

T./2nd Lt. Felix Joseph Benzimra, M.G. Co.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when commanding his section of guns in a forward position. He maintained his ground in spite of intense enemy fire and hostile counter-attacks, by his timely aid greatly assisting to defeat the latter. Although twice buried and gassed, he refused to leave his post, and only reported sick on his return to camp on the following day.

T./2nd Lt. John Granville Berry, W. York. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, in taking command of his company when his Company Commander had become a casualty, and leading them for two days, during which time he displayed most remarkable initiative and determination. He attained all his objectives in the face of heavy fire, and was repeatedly to the fore in repelling counter-attacks. His personal gallantry throughout won the admiration of all ranks.

Lt. Temple Percy Molesworth Bevan, G. Gds., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When left in charge of his company owing to the Captain being killed and the 2nd Captain being wounded, he displayed the greatest gallantry and disregard of personal safety in going to his support line, which was under heavy shell fire, and moving the men forward into the least dangerous position. It was owing to his prompt action that heavy casualties to the attacking troops were avoided.

Lt. Calverly Bewicke, S. Gds., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. It was entirely due to his energy that carrying parties were up within a very few minutes of the leading waves of an attack, thereby enabling the consolidation to be commenced at once. He personally superintended the loading up and despatch of these parties, and set a very high example of energy and devotion to duty under very difficult circumstances.

T./2nd Lt. Edward Bidwell, Rif. Brig.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the forcing of a river he led his men with great dash to the final objective and consolidated a line of posts under heavy machine gun and rifle fire. Although suffering from the effects of gas, he personally placed posts on his exposed flank, and by this means prevented a large enemy bombing party from forcing a passage through. It was owing to his initiative, pluck and determination that all the objectives were held.

Capt. Kenneth Biggs, R.A.M.C., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading and organising his stretcher-bearers under intense fire of every description, in such a manner that our wounded were rapidly evacuated. He worked unceasingly in the open for 24 hours, until he was severely wounded, by his admirable courage and determination saving many lives.

T./Lt. Charles Frederick Bilson, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took charge of a convoy which had failed three times under the enemy shelling to get their loads through, and by his personal example and power of command over men who belonged to a unit not his own, succeeded at the fourth attempt in getting the wagons to their destination. On another occasion he carried out personal and fearless daylight reconnaissances under continuous sniping and machine gun fire, and sent in accurate and useful reports as to the position of our front line.

T./Capt. Geoffrey Andrew Bird, M.B., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. A lorry containing ammunition was set on fire about 200 yards from his Aid Post. Although the road outside was heavily shelled he set a splendid example in personally carrying the wounded from the vicinity of the lorry to his Aid Post, making the journey under heavy shell fire, and in imminent danger of a sudden explosion of the ammunition, which eventually took place.

Capt. Norman Pellew Birley, S. Staff. R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty under trying circumstances, in visiting the Headquarters of two units when the situation had become obscure—on both occasions passing through heavy hostile artillery barrage and machine gun fire. Throughout the day he set a splendid example of coolness and cheerfulness under fire.

2nd Lt. Bertie Frank Bishop, N. Staff. R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under heavy and continuous shell fire he personally led a rescue party to a dug-out which had been blown in by a direct hit, and extricated the buried men. Two lives out of four were saved by his courage and splendid personal example.

2nd Lt. Wilfred Bishop, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst in action with his battery. He ran into a gun-pit which was in flames, owing to the blow back from a gun having ignited the camouflage, and regardless of charges which were exploding on all sides of him, he seized a spade and started to throw earth upon the fire. He then rallied the detachment who had taken cover, and by his magnificent example got them to work, and persevered until the fire was extinguished. By his devotion to duty and promptness under most dangerous and trying circumstances he saved a very serious disaster.

2nd Lt. David Smith Black, Suff. R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the enemy's position. Finding that the first objective required but little mopping up, he led the second wave to the second objective, where many of the enemy were killed and wounded. He then withdrew his company in good order, after taking a number of prisoners, and, having reorganised them under heavy shell fire, took over a portion of the front line. Through-