

Capt. Robert Benedict Bourdillon, R.F.C., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on long distance bomb raids. He has in all taken part in seventeen successful raids, many of which were on distant objectives and in unfavourable weather, and has been exceptionally successful in attacking railways, frequently descending to very low altitudes with the greatest determination in order to make sure of his aim. He has set a very fine example by his courage and offensive spirit.

T./2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) Leonard Cecil Bourne, R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when commanding his company during the consolidation of a new position. Although severely wounded in the foot and leg, he continued to supervise and issue orders until the work was completed, setting a fine example of pluck and determination.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Henry Richard Bower, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a dug-out was blown in by a shell, he worked for fifteen minutes with another officer and three N.C.O.'s and men and extricated two of the occupants, although exposed the whole time to very heavy shell fire. The following day, under similar conditions, although wounded himself, he rendered first aid to an officer and a man, getting them to the shelter of a dug-out. This dug-out was blown in a few minutes later, and he again assisted two officers to get out, utterly disregarding his own condition, and doing everything he could to help and assist under most trying conditions. His gallantry and devotion deserve the highest praise.

2nd Lt. Percy William Bowles, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an intense hostile bombardment of his battery. When the ammunition dump had been hit and set on fire he ran out, dragged the blazing camouflage clear, and organised a party which succeeded in putting out the fire in spite of exploding ammunition and hostile shelling. By his personal example and disregard of danger he was the means of saving the gun and much ammunition.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Wilfrid Henry Bowmer, Notts. & Derby. R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed the greatest dash and very high powers of leadership in commanding the leading waves of an attack, and, although three times counter-attacked, he inflicted severe casualties on the enemy, capturing and consolidating his line, and setting throughout a splendid example of courage and disregard of danger.

Capt. Andrew Boyd, Sea. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company with exceptional daring and skill in face of heavy machine-gun fire from two concrete emplacements. He refused to be held up, but continued his advance, personally leading his men and setting a splendid example of coolness and courage, finally rushing the emplacements

and capturing both machine guns. He killed several of the enemy himself, and was wounded just as his task was completed.

T./Lt. Allan Boyle, Gen. List and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when engaged upon artillery observation work. By his determination and fearlessness he has been most successful in this important service, in addition to which he has carried out several successful contact patrols at low altitudes, although subjected to attack from hostile machines and heavy machine-gun fire from the ground, which considerably damaged his machine.

T./2nd Lt. John Kemmy Boyle, R. Ir. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed the greatest coolness under fire, and led his company with ability and courage. When the enemy counter-attacked he organised counter-attacks upon them, thereby regaining all the ground which had been temporarily lost.

T./2nd Lt. Ralph Bradford, attd. R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty under most trying conditions. For three days he held an advanced position with his company, in spite of heavy shelling, rifle and machine-gun fire, when the trenches were in a deplorable condition owing to heavy rain. His initiative, gallantry, and cheerful manner were invaluable in keeping up the courage of all ranks, especially during the twenty-four hours in which it was impossible to get any rations up.

2nd Lt. Sydney Vincent Brady, Manch. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on an enemy trench. He showed great zeal and determination when in charge of the mopping-up party, leading them through the enemy wire and into the first enemy trench with great dash and fearlessness. He thoroughly searched every corner until prevented from advancing by our own barrage, greatly inspiring his men by his gallantry and good leadership.

Lt. Charles Wilfrid Brannon, Hamps. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a raid upon enemy trenches he commanded the assault. He was the first into the position, and the last to leave. At the wire he found one of his party wounded, and, with assistance, carried him back for some distance, until the wounded man expired. His gallant leadership was a splendid example to all ranks.

T./2nd Lt. Samuel George Brealy, R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst acting as Liaison Officer. He showed the greatest courage and initiative in obtaining valuable information under intense machine-gun and shell fire. It was owing to his gallantry and dash that the leading battalions were kept in touch with one another, and thus greatly contributed to the success of the operation.

2nd Lt. John Brenchley, C. Gds., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst putting out bridges across a