

village after a sharp struggle with the enemy, and for the five following days his battalion beat off all attacks on the trench line and established a complete superiority over the enemy in "No Man's Land." On the last day, when his battalion was in brigade reserve, he delivered a counter-attack at very short notice and reached the first objective.

(D.S.O. gazetted 28th April, 1915.)

Lt.-Col. Charles Malcolm Bateman, D.S.O., W. Rid. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst commanding his battalion during a heavy enemy attack. His fine example of courage and his skilful handling of his men resulted in the total repulse of the attack.

(D.S.O. gazetted 14th January, 1916.)

Capt. (A./Maj.) Karl Vere Barker Benfield, D.S.O., M.C., R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, especially on three occasions: (1) He continued firing with his battery under machine-gun fire until the enemy came in view, when he personally supervised the withdrawal of his guns. (2) He kept his battery in action till the last moment while the infantry were retiring through his position. (3) When his battery came under heavy fire with direct observation he continued firing on the advancing enemy with open sights until his ammunition was expended, and then successfully withdrew his guns.

(D.S.O. gazetted 14th November, 1916.)

Capt. (A./Lt.-Col.) William Blackwood, D.S.O., M.B., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of the evacuation of casualties from the Divisional front during an enemy attack. When communication with the advanced dressing-station was cut by enemy barrage he re-established communication and personally visited the posts under his administration. Throughout the fighting he visited the forward area daily, and his indefatigable energy and exceptional organising ability were invaluable to the Division.

(D.S.O. gazetted 3rd June, 1918.)

Capt. (A./Lt.-Col.) Douglas Stephenson Branson, D.S.O., M.C., York and Lan. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed great skill and courage while commanding his battalion, and it was largely owing to his personal influence that his battalion did so well. When wounded he reorganised his battalion and other troops in a new position, personally reporting his dispositions at brigade headquarters.

(D.S.O. gazetted 1st January, 1918.)

Lt. (A./Lt.-Col.) George Stanley Brighten, D.S.O., L'pool R., attd. Lan. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He was commanding the battalion in reserve, and employed it with such advantage that the attack was held up and the enemy repulsed

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with heavy loss, many prisoners being taken. His clever disposal of his forces and his fine example of coolness did much to restore the position.

(D.S.O. gazetted 26th November, 1917.)

Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) Albert Buckley, D.S.O., L'pool R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of his battalion throughout a week's fighting. At the commencement of the fighting his battalion was holding the front line and was heavily attacked when its left flank was in the air. He continually visited the posts, and made personal reconnaissances, keeping his men in good heart. He organised and carried out two successful counter-attacks, and it was greatly due to his leadership that the line was maintained when the enemy broke through on the left.

(D.S.O. gazetted 26th September, 1917.)

Maj. & Bt. Lt.-Col. (T./Lt.-Col.) Bernard Arnold Barrington Butler, D.S.O., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy appeared unexpectedly within a few hundred yards of the guns, this officer with his staff opened rifle-fire on them. He afterwards turned one of the guns on to some enemy who had got round, driving them back. The following night he organised the withdrawal of guns which had been left in "No Man's Land," and got in all except two, which were in the enemy's hands. By his coolness and initiative he established a new front firing line.

(D.S.O. gazetted 1st January, 1918.)

T./Lt.-Col. Oliver Cecil Clare, D.S.O., M.C., E. Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He promptly counter-attacked with his battalion and caused a position to be held. Throughout he showed fine leadership and coolness under heavy machine-gun and shell fire.

(D.S.O. gazetted 4th June, 1917.)

Maj. (T./Lt.-Col.) Bowcher Campbell Senhouse Clarke, D.S.O., Worc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He commanded his battalion with great skill and energy throughout ten days' operations under very heavy shell fire. He personally went forward and reorganised the troops on his flank under very heavy fire. It was due to his continual supervision that a most difficult situation was kept in hand.

(D.S.O. gazetted 3rd June, 1917.)

Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) Charles Henry Fortnom Cox, D.S.O., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer commanded his brigade throughout nearly a month's critical operations. On all occasions he handled it with ability, especially during an enemy attack on an important village, when his headquarters received a direct hit, causing many casualties.

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