

culties in having the wounded Corporal brought in.

Rescue meant passing over some 400 yards of open ground, swept by heavy fire, in full view of the enemy.

This task Captain Bloomfield determined to face himself, and, unmindful of personal danger, he succeeded in reaching Corporal Bowker and carrying him back, subjected throughout the double journey to heavy machine-gun and rifle fire.

This act showed the highest degree of valour and endurance.

Temp. Lt. Eugene Paul Bennett, Worc. R.

For most conspicuous bravery in action when in command of the second wave of the attack. Finding that the first wave had suffered heavy casualties, its commander killed and the line wavering, Lt. Bennett advanced at the head of the second wave, and by his personal example of valour and resolution reached his objective with but sixty men.

Isolated with his small party, he at once took steps to consolidate his position under heavy rifle and machine gun fire from both flanks, and although wounded, he remained in command directing and controlling.

He set an example of cheerfulness and resolution beyond all praise, and there is little doubt that but for his personal example of courage, the attack would have been checked at the outset.

War Office,
30th December, 1916.

REGULAR FORCES.

INFANTRY.

R. Lanc. R.

Temp. Capt. (attd.) G. C. D. Masterson relinquishes his commission on account of ill-health. 31 Dec. 1916.

Linc. R.

The appt. to a temp. commission as 2nd Lt. (on prob.) (attd.) of C. R. Lymn, notified in Gaz. of 18 Oct. 1916, is cancelled.

D. of Corn. L.I.

The undermentioned temp. 2nd Lts., from a Serv. Bn., to be temp. 2nd Lts. (attd.):—
C. M. Forrest. 26 Feb. 1915.
A. L. Linton. 5 Dec. 1915.

R. Highrs.

Temp. Lt. (actg. Capt.) J. M. Dewar, from a Trg. Res. Bn., to be temp. Lt. (attd.). 8 Dec. 1916, but with seniority from 29 June 1916.

N. Lan. R.

The undermentioned temp. 2nd Lts., from a Serv. Bn., to be temp. 2nd Lts. (attd.):—

G. E. Holt. 18 Dec. 1914.
J. E. Lord. 2 Jan. 1915.
T. J. Hayter. 27 Feb. 1915.
B. H. Webster. 5 Mar. 1916.

Rif. Brig.

Temp. 2nd Lt. A. G. Bastin, from a Serv. Bn., to be temp. 2nd Lt. (attd.). 28 Nov. 1915.

Service Battalions.

R. W. Surr. R.

Temp. Maj. T. McL. Jarvis to be actg. Lt.-Col. whilst comdg. a Bn. 17 Oct. 1916.
Temp. Capt. G. H. Higgins to be actg. Maj. whilst 2nd in comd. of a Bn. 4 Nov. 1916.

R. Lanc. R.

Maj. R. L. Beasley (Glouc. R.) (actg. Lt.-Col. whilst comdg. a Bn.) to comd. a Bn., and to be temp. Lt.-Col. 30 Nov. 1916, but with seniority as from 26 Feb. 1916.

R. Fus.

Temp. Maj. G. H. Ardagh, D.S.O. (Capt., ret.), to be actg. Lt.-Col. whilst comdg. a Bn. 12 Sept. 1916, and to comd. a Bn. and to be temp. Lt.-Col. 13 Nov. 1916.

Temp. Lt. (actg. Capt. whilst comdg. a Co.) W. V. L. van Someren to be temp. Capt. to complete establt. 8 Oct. 1916.

The undermentioned to be temp. Lts.:—
8 Oct. 1916.

2nd Lt. P. K. Digby-Jones.
Temp. 2nd Lt. R. E. Pudney.

Norf. R.

The undermentioned temp. 2nd Lts. to be temp. Lts.:—

J. E. Hill. 14 Sept. 1916.
1 Nov. 1916.

E. D. Selfe.
W. J. Sinclair.

J. W. Walsha. 12 Nov. 1916.

Linc. R.

Temp. Lt. (actg. Capt. whilst comdg. a Co.) J. C. Foster to be temp. Capt. to complete establt. 19 Sept. 1916.

Temp. Lt. G. G. Lafferty relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to comd. a Co. 1 July 1916.

Devon. R.

Brev. Lt.-Col. T. N. S. M. Howard (W. York. R.) (actg. Lt.-Col. whilst comdg. a Bn.) to comd. a Bn., and to be temp. Lt.-Col. 30 Nov. 1916, but with seniority as from 7 May 1916.

2nd Lt. S. S. Barber (3rd Bn. (Res.)) (since promd. temp. Lt.) relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to comd. a Co. 9 Oct. 1916.

Temp. 2nd Lt. G. D. Lock (since promd. temp. Lt.) to be actg. Capt. whilst comdg. a Co. 10 Oct. 1916.

Som. L.I.

The undermentioned to be actg. Capts. whilst comdg. a Co.:—

2nd Lt. G. N. P. Humphries (Spec. Res.).
4 Sept. 1916.

Temp. 2nd Lt. J. H. Hill, M.C. 27 Sept. 1916.

18 Oct. 1916.

Temp. 2nd Lt. A. A. Andrews.
2nd Lt. T. G. Jenne (Spec. Res.).

IV. York. R.

Temp. Lt. L. A. Hobday relinquishes his commission on account of ill-health. 31 Dec. 1916.