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T./Lt. (T./Capt.) Robert Harman Bell, Ox. and Bucks. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as Bde. Bombing Officer. He went forward with a party of men to move a dump of S.A.A. and bombs. As they approached the dump the camouflage netting was set alight, wounding him slightly in the neck. He, however, pulled the burning camouflage off the remaining boxes and put out the fire. He then had the whole dump moved forward in accordance with his original intention before returning to Bde. H.Q.

T./Capt. Charles Burnley Belt, R. Ir. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On going forward with advanced Bn. H.Q. he found the leading waves held up by very heavy machine-gun fire. Nearly all the officers having become casualties, he rallied the troops and led them forward again.

2nd Lt. Alfred Bentley, Norf. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led the assaulting platoons of his company in a most gallant manner to the re-capture of a strong point which was affording the enemy an important advantage over our lines of communication. By his coolness and fine personal example under most trying circumstances all subsequent attempts by the enemy to re-capture the strong point were frustrated. During the afternoon he went out on patrol and captured two of the enemy from a concrete emplacement which was afterwards of great tactical value, and the following night, although wounded and seriously gassed, he extricated a number of officers from a dug-out who had been gassed at the same time as himself.

T./ 2nd Lt. Leonard George Berrett, attd. Rif. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under most trying circumstances this officer helped to organise and consolidate a difficult position. Although wounded, he refused to be taken away, and was carried to a position from which he controlled and encouraged his men during the attacks made by the enemy on his posts. Throughout the operations he set a magnificent example of coolness, courage and initiative.

2nd Lt. Charles Robert Billyard-Leake, Rif. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his men with great determination and dash in the attack. When his company was temporarily held up by an enemy machine-gun, he personally rushed the position and killed two of the enemy.

Capt. William Somerset Birch, R.A.M.C., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. For 72 hours he worked with the stretcher-bearers of his field ambulance and collected the wounded under continuous fire. By his cheerfulness and disregard of danger he set a splendid example to all his bearers.

T./Capt. Archibald Grainger Bisset, M.B., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During heavy shelling of his battalion, when it was impossible to establish a dressing station, he went up and down the line himself attending to the men as they fell. Whenever a shell burst in the vicinity he at once hastened to the spot and did not leave the shelled area after his battalion had moved off until every case had been evacuated. He has shown the greatest gallantry and coolness at all times, notably on one occasion when, although badly gassed and unable to stand, he continued to attend to the wounded until he collapsed.

T./2nd Lt. George Glendinning Blackwood, Seaf. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in thoroughly reconnoitring a position for assault, guiding two platoons across a stream to it in the dark and leading the attack by section rushes to within 50 yards of the enemy position. After attempting to outflank it, finding the attack held up on right and left, he withdrew the few men he could collect and organised the defence, sending back valuable reports.

2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) Charles Evelyn Blake, North'n R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After enduring heavy shelling for six hours he was ordered to take his company forward to reinforce another unit, which involved a most difficult manoeuvre, but he carried this out with great skill and judgment, and was successful in holding up the enemy. He handled his company with great coolness and ability throughout the operations.

Lt Arthur James Tyrrel Bland, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a truck of ammunition was set on fire by a shell he, with three N.C.O.'s, with an utter disregard of danger from the burning ammunition or the hostile shelling, rushed to the truck and succeeded in putting out the fire. Later on the same evening a truck loaded with cordite was set alight by a shell, and he again, accompanied by a corporal, succeeded in putting out the fire and saving the ammunition.

Capt. Arthur Bloom, M.D., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Several casualties were caused by shell fire at a battery position. He at once went 300 yards through a heavy barrage to the position, being blown up by an exploding shell on the way. He immediately attended to two wounded men, and then, while the battery was still being shelled, went round the position and attended to other wounded men. He displayed great courage, and his prompt action was of very great value.

2nd Lt. Eric John Bolton, Dorset. R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon in an attack under very heavy machine-gun fire, and would take no cover for himself until all his men were