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2nd Lt. Albert Arthur Bock, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst leading his platoon this officer encountered a series of concrete dug-outs. He rushed the entrance of one and, single-handed, captured seventeen prisoners. He continued to lead his platoon until severely wounded in both legs, setting a splendid example of coolness and daring to all ranks.

Lt. Edgar Harold Booth, T.M. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer, whilst carrying out a task of bombarding a strong position, displayed courage of a high order. His gun position, being under a continuous heavy shell fire, was totally destroyed, and he had to construct another. Despite this, his tasks were performed exactly to schedule time, and completed so well that the positions were captured without opposition.

2nd Lt. Reginald William Brinsmead, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company commander became a casualty in an attack he displayed great skill and initiative in leading his company to the capture of the final objective. Through his determination and untiring energy the position was consolidated and the defence organised.

Lt. Lawrence Brunton, Fld. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He succeeded, with another officer, in extinguishing a serious fire which had broken out on an ammunition train near a battery position. The work was carried out at considerable risk from exploding ammunition, and he set a fine example of coolness and devotion to duty.

Lt. Alfred Joseph Bussell, Fld. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He succeeded, in company with another officer, in extinguishing a serious fire which had broken out on an ammunition train near a battery position. The work was carried out at considerable risk from exploding ammunition, and he set a fine example of coolness and devotion to duty.

2nd Lt. Gordon Carmichael Cameron, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon against a strongly fortified position with great calmness and daring, and although suffering casualties he re-organised the remainder and gained his objectives. He then personally led a squad of men against an enemy machine-gun position, captured the gun and killed the crew. Afterwards, whilst consolidating, he set a fine example by his courage and coolness until he was finally wounded in the head.

Capt. Joseph Edward Thomas Catron, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his company to the final objective in an attack. He showed great skill in selecting positions, and encouraged his men under heavy shell fire. The success of the operation was in a great measure due to his courage and initiative.

Capt. Percy Charlton, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a party burying cables in a forward area. He showed splendid powers of organisation and courage in leading his men to their work under heavy shell fire, and encouraging them at their task in the face of great difficulties. It was largely due to his efforts that the work was completed.

Lt. Harold Ernest Clifton, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer led his platoon with conspicuous skill and marked initiative, although wounded early in the attack. Despite his wound, he continued to lead his men, and inspired them with confidence, showing absolute disregard for his own personal safety.

Capt. (T./Maj.) James Coghlan, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of transport carrying material for road construction forward. The material was urgently required, and he got it forward in spite of heavy enemy shelling, going about under intense fire encouraging his men. On several occasions when the road was blocked he led parties to clear it, thus saving many casualties and enabling the work to go on. His gallantry and organising ability were responsible for the road being completed.

Lt. Alexander McGregor Collie, Fld. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a convoy of pack animals carrying ammunition forward. A large dump near the road caught fire, stopping all traffic, but by making a hazardous detour he succeeded in delivering his ammunition at a forward position. Though he was badly shaken by a bursting shell and several casualties had occurred among his convoy, in response to an urgent demand for ammunition he made four more journeys under the most trying conditions and continuous shell fire. He set a splendid example of courage and energy.

Lt. Walter Alston Collins, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer carried out the construction of a valuable strong point under the most difficult and dangerous circumstances. By his magnificent personal example and leadership all his sappers and working parties were properly set to work immediately on the objective being gained. Throughout the operations he displayed the most admirable courage, soundest judgment, and an utter contempt of personal danger.

Lt. John Stephen Coolahan, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer by great exertions got his machine guns and ammunition into position in rear of the objective as soon as it had been gained. He showed splendid pluck and cheerfulness under very heavy shell fire. Through his grip of the situation he rendered great assistance to the Battalion Commander by the splendid manner in which he handled his guns, and by his promptitude in opening fire, which prevented the counter-attack from developing.