

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to confer the Military Cross on the undermentioned Officers and Warrant Officers in recognition of their gallantry and devotion to duty in the field:—

Temp. Capt. Archibald Stirling Kennedy Anderson, M.B., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. He was untiring in attending to the wounded, though on more than one occasion his aid post was struck by shells. He went out under heavy shell fire to the assistance of the wounded.

2nd Lt. (temp. Capt.) Albert Anderton, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry in reconnoitring and locating enemy dispositions. To accomplish this he frequently went through trenches not occupied by our infantry and across the open under heavy fire. He has rendered very valuable services as an observing officer.

Temp. 2nd Lt. Richard John Andrews, Devon. R.

For conspicuous gallantry. When the enemy exploded a mine, filling in a sap and damaging our front line, he at once led forward a party, drove off the enemy, and held the near lip of the crater.

Temp. Capt. William Arthur Eversleigh May Arrindell, R. War. R.

For conspicuous gallantry. He rescued a wounded man under fire, and later showed great coolness when placing his men close up to the enemy's line under heavy fire. He was himself wounded.

Temp. 2nd Lt. Hugh Arthur, Genl. List.

For conspicuous gallantry and good work when handling his guns in action. He greatly aided in the success of the infantry attack and in repelling three counter-attacks by the enemy.

2nd Lt. Henry Percy Bagge, York. R.

For conspicuous gallantry during a raid on the enemy's trenches. When isolated with only three men he attacked a crater full of the enemy, killing several and putting the rest to flight. Though wounded quite early by a grenade he stuck to his post, and was the last to leave the enemy's lines.

2nd Lt. Frederick Joseph Baldwin, W. York. R.

For conspicuous gallantry. When, at a critical moment, his company commander was wounded, he took command, cleared away the wounded and organised the company to resist a counter-attack. He was wounded by a bullet in the leg, but stuck to his post and set a fine example.

Temp. 2nd Lt. Edward Colin Barber, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry. Though suffering from a sprained knee he reconnoitred a position and, single-handed, made prisoners five armed men of the enemy. Later he was badly wounded as forward observation officer.

Capt. William Barclay, M.B., R.A.M.C. (S.R.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a bearer division during operations. He worked often in the open under heavy shell fire, and set a fine example to all under him.

Temp. 2nd Lt. (temp. Capt.) John Bernard Barron, Worc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry when seizing and occupying enemy trenches during operations. He has done fine work steadying his company under heavy shell fire and under trying conditions.

Lt. (temp. Capt.) Bernard Beck, L'pool R.

For conspicuous gallantry during operations. Under heavy fire he established and maintained for six hours communications between the front line and the H.Q.'s of an infantry brigade.

Temp. 2nd Lt. Samuel Edward Bell, S. Lan. R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He took command of his company when the senior officers had become casualties, and consolidated his position with great coolness and courage. Next day he organised and led a bombing attack, driving back the enemy.

2nd Lt. James Hampton Bennet, R. Mun. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. On one occasion he stuck to his position in spite of many endeavours by the enemy to dislodge him. On the next night, when his company commander became a casualty, he took charge and displayed fine qualities of leadership under most trying conditions.

2nd Lt. Pieter Hendrik Schalk Bezuidenhout, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry on all occasions during operations, notably when carrying out dangerous reconnaissances. On one occasion, when his dug-out was blown in by a shell which killed some men and wounded others, although much shaken himself he bore the whole weight of the roof on his shoulders for some time, and prevented it falling in on the wounded.

Temp. Lt. Charles Benjamin Bird, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry during protracted operations. He did fine work with his gun and in repairing the emplacement under heavy shell fire. On one occasion he assisted the C.O. of an infantry battalion, which had lost many officers, bombing and sniping the enemy the whole day and leading the infantry forward. He successfully repelled a hostile attack.

Temp. Lt. Cyril Leith Bleaden, Durh. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He led the advance of his battalion in face of heavy fire. Later he displayed great courage and energy when reorganising the battalion and consolidating the position won. He set a fine example throughout the day.

Temp. 2nd Lt. Henry George Bond, E. Kent R.

For conspicuous gallantry during opera-