

ing parties across "No Man's Land" under heavy fire, attacking and gaining objectives at critical moments, and successfully resisting hostile counter-attacks. He has also done remarkably good work in patrolling and gaining valuable information, and has shown a splendid example to his men.

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**His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to confer the Military Cross on the undermentioned Officers and Warrant Officers in recognition of their gallantry and devotion to duty in the Field:—**

2nd Lt. (T./Lt.) William Anderson, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As forward observation officer to his brigade, he carried out his work with the greatest keenness and energy, twice reconnoitring the front line and rendering accurate and valuable reports on the various situations.

T./2nd Lt. Herbert Packer Bailey, E. Surr. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed the greatest gallantry in handling a Stokes gun, following the first line infantry up to the final objective, where he consolidated later in the day. He showed great judgment, and was instrumental in repelling an enemy counter-attack by the skilful use of his gun.

2nd Lt. (T./Capt.) Brian Edmund Baker, Rif. Bde., and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his patrol with great skill against a hostile formation, which he attacked, accounting for five enemy machines out of six. Later, he drove a hostile machine down in flames, and attacked and destroyed another one by diving 7,000 feet on to it and firing at such close range as to nearly collide with it. His gallantry has been at all times of great value to his squadron.

2nd Lt. Godwin Edward Banwell, Leic. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading a party in bright moonlight to destroy hostile wire which would have inevitably held up our attack on the following day. Later, he displayed the greatest fearlessness and determination in clearing enemy trenches and driving back enemy posts and bombing attacks. He personally accounted for eight of the enemy with the bayonet, and set a magnificent example.

2nd Lt. Tom Frank Barker-Benfield, R.G.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in collecting men of his battery and assisting to save ammunition from a burning building which was still under hostile shell fire. Everything of value was removed from the building to a place of safety.

2nd Lt. Leonard Monteagle Barlow, R.F.C., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when engaged in aerial combats. He

has set a very fine example of courage and dash in attacking and destroying hostile machines. He also attacked and stopped a goods train, silenced a machine gun on an enemy aerodrome, and dispersed troops on the roads from a very low altitude.

Lt. (T./Capt.) William John Barnard, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in going forward as forward observing officer and keeping up communication from early morning until dark, in spite of hostile shelling, during which his wires were constantly cut.

Lt. (T./Maj.) Charles Bathurst, W. Rid. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. By his coolness and exceptional judgment in action he was able, in spite of heavy casualties and severe fighting, to take over the frontage of another battalion at a time of difficulty and anxiety. His skilful leadership and power of control were most marked throughout the operations.

Capt. (T./Maj.) Sydney Herbert Beattie, North'n R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took over command during consolidation, and by his personal coolness, initiative and resource, supervised the work under fire, remaining at his post although wounded, and setting a splendid example of what an officer's conduct should be at all times, and especially in an emergency.

T./2nd Lt. James Bell, N. Staff. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He skilfully led a party in broad daylight to the rear of enemy snipers, capturing eleven and killing twelve of them. He was under rifle and machine-gun fire the whole time, and by his fine leadership he achieved a complete success.

2nd Lt. Cecil Capel Berger, R.W. Kent R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in taking charge of his company when his company commander was wounded. His coolness under heavy bombardment had a splendid effect on the spirits of the men under him, and he has frequently done excellent work on patrol and in making personal reconnaissances of a fearless nature.

2nd Lt. Donovan Scott Boorman, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in consolidating and holding a section of the line with great determination and coolness. His sound tactical dispositions materially assisted in the repulse of a strong counter-attack and on all occasions he has shown utter disregard of danger when under fire.

Lt. Kenneth Morison Bourne, S. Lan. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As Brigade Intelligence Officer he continually displayed the greatest energy and courage in making forward reconnaissances, repeatedly crossing the open in daylight under continual fire to obtain information.