

tion, killed several of the enemy and captured two officers, fifty-eight other ranks, and two machine-guns. Later, he again led a rush on a strong point, and killed and captured several of the enemy. He set a splendid example of courage and initiative.

T./2nd Lt. James McKinlay Black, High. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He maintained communication with the front line companies, which were almost isolated on the far side of a village full of enemy machine guns and snipers. He twice led parties through with rations, stores and stretcher-bearers, showing great determination and initiative.

Capt. John Holliday Blackburn, M.B., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When eighty stretcher cases as well as a number of walking cases were handed over by another division, and owing to heavy shelling it was impossible to move them during the day, he took forward an ambulance as close up to the position as possible and organised the evacuation of the wounded. He showed splendid determination and resource.

2nd Lt. Alec Stuart Blacklaws, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of convoys taking ammunition to forward gun positions he persisted in his efforts, though under very heavy shell fire, to deliver the ammunition. Though the road was being heavily shelled throughout the day and almost impassable for traffic, he succeeded in getting a portion of his convoy through. The remaining portion being broken up by shell fire, he returned and collected it, and led it forward successfully to the position. Later in the day, on making a third attempt with a fresh convoy, he again succeeded in completing his task. He showed great determination and resource.

Lt. (A./Capt.) William Norman Bladen, N. Staff. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He superintended the defence of the sector held by his company during an enemy counter-attack. He visited the series of disconnected posts in broad daylight and in full view of the enemy, who could be seen massing for attack, and under heavy fire. By his courage and cheerfulness under fire he inspired all ranks with a determination to hold on at all costs.

Capt. Thomas Reginald Blain, R. Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company with great determination and skill in an attack, and reorganised it for the defence of the captured position. Though wounded, he remained at duty, and by his courage and energy kept the enemy back when his company was very hard pressed. He also reorganised two other companies, and was the means of driving off heavy enemy counter-attacks.

Lt. William Robert Blair, Arg. & Suth'd Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a heavy enemy counter-attack. He collected men of his own and other units and continued fighting until almost surrounded by the enemy. He only withdrew to a defensive position when nearly all the men with him had become casualties. Throughout two days' fighting he set a splendid example of courage and endurance.

Lt. Harold Ernest Blunt, Yeo.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led a patrol in front of the enemy defences with great courage and determination. He obtained very valuable information under heavy fire.

Lt. John Boden Boden, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Finding a disabled enemy field gun in a forward position, he fitted the breach mechanism of another gun to it and brought it into action in the open. He fired about sixty rounds with excellent effect, though under heavy fire and in full view of the enemy.

2nd Lt. Eyton FitzGerald Bond, R.G.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He kept his section in action under heavy shell fire, and in spite of casualties. When ordered to take up a new position he first changed a damaged wheel under continual heavy fire.

2nd Lt. Geoffrey Lezairé Bonsor, W. York. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He made a reconnaissance for a distance of 800 yards under constant machine-gun fire, and obtained valuable information. When the battalion was heavily counter-attacked and the whole of a Lewis gun team became casualties, he got the gun into action and continued to fire on the advancing enemy until he was severely wounded.

2nd Lt. William Harrison Bordass, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While he was supervising the unloading of ammunition wagons on a badly congested road the enemy opened a heavy bombardment. Though blown a considerable distance by a shell, he kept control of the situation and took charge of the entire convoy, dealing with the difficult situation with great skill and coolness. It was entirely due to this officer's courage that the vehicles of many units were got safely away out of the shelled area.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Thomas James Bolle Bosville, Rif. Brig.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company forward, unsupported by artillery, and captured an enemy position in spite of strong opposition. He set a magnificent example of determination and initiative.