raid with great determination. Though wounded, and, with his ankle broken he would not leave the enemy trench until he had collected his party.

Temp. 2nd Lt. William Neville Birkin, Notts. & Derby. R.

For gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer was sent out to collect information and report on the situation, and, although badly wounded in the shoulder, he carried out his duty and made his report.

Temp. 2nd Lt. Raymond Selby Bishop, Linc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He handled four guns with great courage and initiative. He set a splendid example to his men.

Capt. James Elliot Black, M.B., R.A.M.C., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. He rendered valuable services when attending the wounded under heavy machine gun and shell fire. Later, he went out into "No Man's Land" to succour the wounded.

2nd Lt. Charles Paton Blacker, C. Gds., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry during operations. He showed the greatest determination when directing working parties under heavy fire, and completed his work under most difficult circumstances.

Capt. Charles Hubert Boulby Blount, R. W. Surr. R. and R.F.C.

For conspicuous skill and gallantry. He has organised the contact patrol work of a new squadron, and has carried out valuable work in the air himself. On one occasion he flew for a long time at about 500 feet under heavy fire to locate a battalion which was lost.

Temp. 2nd Lt. Arthur Herbert Blowers, M. Gun C.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He fought his Tank with great gallantry, reaching his final objective. On several occasions he assisted the infantry and enabled them to advance.

Lt. Anthony Peter Boden, 12th Lrs.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. Assisted by three men, he laid a cable over a distance of a quarter of a mile under intense fire. Later, he patrolled a line in the open and mended it 15 to 20 times. He set a splendid example to his men.