

occasion when the line was bent back he counter-attacked at once, restoring the situation. Owing to his close liaison with other units the relief of the brigade was much facilitated.

Capt. Alfred Raymond Bare, M.C., N. Lan. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under cover of a heavy barrage the enemy attacked, very quickly surrounding a strong point, where this officer had his company headquarters and one platoon. In face of superior numbers, he put up a stout resistance until forced to retire on to another strong point, where the position was very critical, the officer in charge having been killed. He took command, and after a stiff fight, drove back the enemy. He was twice wounded during the fight.

Lt. (A./Maj.) John Joseph James Bell, M.C., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during about a week's operations, especially on one occasion when he kept his battery in action until the enemy was within 600 yards, and then skilfully extricated the whole battery. Throughout the fighting this officer has set a splendid example to all, and has time after time withdrawn his guns under rifle and machine-gun fire.

Lt. (A./Lt.-Col.) David Francis Bickmore, Norf. R., attd. Gord. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in commanding his battalion during an enemy attack. When portions of the line showed signs of wavering, he rallied the men, and in spite of an intense fire, restored the situation. Later, during a critical period, before his battalion was required to attack, he went forward and made a reconnaissance, returning under heavy shell fire, with a valuable report and a clear plan of action. He showed great courage and leadership throughout the operations.

Capt. (T./Maj. and A./Lt.-Col.) The Hon. Noel Gervase Bligh, Rif. Bde., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer was in command of his battalion when it was heavily attacked. He went along the front line under intense artillery barrage, encouraging his men by his fine example. When the troops on his right were forced back, he led up a support company in full view of the enemy and formed a defensive flank. When forced to retire he kept his battalion well in hand, and contested every inch of the way.

T.Lt. (A./Capt.) Lancelot Bostock, North'n R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during enemy attacks. He commanded his company with great skill and ability under very heavy and machine-gun fire, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy and temporarily checking his advance. His brilliant leadership and fine courage were an example to all.

Capt. Edward Thomas Arthur George Boylan, M.C., R.H.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When directing the fire of his battery from a railway truck he was seen by the enemy and heavily shelled for over an hour. Though he was knocked off the truck, and the truck itself was hit several times, he continued to direct the fire, and by his fearlessness took a heavy toll of the enemy. Later, a haystack from which he was directing the fire was hit repeatedly and he was knocked off it and badly shaken, but he continued to fire into the enemy until the infantry retired past the guns. His gallantry and coolness were beyond all praise.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Stanley Boys, Durh. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a week of fighting, especially when in command of the left flank company, which was attacked by dense masses of the enemy. This officer organised his company and various units of other brigades and formed a defensive flank, working unceasingly along his company front and driving off an enemy attack in eight waves with loss. At night he withdrew across difficult country, and took up another defensive position. The following day he was enveloped, but by maintaining control of his men, and collecting stragglers of other units, he extricated them, being the last to withdraw. It was due to his energy and zeal that the retirement was successfully conducted.

Capt. Allen Basil Bratton, M.C., N. Lan. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the two companies in the front line had suffered heavy casualties from enemy bombardment and attack this officer in command of the support company organised and led counter-attacks. Although outnumbered by the enemy in both men and machine guns he succeeded in driving them back 500 yards and reoccupying the main line of resistance. He then with one man bombed down a trench for 300 yards, and joined up with the next company. His splendid example enabled very good work to be done by very few men.

Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) David Lloyd Brereton, Durh. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while commanding his battalion. He personally assisted in a bombing attack and established a block, driving the enemy back and capturing four machine guns. Throughout the operations he set a fine example to his battalion.

T./Capt. Patrick Tait Brodie, M.C., K.A.R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was told to take a hill with a platoon. When he got within fifty yards of the top he was fired on by a Maxim and some thirty rifles. Only two of his men stood fast, and with them he bombed the enemy off the hill. By his dash and gallantry in taking this hill he deprived the enemy of a most advantageous point from which to deliver destructive fire on his men. He did very fine work.