

compelled to retire, throughout the whole operation he set a splendid example of pluck under very heavy shell fire.

Capt. Arthur Cyril Bateman, R.A.M.C.,
Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in repeatedly going round the front line and attending to the wounded, who had been lying out in some cases for two days. Although continually exposed to hostile sniping and machine gun fire, he displayed the utmost disregard of danger.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Leonard John Bates,
Tank Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As section commander he led his tanks into action on foot, on several occasions guiding them over difficult ground under heavy machine gun and shell fire. It was due to his resource and great gallantry that the tanks of his section reached their objective and rendered valuable assistance to the infantry.

Capt. Percival Lawrence Montagu Battye,
W. Gds.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, in making an exceptionally daring and successful personal reconnaissance of the whole of his battalion frontage, accompanied only by his orderly. He gained valuable particulars concerning a number of bridges; and he has repeatedly performed daring acts of the same nature, showing on all occasions the utmost coolness and contempt of danger.

2/Lt. Norman David Bayley, R. Berks. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a mopping-up platoon. When his platoon was held up by a strong point he sent for a tank. He went to meet it under heavy shell fire and directed it by walking in front to within thirty yards of the enemy, when he was shot through the arm.

Lt. (A./Capt.) William Edward Colston Baynes, C. Gds., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack upon a hostile position. He showed the greatest personal courage and contempt of danger, setting such an example to his men that they changed front and formed up on the line marked out for them as if on parade. He led them through a very heavy barrage, and afterwards during consolidation walked up and down in the open urging his men to dig, exposed all the time to hostile machine gun fire. It was entirely due to his magnificent example that the difficult manœuvre of changing front under fire was successfully accomplished.

2nd Lt. (T./Maj.) John Clayton Beadle,
Yeo.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in laying the forming up tapes for an attack and lining his battalion up on them. Owing to the nature of the ground and the heavy shelling, this operation was excep-

tionally difficult and dangerous. He, however, personally put out the tapes close to the enemy's outposts and saw each company in position, setting a magnificent example to all ranks under the most trying conditions.

T./Capt. Stanley James Annear Beale,
M.B., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when working in an advanced dressing post. This post was destroyed by a shell which killed the other medical officer and an orderly. Although badly shaken, Captain Beale promptly formed another post and continued to dress the wounded until relieved twenty-four hours later. It was owing to his untiring energy and splendid devotion to duty that many lives were saved.

Lt. Hazlitt Seymour Beatty, Hamps. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Previous to a raid, he continually made daring personal reconnaissances of that part of the line which was to be attacked in spite of the opposition of strong enemy covering parties. The success of the raid was largely due not only to the valuable information he had secured at personal risk to himself, but also to the splendid example of fine leadership which he displayed during the operation itself.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Eric Paton Beaumont,
L'pool R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He visited his platoons under a heavy enemy barrage, encouraging and cheering his men, and having led them as far as he could, as they were suffering casualties, he dug in and consolidated a strong point. During the whole of this time he went round with complete disregard of machine gun and rifle fire, greatly inspiring his men by his courage and high spirits, and by his fine leadership a very valuable point of ground was taken.

2/Lt. Mevil Alexander Beechman, E. Surr.
R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in assuming command of a company when all its officers had become casualties and handling it with the utmost skill. Later, although slightly wounded by a shell, he remained with his men throughout the operations, and assisted in dressing the wounded under heavy shell fire.

T./Capt. Angus Bell-Irving, Gen. List and
R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the last five months he has taken part in many offensive patrols, the majority of which have entailed very heavy fighting. He has on numerous occasions attacked enemy formations double the strength of his own and dispersed them. On one occasion by his gallantry and self-sacrifice he saved another machine from certain destruction during continuous and severe fighting with ten enemy machines, returning to his lines with his own machine so shot about that it was unfit for any further use. His gallantry and devotion to duty have on all occasions deserved the highest praise.