made a reconnaissance into a wood, sending back valuable information. He was finally wounded by rifle fire at close range.

Capt. Henry Ray Vercoe, Auckland R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company commander was wounded he took command and led the company successfully under very heavy machinegun fire. Next day he carried a wounded man into safety under heavy fire, and the following day, when some of his men were buried by a minenwerfer he went to the spot and saved the lives of two by digging them out with his bare hands. This officer was a fine example of courage and determination.

## AWARDED A SECOND BAR TO THE MILITARY CROSS.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Philip Basil Cuddon, M.C.,

Hamps. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the line on the left suddenly broke under an enemy attack, this officer galloped up and took the men forward, reestablishing the original firing line. His energy and drive saved a very critical situation.

(M.C. gazetted 18th June, 1917.) (Bar to M.C. gazetted 26th November, 1917.)

T./Capt. (A./Maj.) Charles Bromley Davies, M.C., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of an advanced dressing station. His energy throughout whilst supervising the collection of the wounded was remarkable, and it was due to him that the collection and evacuation of the wounded was so quickly and thoroughly carried out. Though slightly wounded he remained at duty for another eight days, when he was severely wounded. His courage and energy were of a very high order.

(M.C. gazetted 25th August, 1916.) (Bar to M.C. gazetted 18th July, 1917.)

Lt. (T./Capt.) James Ferrand Dearden, D.S.O., M.C., R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The enemy having penetrated a line covering a position, he immediately went forward, collected and reorganised those troops which had fallen back, and led them forward again. His prompt and courageous action thus saved what might have been a very critical situation.

(M.C. gazetted 22nd September, 1916.) (Bar to M.C. gazetted 26th November, 1917.)

Lt. (T./Capt.) Horace James Gee, M.C., R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When some ammunition dumps had been fired by enemy shelling, he organised fire-fighting parties, and after five hours strenuous work under shell-fire succeeded in extinguishing the fires. His gallant behaviour set an inspiring example to those with him, and prevented the fires spreading.

(M.C. gazetted 1st January, 1917.) (1st Bar gazetted 11th May 1917.)

T./Capt. James Wallace MacFarlane, M.C., M.B., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in going under heavy shell-fire to the assistance of a wounded man who was lying in the shelled area, dressing his wounds, and getting him safely to cover. He without doubt saved the man's life.

(M.C. gazetted 26th July, 1917.) (1st Bar gazetted 4th February, 1918.)

Lt. (T./Capt.) George Edward Henry McElroy, M.C., R.G.A., and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While flying at a height of 2,000 feet, he observed a patrol of five enemy aircraft patrolling behind the lines. After climbing into the clouds, he dived to the attack, shot down and crashed one of them. Later, observing a two-seater, he engaged and shot it down out of control. On another occasion he shot down an enemy scout which was attacking our positions with machinegun fire. He has carried out most enterprising work in attacking enemy troops and transport and in the course of a month has shot down six enemy aircraft, which were seen to crash, and five others out of control.

(M.C. gazetted 26th March, 1918.) (1st Bar gazetted 22nd April, 1918.)

Lt. (A./Capt.) Robert Ward, M.C., Manch. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. On numerous occasions he voluntarily went up to the front line under very heavy fire, and personally delivered orders to companies and brought back valuable information. Throughout six days' continuous fighting and marching he was indefatigable in carrying out his duties as Adjutant, and was instrumental in collecting most valuable information, often at great personal risk. His fearless courage and devotion were of a very high order. (M.C. gazetted 18th July 1917.)

(M.C. gazetted 18th July 1917.) (Bar to M.C. gazetted 18th February, 1918.)

Capt. (A./Maj.) Christopher Geoffrey Woolner, M.C., R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He successfully organised sections of the line on several nights, displaying the greatest gallantry and zeal in digging and organising defensive posts, and in straightening out the line. The splendid example he set was of the greatest assistance in the organisation and defence of the line.

(M.C. gazetted 4th November, 1915.) (1st Bar gazetted 1st January, 1918.)

Capt. Sidney John Worsley, M.C., N. Staff. R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in handling his company with great ability during a counter-attack, and in commanding the rearguard company during a retirement, when by his coolness and initiative he materially assisted the orderly re-