

When compelled to dig in by the heavy enemy machine-gun fire, he hung on with the greatest courage and determination, and his fine example so encouraged his men that he was able to delay the advance of the enemy for over twenty-four hours.

T./2nd Lt. Herbert Lawrence Reeve Baker, Devon. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a counter-attack. Although held up by wire, he himself cut a gap, under severe machine-gun fire, and led his platoon to the furthest objective. During later operations, he again led his platoon and some stragglers from another brigade in a successful counter-attack, regaining a position lost. He showed a high standard of personal courage.

T./Lt. James Gillies Baker, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy opened a heavy enfilade fire on to his battery, which was in an exposed position, he returned it with great effect and withdrew his guns gradually one by one. During the operation he showed high courage and set a fine example to his men.

Lt. John Wakeling Baker, R.G.A. and R.A.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in carrying out low-flying reconnaissances and contact patrols under heavy machine-gun, rifle and anti-aircraft fire, when he remained in the air for long hours, often under abnormally bad weather conditions and often in darkness or thick mist. On one occasion he fired into enemy troops and transport, causing great confusion, and remained over their lines taking notes until quite dark, when he returned with his machine riddled with bullets. On every flight he obtained most important information, which was dropped at headquarters, and throughout the period his work has been magnificent.

2nd Lt. Kingsley Baker, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. He volunteered to take a single gun forward to a farm and engage the enemy over open sights. He did great execution among the enemy at 1,500 yards range and silenced two machine guns. Later, he led an officer's patrol down to the river to clear up an obscure situation, and though badly wounded, sent back information which enabled his guns to deal with them.

T./Capt. James Arthur Ernest Ball, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst acting as liaison officer between batteries on railway mountings and railway troops. Having received orders, during an enemy attack, to evacuate a gun, and finding the track badly broken by shell fire, he started a detachment of a railway battalion to repair the breaks. He then proceeded forward, and on his return found that, owing to heavy shell fire, the detachment had taken cover. Realising the absolute necessity of

saving the gun, he induced the detachment to continue the work, remaining with and encouraging them until the track was in running order. He set a magnificent example of courage and devotion to duty.

T./2nd Lt. William Arthur Ball, Linc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when he was the senior company officer left. He was put in command of the remnants of four companies, about seventy men, and throughout the subsequent four days' fighting displayed the greatest skill, coolness and courage in organising successive defensive positions. His own personal example inspired the men to great efforts, and to a great extent contributed to their steadfastness.

T./Lt. Leonard Arthur Bane, L'pool R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company was becoming out-flanked this officer, by his personal example, rallied his men and enabled his battalion to occupy a position in rear and subsequently to inflict considerable casualties on the enemy. He has always shown great gallantry under fire and rendered valuable assistance in re-organising his men.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Charles Banfield, R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of an ammunition railhead and continued issuing ammunition under heavy shell fire until forced to withdraw. Later, he was hit by a bomb splinter, but continued at his post and assisted greatly in getting ammunition forward.

2nd Lt. Geoffrey Banks, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the wagons of which he was in charge were heavily shelled and a number of men and horses were hit, he cleared the uninjured horses and got the wagons and limbers clear of the zone of fire. By his skill, courage and ability he saved a considerable quantity of material from falling into the enemy's hands.

Lt. David Barbour, Arg. & Suth'd Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while acting as battalion transport officer. Under heavy shelling he brought up his transport and supervised the distribution of small arms ammunition to the front line and redoubts. At all times he was tireless in his energy, and set a fine example.

Capt. John Reid Barber, Gen. List.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in organising the defence of a strong post and in keeping up the spirits of his men during the whole of a heavy bombardment. When the post was attacked, he walked about in the open encouraging his men, and it was largely due to his personal example that the post was held.