

charge of a machine gun section in an exposed position, in front of and covering a gap in our new line, within 150 yards of the enemy's entrenched position. He beat off three counter attacks and worked his gun single-handed after all his men, except two belt-fillers, had become casualties.

For three hours he held the gap under very heavy fire while it was being made secure. When his gun was knocked out by hostile fire he and his two belt-fillers held their ground with rifles till ordered to withdraw.

With three men sent to assist him he then brought back his gun, ammunition, and one severely wounded man unable to walk. Finally, he himself returned and removed all remaining arms and equipment except two shovels.

But for his great gallantry and determination our line must have been penetrated by the enemy.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the appointments of the undermentioned Officers to be Companions of the Distinguished Service Order, in recognition of their gallantry and devotion to duty in the field:—

2nd Lt. (temp. Lt.) Albert Ball, M.C., Notts. & Derby. R. and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and skill. Observing seven enemy machines in formation, he immediately attacked one of them and shot it down at 15 yards range. The remaining machines retired. Immediately afterwards, seeing five more hostile machines, he attacked one at about 10 yards range and shot it down, flames coming out of the fuselage. He then attacked another of the machines, which had been firing at him, and shot it down into a village, when it landed on the top of a house. He then went to the nearest aerodrome for more ammunition, and, returning, attacked three more machines, causing them to dive under control. Being then short of petrol he came home. His own machine was badly shot about in these fights.

Capt. (temp. Maj.) George Seton Briscoe, Worc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. During the attack he made untiring efforts under heavy shell fire to get consolidating parties forward to the newly captured position. He led them personally until severely wounded.

Temp. Capt. Norman Walford Broughton, M.B., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations. During a very heavy bombardment he, on three occasions, helped to dig out men from blown-in dug-outs. Shells were bursting all round him, but he refused to take cover, and it was mainly due to his efforts that most of the buried men were rescued. He has done other fine and gallant work.

2nd Lt. (temp. Lt.) Herbert Cecil Butcher, R. Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. When the battalion was suffering severe

casualties it was largely due to his courage and utter disregard of personal danger that there was no check in the advance. When his C.O. was wounded he took command of the battalion, and displayed the greatest coolness and devotion to duty at a critical time.

Temp. 2nd Lt. Ian Carmichael, High. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry. He led a raid with great dash, jumped into the enemy's sap, killed two of the enemy, wounded another and took one prisoner. He was himself wounded. Subsequently he went out twice into "No Man's Land" and rescued wounded men.

Temp. Capt. Guy Langston Cazalet, M.C., R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He led his company in the attack, and held 500 yards of the trench won, although twice heavily counter-attacked by the enemy, who used liquid fire, bombs, and rifles. Though wounded, he cheered on his men and refused to leave the trench.

Maj. Oswald Mosley Croshaw, Yeo.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. When attached to Brigade Headquarters, he twice voluntarily passed through a very heavy artillery and machine-gun barrage, and brought back accurate information of the situation.

Temp. Capt. Edmund Fearenside, Manch. R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He led up two companies of reinforcements, over some 1,800 yards of open ground swept by machine-gun fire, into a village. Here he rallied his men and organised a further attack. He displayed the greatest coolness and courage.

Temp. 2nd Lt. Edgar Lyn Fifoot, R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. During the attack he made his way along a trench to get into touch with the battalion attacking on his right. He took several prisoners, and finally built a barricade when held up by the enemy's bombers. He was severely burnt in the enemy's liquid fire attack, but stuck to his duty and did further fine work.

Capt. Neil Fraser-Tytler, R.H.A.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. On several occasions he displayed the greatest coolness and courage under heavy shell fire, when ranging his own and other batteries from exposed positions. He has done other fine work and has set a splendid example.

Maj. (temp. Lt.-Col.) Robert Moore Thacker Gillson, Wilts. R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. Under very heavy fire he attacked and captured a wood. Though wounded himself he resumed command when he heard that the next senior officer had been killed, and remained on duty till loss of blood compelled him to hand over to his Adjutant.

Maj. John Liesching Grinlinton, R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry during several days of operations. As F.O.O. he sent back invaluable information. He was twice