

T./2nd Lt. Basil Dixon Bate, Gen. List and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He carried out a photographic reconnaissance of several distant hostile aerodromes, in the course of which he encountered in all fifteen hostile aeroplanes, and took part in many combats, destroying at least one of the enemy machines. He completed the whole of his reconnaissance, and returned with his machine much damaged by the enemy's fire.

T./Lt. Ernest Montague Bates, M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Proceeding to the front line to discover the exact position of the troops who had attacked, he went further forward to ascertain the position of the enemy. Though under heavy machine-gun fire, he obtained valuable information. Later, during an enemy attack, he took control of a section of machine guns of another company, organised them and took up a position commanding the approach of the enemy. By his coolness and excellent example, he kept under control both machine-gunners and infantry, and was instrumental in maintaining the position.

2nd Lt. John Bateson, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his battery was being heavily shelled, he twice went through an intense barrage to find a medical officer and assist a wounded man to the dressing station. On the same night, while helping a wounded man to the dressing station, his party was caught in a heavy barrage and all of them were wounded. Though wounded himself, he went forward to the dressing station and brought back help. He showed splendid courage and self-sacrifice.

T./2nd Lt. John Baxendale, M.G. Co.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company commander became a casualty, he took his machine guns to the outskirts of a village and pushed forward to reconnoitre under heavy fire. Finding it impossible to advance further, he established a defensive position, which he held until late in the afternoon, when he was forced to withdraw to conform to the new line.

2nd Lt. George Beaumont, E. Surr. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his company during a heavy bombardment, and held his ground though the company on his left was forced to withdraw. Later, he returned to help one of his men who had been wounded, bandaged him, and brought him safely through the barrage.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Nathaniel Harry Beedham, Notts. & Derby. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company with great determination in an attack and captured his objective, killing ten of the enemy, and capturing twelve prisoners.

R. Lt. Richard George Garfield Beesley, Norf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his company after his company commander had become a casualty, and led the assault upon the right of a village. After securing a footing in the village he found that the battalion on his right had not come up. Though much reduced by casualties, he prolonged his line to the right beyond the area allotted to him, and thereby captured 340 prisoners. He set a splendid example of courage and initiative.

R. Lt. George Clarence Beetham, York & Lanc.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his men with great determination in an attack under heavy machine-gun fire. He rushed an enemy machine gun and captured it, together with the whole team. He then reorganised his men and captured the final objective, taking over sixty prisoners.

Capt. (A./Maj.) Karl Vere Barker Benfield, D.S.O., R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He established a very forward observation post and continued, though under continuous heavy enemy fire, to send back invaluable information, which materially assisted the successful attack. During the attack itself he went forward with the infantry and established an observation post in the objective. He laid over 3,000 yards of wire through flooded country, in which he had to wade waist deep and through the hostile counter barrage.

Lt. Gorton Vaughan Bernays, W. Rid. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his company in an attack when his company commander was killed, and led his men to the final objective, capturing some enemy strong points and several prisoners. When cut off from the rest of the battalion for some hours he organised the advance, beat off strong counter-attacks and held the position until relieved. He showed splendid courage and determination.

Capt. Arthur Joseph Beveridge, M.B., R.A.M.C., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His dressing station was heavily shelled during an engagement, but owing to his determination, courage and initiative, a large number of wounded were attended to and evacuated from the danger zone.

Capt. Henry Anthony Birkbeck, Yeo.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He set a splendid example to his men by his coolness and courage under fire, and reduced the casualties to a minimum by his excellent leadership and judgment.

Lt. Douglas Black, W. Rid. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon under very heavy machine-gun and snipers' fire to attack a strong point which was holding up the advance of the battalion. He rushed the posi-