

he quickly grasped the tactical situation and led his platoon with great dash and gallantry. Part of the attack being held up, he formed a defensive flank and afforded valuable fire effect in covering the withdrawal of isolated parties. His platoon accounted for a large number of the enemy.

T./2nd Lt. Bernard Bocking, York. R.

For great skill and courage in leading his platoon forward and successfully dealing with enemy strong points. When the company was held up by heavy machine-gun fire, he manœuvred his platoon to the flank and rear of the enemy's positions, and, after gaining superiority of fire, rushed the posts, capturing a machine gun and several prisoners.

T./Sub-Lt. Andrew Blight Bolt, R.N.V.R.

For remarkable gallantry during a raid. Finding no enemy in the first objective, he rushed forward to within a few yards of the barrage and reached the second objective. Most of the party had been held up by wire, but with seven men he jumped into the trench and bombed the dug-outs. As a result of this plucky action twenty-one prisoners were taken. He also assisted in capturing a heavy machine gun, after killing the crew.

2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) William Bray, Glou. R.

During important operations he was in command of a company detailed to capture a group of houses about a mile from the assembly point. He led his men with great skill and dash, and was completely successful, the rapidity with which he developed his attack preventing the enemy garrison from recovering and becoming a very serious obstacle to that flank of the advance.

T./Sub-Lt. Harold Barton Briddon, R.N.V.R.

For remarkable daring in a raid. He led his party through a difficult belt of wire and, approaching from the flank, dashed into the enemy position. They were standing to, and showed fight, but he attacked them single-handed, and after killing several succeeded in capturing a light machine gun, which was about to be turned on to the raiding party. Continuing along the trench, he killed two more of the enemy, and after a struggle captured a third, thus securing an important identification.

2nd Lt. Charles Vincent Broadbent, Lan. Fus.

He was in command of a wiring party, working under heavy machine-gun fire. On returning to our lines he found one man missing. He went back on three occasions under heavy fire to "No Man's Land" to search for the man. He found him severely wounded only at the third attempt. He carried him back to our trenches, but the man died a few minutes later. The effect of his example on his men was very great.

T./2nd Lt. Herbert Brooks, K.R.R.C.

He went forward through a heavy enemy barrage to find out the reason of the sudden shelling, and discovered the enemy forming up for attack on the front of the posts of his battalion, and of those of the battalion on his right. He at once took counter-measures, and with rifle fire and rifle grenades, dispersed the enemy on his own front, silencing a machine gun and materially assisting the posts on his right to repel the attack directed against them. His initiative and good leadership at a critical moment enabled him to render effective and valuable service.

Lt. Lancelot Harold Browning, R.F.A. and R.A.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and daring whilst carrying out independent bombing behind the enemy's lines. He was attacked by a fast enemy scout machine, which by skilful piloting and accurate shooting he drove down to its aerodrome. No sooner had the enemy aeroplane landed than Lt. Browning dropped a bomb, completely obliterating the pilot, who had started to run away, and damaging his machine. He then continued bombing, and while doing so was attacked by two more enemy scouts, both of which he drove off. He showed fine skill and courage throughout.

2nd Lt. Alexander Brownlie, K.O.S.B.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went with two other ranks to raid a hostile post by daylight. After passing through the enemy wire, they could see seven or eight men on the alert. Whilst lying there two of the enemy came along from the next post. They seized one of them, and although heavily bombed and fired on by both posts, managed to drag him back through the wire to our own lines.

T./2nd Lt. William Bryson, York & Lanc. R.

This officer during a night attack was in command of a platoon charged with the duty of reducing any enemy resistance that might be remaining after the main attack had passed on. Seeing an enemy machine gunner come out of a shelter and endeavour to get his gun into action, he rushed at him without hesitation, and shot him before he could open fire. His promptitude and courage saved many casualties, and his example of energy and dash had a great effect on his men.

T./Capt. Stanley Arthur Bull, R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in helping under continuous shell fire to dig out several men who had been wounded and buried. He attended men under conditions which demanded considerable nerve and determination.

2nd Lt. Albert Edward John Burden, R.W. Kent R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In an assault on the final objective he personally killed several of the enemy, and when his company commander had been killed and all the other officers had become