

cent example of courage and disregard of personal danger.

5706 C./S./M. Edward Battersby, Leic. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, when he remained in an advanced and exposed position under heavy artillery and machine-gun fire, setting a splendid example to all. Later, when all officers had become casualties, he took command, and when all appeared lost he rallied the men, and put new heart into them by his gallant bearing under heavy enemy barrages. On being ordered to withdraw, he and his few men fought their way back, and eventually the remains of the company dug themselves in in a new line in the rear.

2nd Lt. Norman Cecil Battersby, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy advanced in a fog in great numbers, he went forward to the firing line and obtained information at great personal risk. It was owing to his courage and accurate reports that the battery was able to continue firing so long and then retire successfully.

2nd Lt. William Battison, A. & S. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in rallying a large number of men belonging to different divisions, with whom he took up a position and held back the enemy for four hours, enabling the unit on his left to withdraw without casualties from a dangerous situation.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Frank Doveton Bazett, R. Berks. R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during recent operations. Under heavy machine-gun barrage he was constantly in the line reorganising the troops, who had become considerably mixed up with other units. He set a magnificent example to all around him, and more than once was instrumental in effecting an orderly withdrawal.

Lt. George Whitmore Beadle, A.S.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when his company had been forced by circumstances to leave behind many valuable stores. He returned during the night and saved these stores, in spite of a heavy shell fire, during which for three hours he superintended the loading of his wagons, and by his example encouraged his command.

T./Capt. Walter Albert Beattie, R. Ir. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while attacking a strong enemy position. Though two platoons were forced back, he took the position with the remaining two under very heavy machine-gun fire and held on to it. He showed fine courage and powers of command.

T./2nd Lt. Sydney Beaumont, E. Lan. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when acting as Brigade Intelligence Officer. Owing to the absence of buried

cables in the battle zone information was meagre. On many occasions, in spite of heavy artillery and machine-gun fire, he went forward, and sent back excellent reports, which cleared up the situations, and on one occasion led to the re-occupation of a tactical point, which was only weakly held by the enemy.

Lt. William Allan Beckett, S. Lan. R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company commander was killed at a critical time during the withdrawal, he took command and successfully organised his company, so that heavy losses were continually inflicted on the enemy during the retirement. His cheerfulness under adverse conditions inspired his men with the greatest confidence.

2nd Lt. (A./Maj.) James Beckham, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. During heavy enemy attacks, continuing for many days, his battery did magnificent service, fighting constant rearguard actions, causing heavy enemy losses, and being withdrawn on seventeen different occasions, under intense fire, to new positions. The retirement was always carried out in perfect order. His splendid courage and constant cheerfulness inspired all ranks, and enabled them to carry on, while his ability undoubtedly saved the battery from disaster.

Lt. Arthur Henry Beer, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all communications were cut and runners could not get through to the batteries, this officer volunteered to go forward, and at great personal risk went round all the batteries, collecting information and arranging for reinforcements. Later, while reconnoitring new positions, he was severely wounded.

T./Lt. William Henry Belcher, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during recent operations. On several occasions when telephonic communication to units and divisional headquarters was interrupted by shell fire he went out and personally tested the lines and re-established his communications. He went out three times one day to do this under heavy shell fire.

Lt. Alan Carstairs Bell, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in going forward to ascertain the position of the enemy, when the situation was very obscure, and in bringing back valuable information. On another occasion, when attending to wounded men and horses in the teams under very heavy shell fire, he showed great coolness, and by his excellent dispositions placed the teams in a safe place and prevented further casualties.

Rev. Charles Henry Bell, A.C.D.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During recent operations he did most