

won position, securing communication up to 400 yards from the front line. The work, which occupied several nights, was carried out under continual enemy barrages, and it was only by his untiring energy and dogged perseverance that it was completed in time and the communications secured.

#### SOUTH AFRICAN FORCE.

T./Capt. Maurice Bertram Lawrie, M.C.,  
S.A. Med. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He established a collecting post in an advanced position, and when his post was filled with wounded he continued to dress cases in the open, though fully exposed to shell fire. In order to satisfy himself that all the wounded had been brought in, he personally searched the whole of the brigade front.

#### AWARDED THE MILITARY CROSS.

T./Lt. John William Coleman Agate,  
R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He worked indefatigably for several nights getting batteries into action in advanced positions. The work was carried out under enemy shell fire, and required the utmost skill in order to avoid detection by the enemy.

2nd Lt. Walter Baynes Alexander, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He carried out his duties when reconnoitring for observation posts under trying conditions with great initiative and determination. He passed through zones which were subjected to very heavy fire, but persevered with his reconnaissance. In one area he went to the rescue of a stretcher party whom he saw knocked over by a shell. He worked under shell fire for six hours and furnished a useful report.

T./2nd Lt. Alexander Anderson, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in repairing a road under shell fire. The enemy shelled the road on which he was working and damaged it, but he succeeded in repairing the road though the shelling continued. He set a fine example to his men.

T./2nd Lt. David Anderson, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He led his men over a long stretch of open country through an enemy barrage and under fire from snipers. On arriving at his appointed position he found it unsuitable, and at once moved further forward and got his guns quickly into action, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy and assisting in breaking up an enemy counter-attack.

T./2nd Lt. Robert Angles, attd. York & Lanc. Rgt.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy attacked his position he showed the utmost coolness and courage in dealing with the situation. Though attacked with trench mortars, flammenwerfer

and machine guns, by his excellent leadership and disregard of danger, and the keenness with which he inspired his men, he repelled the attack.

T./Lt. Andrew Macqueen Arnold, E. Surr.  
R., attd. M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On many occasions, whilst in action for a period of five days, he displayed great initiative and courage. On one occasion he went out alone into No Man's Land and took two of the enemy prisoners, with whom he returned to our lines. Afterwards he led out a party of five men to a machine-gun emplacement and brought back another three prisoners. Later, when taking his section forward in a counter-attack, he showed great skill and fine leadership in getting his guns into action. His whole behaviour throughout was such as to inspire the greatest confidence and enthusiasm amongst the men under him.

T./2nd Lt. William John Arris, attd. Durh.  
L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon through a heavy barrage to reinforce the front line during an enemy counter-attack. He repelled the counter-attack and dug new trenches in front of the old line, which had been badly damaged by shell fire. He showed great coolness and courage in exceptionally difficult circumstances.

2nd Lt. Frederic Leslie Ballard, R.F.A.,  
Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When an infantry company was heavily shelled on a track, hearing cries for help, he picked up a stretcher and proceeded under heavy fire and dressed the wounds of five men. He organised stretcher parties and got the wounded away. He showed a fine example to his battery by putting out a fire of ammunition on another occasion.

T./Capt. (A./Maj.) Augustine Barker,  
R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went out in advance of the front line to get special observation on an area that was to be raided the following day. From there he was able to register all the batteries concerned, with the most successful results. Later, on two occasions, by reconnoitring and observing, he was able to send in information of impending hostile counter-attacks and other enemy movements which was of the greatest value.

2nd Lt. (T./Lt.) George Henry Barker,  
Hamps. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. When the attack was held up by machine-gun fire, he went forward on his own initiative and encouraged the troops to advance to their objective. He reached the objective with a few men, and remained there under heavy fire for eighteen hours. He repulsed several bombing and frontal attacks, and displayed great courage and resource.