

vice in arranging the assembly positions for two other battalions which were ordered to join in an attack at very short notice, and in guiding those battalions under fire to their positions with only two casualties. During the attack, when the troops on the right of the brigade were held up, the flank of the brigade seemed likely to become exposed, but by skilful dispositions he succeeded in keeping this flank covered as the advance progressed and consolidated the position under heavy fire. He subsequently led his battalion to the capture of an enemy position of great tactical importance, and afterwards captured several enemy concrete posts with a number of prisoners. His fine leadership and gallantry were largely responsible for the success of the operations.

Lt.-Col. Charles Conway Mason, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He carried out a successful attack on an enemy position with great skill, although the plan of operations had to be altered at very short notice. Though blown up and severely shaken during the attack, he continued in command and consolidated the position, capturing ten machine guns and inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. The success of the operations was largely due to his courage, determination and devotion to duty.

Maj. Howard George Tolley, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He personally reconnoitred forward routes under a hostile machine gun and artillery barrage. During the attack he reconnoitred for mines all the concrete posts and dug-outs in the area captured by the brigade, and also assisted in consolidating the captured position under heavy fire. He successfully organised the getting up of engineer stores and the laying out of communication routes, and supervised this work under continuous shell fire. He has at all times set a fine example of cheerfulness and courage under the most adverse conditions.

AWARDED A SECOND BAR TO THE MILITARY CROSS.

Lt. (A./Capt.) William Anderson, M.C., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He kept his battery in action under very heavy enemy shell fire, going calmly from one gun pit to another, encouraging his men. Three gun pits caught fire, and orders were issued to clear the position. He gave the order to each pit personally, and revisited each pit under intense fire to ensure that all had got away. Later, he again visited each pit and helped the wounded away. He set a magnificent example of courage and leadership.

T./Capt. (A./Maj.) Gilbert Heron, M.C., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His battery was heavily shelled, and a shell burst in one of the gun pits, wounding the whole detachment and setting fire to the ammunition in the pit. He immediately

entered the gun pit, and with the help of one other he succeeded in rescuing a wounded man who was pinned down by the trail of the gun. After removing the wounded man they returned at great risk and extinguished the fire. He set his men a magnificent example of courage and contempt of danger.

AWARDED A BAR TO THE MILITARY CROSS.

T./Capt. Cyril Lionel Armstrong, M.C., W. York. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company with great ability in the attack, and, though wounded, remained in command. He took command of another company also, and reorganised the line, when all the objectives had been captured, with great skill. He showed magnificent leadership and courage throughout the operations.

Capt. Adrian William Bay Becher, M.C., York. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. For five days he held a most difficult position with his company under continuous and heavy fire. Though buried by a shell on the first day, he remained at duty, moving up and down the line, encouraging his men, under heavy fire. As a result of his efforts the line was strongly consolidated and a continuous trench was dug. Throughout the operations he set a magnificent example to all ranks.

2/Lt. James Robert Black, M.C., R. Scots.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed the utmost courage and skill when the leading platoons were held up by machine-gun fire. He went forward and assisted the company commander to reorganise his men, and leading forward those nearest him, captured the position.

2nd Lt. George Sidney Carver, M.C., N. Staff. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of two machine guns operating on the left flank of his battalion during an attack. He organised a flanking attack on a line of dug-outs which were holding up the advance of the battalion on his left and inflicting heavy casualties on his own battalion. In the face of machine guns, rifle fire and bombs with six men he rushed one dug-out, capturing four machine guns and twenty-nine prisoners, and assisted the battalion on his left in the capture of the remaining dug-outs.

Capt. William McMeekin Chesney, M.C., M.B., R.A.M.C., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of stretcher bearers. He continually visited the forward aid posts throughout the day and supervised the evacuation of the wounded under very heavy shell and machine-gun fire. Though wounded he refused to quit his post until he had rendered a valuable report on the evacuation of the wounded. He worked with indefatigable energy and great courage throughout.