

very obscure, he led his battalion under heavy fire of all kinds with great skill and courage to its objective. His able disposition of his companies and quick grasp of the situation enabled a dangerous gap in the line to be closed, and prevented the village from falling into the hands of the enemy. He held his position against repeated attacks for over forty-eight hours under very heavy shell fire, himself remaining the whole time in the front line. His personal courage and example were of the greatest value in keeping the line intact.

Maj. (T./Lt.-Col.) William Eustace St. John, D.S.O., Yeo.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was ordered to relieve another unit, which at the time was heavily engaged with the enemy. By his able handling of the situation the relief was successfully accomplished and the fight carried on. During the following days the enemy made repeated attempts to capture the high ground held by his battalion, but they were driven back on every occasion. His gallantry and example were undoubtedly responsible for the determined resistance made by his battalion.

Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) William Henry Erik Segrave, D.S.O., High. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the troops on his flank were pressed back, a gap in the line occurred, and the enemy were on the point of breaking through owing to the heavy casualties of his battalion. He therefore collected all the personnel of his headquarters, and personally led them against the enemy, and succeeded in forming a defensive flank. By his fine example of coolness and total disregard of personal danger, when under intense fire, he restored complete confidence, and undoubtedly saved a very critical situation.

#### NEW ZEALAND FORCE.

Lt.-Col. James Neil McCarroll, D.S.O., Mtd. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He carried out an attack on the flank of the enemy's position with great skill. When heavily counter-attacked he showed splendid ability in meeting the enemy's attack, altering his dispositions several times to meet the changing circumstances, and drove back the enemy with heavy loss. He set a fine example to his men.

#### *Awarded the Distinguished Service Order.*

T./2nd Lt. (T./Capt.) Brian Edmund Baker, M.C., Gen. List and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst on patrol he engaged nine Albatross scouts, five of these being driven down, two of which he accounted for. On another occasion, whilst leading his flight on an offensive patrol, he dived alone on a formation of six enemy scouts, driving one down out of control. During the course of his patrol work he has brought down ten enemy machines, and his work on all occa-

sions has been magnificent. He is a dashing patrol leader, and inspires all with the greatest keenness.

T./Lt. Lionel Warmington Battershill, M.C., M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He, realising the critical situation, brought up two machine guns to the reserve line under an intense enemy barrage. Owing to the heavy casualties amongst his gun crews, he worked one gun himself, and although four times wounded, continued to fire, inflicting heavy casualties upon the enemy, until he was in a fainting condition and unable to carry the gun away. His courage and determination were of the highest order.

Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) Albemarle Price Blackwood, Bord. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He conducted a most successful raid on a village in the enemy's lines, which resulted in the capture of 55 prisoners and heavy casualties to the enemy. The success of the enterprise was due to his forethought and skilful handling of his command.

T./Lt.-Comdr. Archibald Walter Buckle, R.N.V.R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in command of a battalion detailed to counter-attack, he carried out a daring reconnaissance, under extremely heavy artillery fire, enabling him to form sound dispositions, which resulted in the recapture of an important position. Throughout the day his coolness and example inspired all ranks.

T./Sub. Lt. Herbert Donaldson, R.N.V.R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of a company in the front line which was subjected to several intense bombardments, after which the enemy attacked six times. They were driven off on each occasion, and the position was held intact, although one flank was in the air. He worked continually, getting the shattered line into a state of defence, and set his men a magnificent example of courage and determination. When the enemy attacked with liquid flame and forced back his flank a short distance, he led a counter-attack which re-established the position and inflicted heavy losses on the enemy.

T./Capt. Matthew Brown Frew, M.C., Gen. List and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On one occasion when leader of a patrol he shot down an enemy aeroplane, two others being also accounted for in the same fight. On a later occasion he destroyed three enemy machines in one combat, all of which were seen to crash to the ground. Immediately after this combat he had to switch off his engine and make an attempt to glide towards our lines five miles away on account of his machine having received a direct hit. Owing to the great skill and courage he displayed in the handling of his damaged machine, he succeeded in bringing it safely to our lines. He has destroyed twenty-two enemy machines up to date.