

Lieut. Alan Cockeram, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his platoon in an attack. On reaching his objective he came under heavy fire from a machine-gun. Taking two men with him, he immediately rushed forward, personally killed the gun crew, and then, noticing that a booby trap was attached to the gun, he threw it backwards, on which the trap exploded. He then brought in the gun. During this operation he was wounded, but refused to leave his platoon, and later in the day, while on a reconnaissance with two N.C.O.'s, he met a party of the enemy, all of whom were killed. On the following morning this officer led his platoon in the open against a strong enemy counter-attack, and, after heavy hand-to-hand fighting, in which he personally accounted for several of the enemy, and was severely wounded, the attack was repulsed. His fearlessness throughout was most marked.

Capt. (A./Lt.-Col.) William Forbes Gilson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed great initiative and forethought in organising and preparing his battalion for an assault, and after the final objective had been reached, made a personal reconnaissance of the forward area and brought back very valuable information. Throughout the whole operation he displayed gallantry and devotion to duty of a high order.

Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) Louis Elgin Jones, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in handling his battalion in an attack, and in resisting numerous counter-attacks made by the enemy, in which he displayed marked skill and initiative. Upon one occasion, the enemy having forced an entrance into his position, he made a well-organised counter-attack, which was entirely successful and resulted in regaining all the lost ground, capturing a considerable number of prisoners, and killing a great many of the enemy. Throughout the operations this officer displayed unusual coolness and sound judgment in critical conditions and was a splendid personal example to all ranks.

Lt. Norman Angus McEachern, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of his platoon. He captured all the objectives allotted to him. When his company commander was severely wounded he took control of the situation, and the following day led his company on the right flank of the battalion and captured the objective. Finding that the unit on the right had not come up, he personally placed a post on the extreme point of the captured area. Three times this post was annihilated with the exception of one man. On each occasion he personally re-established it. Though he had only six men left on the right flank, he beat off two counter-attacks. He also carried out two most daring reconnaissances in view of the enemy.

Capt. (A./Major) Albert Peter Miller, M.C., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On his battalion's objective being gained this officer took charge, organised, and garrisoned the front and support lines. On two occasions the enemy counter-attacked, driving our men out and occupying the front line. In both cases this officer rallied the men and personally led them against the enemy, driving them back and re-establishing the positions, himself accounting for a number of the enemy with his revolver. His coolness and initiative inspired his men with confidence, and under his direction they charged the enemy with much enthusiasm and splendid spirit. This officer's example has at all times been most outstanding.

Lt. (A./Maj.) Arthur Samuel Mills, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He commanded his battalion with great distinction during five days' heavy fighting, gaining all his objectives and making several daring personal reconnaissances. His reports on the situation were clear and concise, and it was due to his inspiring personal example that no less than six determined counter-attacks were successfully repulsed with heavy loss to the enemy in the course of one day.

#### SOUTH AFRICAN FORCE.

Maj. Corney George Durham, S. Afr. Force.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of his battalion. At a time when the unit on his right had been forced to give ground owing to a strong counter-attack, he rallied them, and with the reserves of his battalion ordered a bayonet charge, which resulted in the capture of a machine gun and the inflicting of heavy casualties on the enemy.

*Awarded a Bar to the Military Cross.*

Lt. William Anderson, M.C., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his battery position was being heavily shelled a dug-out containing two N.C.O.'s and four other ranks was blown in and two men were killed. Lieutenant Anderson did brilliant work in digging out the survivors and undoubtedly saved their lives. Subsequently he took them to the dressing station under fire, and throughout the operation he displayed admirable coolness and utter disregard of personal danger. (M.C. gazetted 25th August, 1917.)

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

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in aerial combats over a considerable period, during the course of which he destroyed six enemy machines and drove down three out of control. He has taken part in over sixty offensive patrols, of which he led ten. His gallantry and skill have been most marked and consistent.

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