

T./Sub-Lt. Robert Harold Brewer, M.M., Hood Bn., R.N.D., R.N.V.R.

He displayed conspicuous gallantry and initiative when part of the line was held up. He crept forward and bombed and captured a machine-gun post that was impeding our advance, which was then able to proceed.

T./2nd Lt. William Brierley, Lan. Fus., attd. 2/4th Bn., Hamps. R., T.F.

During operations his platoon was met by heavy machine-gun fire as it approached the final objective, and appeared unable to get on. With absolute disregard of danger he made a personal reconnaissance, thereby enabling the objective to be gained. On one occasion he led a charge across the open with fine dash, and when one point still held out he personally worked round and killed or drove out the enemy. His great gallantry and skilful leadership were most marked.

2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) Harold Bright, 3rd Bn. (attd. 1st Bn.) Essex R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When this officer was in command of the left front line company of the battalion the enemy in a counter-attack broke through the outpost line on his left. After making a reconnaissance he organised a defensive flank, and, going about amongst his men, encouraged them to keep steady. He then organised counter-attacks and patrols, and completely restored the situation, holding not only his own ground but that on his left until the proper garrison arrived.

Lt. Richard Harold Brittain, Linc. R. (Spec. Res.), attd. 12th Bn., M.G. Corps.

He was in charge of twelve machine guns in support of the infantry, and he brought all his guns effectively into action, in spite of heavy fire from the enemy's artillery and machine guns. He rallied the infantry all of whose officers had become casualties, and reorganised them for a further advance, which he supported with a well distributed machine-gun fire. His courage and ability were very conspicuous.

T./2nd Lt. Edward Brown, 1st Bn., Essex R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer was in charge of the front line posts, which the enemy, under a heavy barrage, succeeded in penetrating, but by immediate and excellent dispositions he prevented the front line being rolled up. He organised a bombing squad and rushed a machine-gun post which was enfilading his line, killing four of the garrison and manning the post himself. His coolness and determination inspired his men, and led to the enforced retirement of the enemy.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Lindsay George Brown, 3/14th Bn., Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company to the attack, securing his objective and capturing many prisoners and machine guns. Later, when advancing to a further objective, when his company was frequently held up by machine-gun nests, he succeeded in clearing the enemy

with the few men at his disposal. He showed splendid courage and initiative, and was responsible for the capture of 150 prisoners and 14 machine guns.

2nd Lt. Ralph Brown, R.F.A. (Spec. Res.), attd. D/74th Bde.

This officer led his section forward and opened fire on a hostile battery, but was temporarily silenced by a heavy burst of 4.2's and 77 mm., which knocked out some of the detachment. With rare courage and coolness, he got his guns in action again in a few minutes, and successfully silenced his target. On two occasions he went forward, under heavy machine-gun fire, and having ascertained the extent and amount of resistance, sent in able reports, which materially assisted to deal with the situation.

Rev. Francis Stanislaus du Moulin Browne, Army Chap. Dept., attd. 1st Bn., Irish Gds.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He went forward with the battalion under very heavy fire and spent the whole day tending wounded and helping stretcher bearers to find them under machine-gun fire. He showed splendid zeal and disregard of danger.

T./2nd Lt. George McKinlay Bruce, attd. 1st Bn., Lan. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of a platoon he repulsed five enemy attempts to work round his flank, which was in the air. Though the enemy were in vastly superior numbers he beat them back, killing twenty-three of them. He held his post for eight hours until connection was established, and set a splendid example of determined courage and resource.

Lt. Robert Charles Bruce, G. Gds. (Spec. Res.), attd. 1st Bn., attd. 3rd Gds. Bde., T.M. By.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy attacked the left of the division after a heavy barrage, this officer kept his gun in action, bringing effective fire to bear on them in a trench. He brought up more shells over the open, and sent up extra small arms ammunition and bombs by his spare team to the infantry. His initiative and prompt action at a critical moment played a leading part in the repulse of the enemy.

Lt. (A./Capt.) George Herbert Bryant, R.F.A., Spec. Res., attd. C/123rd Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of eleven ammunition wagons moving up to forward positions. While unloading, the enemy put down a heavy barrage, two drivers being wounded, and several horses killed. He unhooked the teams and got them to a place of safety; then, with the help of three men, unloaded the whole 1,100 rounds, moving each wagon away as it was emptied. He afterwards led the wagons away through gas and aerial bombing.

T./2nd Lt. Harvey Bryant, Hamps. R., attd. 2/4th Bn., T.F.

This officer showed great gallantry during operations, when he successfully took out a patrol in daylight across machine-gun swept