

and killing the remainder, then laid out and dug his task. He set a fine example of skill and coolness.

Capt. William Robert Moodie Beamond, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer was in command of a company which took over a position, hastily consolidated, after having captured it, but which remained heavily enfiladed by hostile artillery and machine-gun fire. He promptly grasped the situation and so disposed his forces that the defence of the locality was ensured and the casualties reduced to a minimum. The energy and devotion to duty he displayed in consolidating this valuable position were no less than the courage with which he exposed himself under heavy fire, and his example had a most inspiring effect on his men.

Lt. Cyril Ashley Bennetto, A.L.H.R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. He took his troop with a rush across the open and captured three machine guns, killing or taking prisoner the personnel. He then continued his advance on a confused enemy retiring in large numbers and inflicted heavy casualties on them. It was a fine example of what may be done by quick decision and dash.

Capt. William Russell de la Poer Beresford, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company commander was wounded he took command, and led it into a counter-attack under heavy fire. On reaching the objective the other three company commanders had become casualties, and he reorganised and consolidated all the companies in the positions gained. The following night under his direction a wide gap on the left flank was cleared by two fighting patrols and the gap connected up with the brigade on the left.

Rev. Donald Burns Blackwood, M.A., Chaplain Dept.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer, not content to remain at casualty clearing stations, was indefatigable in his efforts to comfort the wounded in the forward battle zone, visiting the regimental aid posts of the battalions engaged. On the second day and night of the fighting he was out with burial parties well in advance of headquarters of front-line battalions, working throughout the night in shelled areas. His cheery presence amongst the unwounded but tired troops did a lot towards keeping up their spirits, whilst his work amongst the wounded was invaluable.

Lt. William Harvey Blake, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion in charge of a platoon of his battalion in an attack on enemy posts. Although wounded in both hands early in the action, he continued to lead his platoon, rushed the objective, capturing and consolidating it under heavy machine-gun fire. Later, with three men, he rushed an enemy machine-gun post, killing the garrison and bringing back portions of the

gun. Although badly wounded he remained on duty until his post had been consolidated. His splendid courage and example throughout were admirable.

2nd Lt. Guy Godolphyn Bonython, M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. When all senior officers became casualties, he took command of the company and led it with great courage. Although wounded he remained at duty, and when it became necessary to withdraw, extricated the company from a difficult situation with much skill.

Lt. Harold Booth, Aust. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. A farm had been set on fire by enemy shelling, and the flames threatened to ignite ammunition dumps at guns and limbers of this officer's battery. He promptly removed ammunition and limbers clear of the flames, and saved all the guns and limbers and most of the ammunition.

Lt. Thomas Henry Britton, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his platoon in an attack in the face of heavy machine-gun and rifle fire. He inflicted many casualties on the enemy and captured two machine-guns. Later he organised a party, and in face of heavy fire brought in all dead and wounded. By his splendid example of courage he helped to carry the assault to a successful issue.

Lt. Charles James Brookes, Aust. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer went forward under heavy shell fire to reconnoitre the infantry position. He sent back such good information that the batteries were brought to bear on bodies of the enemy massing for the attack. On the following three days he remained continuously on duty at the battery observation post despite constant shelling, and sent back valuable information as to the dispositions of the enemy's infantry and guns.

Lt. Herbert Basil Brown, D.C.M., M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led the vanguard of his company with dash and determination, bringing up a Lewis gun and dealing with all opposition and snipers, so that the way was cleared for the main guard. Though suffering from illness he refused relief, and led a successful bombing attack.

Lt. Walter Heyward Bryan, Aust. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On two occasions, in face of heavy artillery and machine-gun fire, he led his men to the gun position with ammunition, himself carrying two bombs of 54 lbs. each, and fired with great effect on strong points, machine-gun positions and snipers' posts, which were greatly harassing that part of our front, and which he totally destroyed. His courage and coolness under trying circumstances were a fine example to his men, and largely con-