

2nd Lt. Malcolm Charles Ayton, Suff. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in consolidating a very difficult advanced position, though suffering heavy casualties. His splendid example, cheerful conduct, unflinching courage, and skilful handling of his command were of the greatest value.

T./2nd Lt. Alan Custance Baker, N. Lan. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a raiding party. The party came under heavy machine-gun fire, and he gallantly encouraged and led his men forward. Though severely wounded, he crawled forward and selected a place for his men to dig in. He showed great courage and determination.

T./Lt. (actg. Capt.) Rowland Francis Barker, Worc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He commanded his company with great skill and gallantry during an enemy attack. His tactical dispositions were sound, and he showed great determination and initiative. He had the most responsible position, and continued to hold it, though his right flank was enveloped. He set a splendid example to his men.

2nd Lt. Richard Maxwell Barlow, Lan. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Though severely wounded in the first few minutes of the attack, he continued to lead his men to the assault, remaining with them until the objective was captured and consolidated.

2nd Lt. Frederick Charles Barton, R. War. R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in conducting a large carrying party taking ammunition through a severe enemy barrage, and delivering it to the front line at a critical period.

T./2nd Lt. James Belfrage Bauchop, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his battery through very heavy shell fire to their position during an attack, and got them into action with great success. Later, under very severe shell fire, though wounded, he reorganised his teams and got his guns into action, remaining at his post until relieved.

Lt. William Francis Beattie, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The neighbourhood of his battery was very heavily shelled, and he heard cries for help coming from a track about 80 yards away. He at once went to the spot with some men and a stretcher, under very heavy fire, and brought two wounded men in under cover.

Lt. Norman Edward Beaumont, Ches. R., attd. M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He personally superintended the bringing up of rations under very heavy shell fire. The horses in the limber were hit, and he at once unloaded the rations and himself

helped to carry them forward. He made four journeys with two men over very heavily shelled ground until all the rations had been got forward. But for his initiative and devotion to duty the troops in the line would not have been supplied.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Horace Bramwell Bennett, R. Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He led his company with great dash and determination, and reorganised it under an intense artillery and machine gun fire. He set a fine example to his men.

T./2nd Lt. John Stanley Benson, attd. R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his men in an advance with great ability, and remained with them, though wounded, until ordered back. On his way back to have his wound attended to, hearing that the situation on his right was critical, he collected a party of men and led them to the threatened position, staying with them till all danger was past. He showed great courage and devotion to duty.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Frank Mercer Bentley, Lanc. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in organising groups of men of all units and pushing them forward to the attack. He got well in advance of the final objective, but had to withdraw, being unsupported on the flanks. He was wounded early in the attack in the leg, but remained at duty until unable to walk.

T./2nd Lt. Tom Stanley Bickerstaffe, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his guns forward under heavy fire to consolidate with the infantry on the exposed flank, remaining there until forced to withdraw owing to lack of ammunition and enfilade fire.

Lt. James Black, Ir. Gds., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as Adjutant during three days' operations. When the trenches of one of the support companies were being blown to pieces he went from Battalion Headquarters and led the company forward into a new position.

Rev. John Francis Bloxam, A. Chapln's Dept.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went forward regardless of danger with the advanced troops in an attack and assisted in dressing and removing the wounded. When the enemy positions had been captured he went out under heavy machine gun fire and rifle fire, and searched shell-holes for wounded. He was of the greatest assistance to the Medical Officer, and set a splendid example of courage and self-sacrifice to all.

T./2nd Lt. Alec Booth, attd. Manch. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of his platoon during an attack. He was of the utmost assistance to his company commander in reorganising, showing great coolness under heavy machine gun fire.