

of command, and his example of personal courage inspired all around him.

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AWARDED THE MILITARY CROSS.

Lt. (A./Capt.) John Croft Airey, R. Scots.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative. He made reconnaissances under heavy machine-gun fire to the front of our positions, bringing back valuable information and keeping in touch with Allied troops operating on our flank. It was largely due to his courage and clear appreciation of the situation that the positions captured were so successfully consolidated.

T./2nd Lt. Arthur Albinson, M.M., Tank Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry while commanding a Tank in an attack. Finding it difficult to locate hostile machine guns from inside, he got out, under close range fire, and spotted them. In this way he cleared up machine guns in two woods and a building. As a direct result the infantry made a rapid advance without casualties.

T./2nd Lt. Frank Allcott, attd. Lanc. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. When other officers of his company had become casualties he assumed command and reached his objective with comparatively few casualties. Under heavy fire he skilfully directed consolidation, and thanks to his untiring efforts and fine devotion to duty the line was handed over intact.

11800 C.S.M. Edward Anderson, Lanc. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. After the officers had become casualties he led a company with great dash and ability to the final objective with few casualties. Later, he returned to battalion headquarters, whence he organised a supply of ammunition and rations. It was largely due to his bold leadership and devotion to duty that no delay was caused in the reaching of the final objective.

T./2nd Lt. Ernest William Andrews, Tank Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative in action with his Tank. He dealt with hostile machine-gun posts which were offering great opposition, and when four of his crew were wounded he alternatively manned the 6-pounder and Hotchkiss guns himself. Continuing his advance he fought several machine guns in the standing crops, until after a direct hit only one of the crew remained un wounded.

2nd Lt. Philip Reginald Antrobus, R.E.

For great courage and perseverance as brigade signal officer during an attack, when he followed the infantry and established telephone communication with battalion H.Q. under heavy fire. When the wires were cut by hostile shelling he personally renewed them, and worked untiringly throughout the operations.

T./2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) George Frederick Rimell Baguley, Suff. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and ability in action. He handled his company with skill and determination under heavy fire, and cleared a number of enemy posts strongly held by machine gunners and riflemen. He set a splendid example to those under him.

T./2nd Lt. William Charles Bailey, Res. R. of Cav.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When on liaison patrol, finding the infantry held up in front of a village, he dismounted, and went forward with them, sending back an accurate and valuable report when the position had been captured. He rendered excellent service throughout the operations, and set an admirable example to his men.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Percy Baker, R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. He displayed great initiative and dash in leading his company to the objective. Later, though wounded, he held on to his position until only three men remained. He then crawled back to the next trench and organised its occupants. He showed splendid pluck and devotion to duty.

2nd Lt. William Henry Banham, R.F.A., S.R.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative. Under heavy enemy shell fire, with the help of a non-commissioned officer and another man, he dug out several men who were buried in a dug-out by the explosion of a shell, and then extinguished a dangerous fire caused by the ignition of ammunition in a gun pit, which was spreading along the camouflage to other gun pits. His promptitude and disregard of his own safety undoubtedly saved many lives.

T./2nd Lt. Ernest Harrison Bardsley, W. York. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative. He worked forward with one man and opened enfilade fire with a Lewis gun on an enemy machine gun, which he put out of action, with casualties to the team. The platoon that had been checked was then able to advance. He was wounded in performing this gallant action.

Lt. Christopher Matthew Barlow, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and resource in action. He went through a heavily shelled area to an infantry battalion, and sent back valuable information, which enabled the artillery to deal with the enemy attack. Next day, at great personal risk, he helped to extinguish a fire in one of his gun-pits.

Lt. John Alexander Lloyd Barnes, Ches. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and leadership in bringing up his company under heavy shell and machine-gun fire. Later during the advance, when he found himself in an isolated position, he held out against great