

AWARDED A BAR TO MILITARY CROSS.

Lt. (A./Capt.) John William Andrew, M.C., 5th Bn., R. Scots Fus., T.F., attd. 1st Bn.

In the early stages of an attack, when the three other company commanders had become casualties, he moved about freely, under heavy fire, encouraging the men of all companies. Twice he was wounded in the head, and, although suffering from shock, refused to leave the firing line. Later, when the attack had been hung up, he went forward under intense fire, and reconnoitred the position. In doing so he was wounded in the chest. His splendid example had a most inspiring effect on all ranks.

(M.C. gazetted 2nd December, 1918.)

T./Sub-Lt. (A./Lt.) Horace John Arnold, M.C., Drake Bn., R.N.V.R.

He led his company in an attack with great gallantry, and inspired his men by his own example of dash and initiative. On one occasion he attacked single-handed a machine gun which was holding up our advance, and, having taken it, was able to capture six more machine guns and many prisoners. Throughout prolonged operations his fine leadership and perseverance were conspicuous.

(M.C. gazetted 26th July, 1918.)

T./2nd Lt. John Baxendale, M.C., 62nd Bn., M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative in command of a section during operations lasting ten days. On one occasion during a heavy enemy counter-attack, he took command of four other guns and directed the fire of two sections on the advancing enemy, in spite of the hostile barrage, at close range. By his courage, powers of leadership and splendid example he was largely instrumental in repulsing the attack.

(M.C. gazetted 4th February, 1918.)

T./Lt. Ronald Victor Baylis, M.C., 47th Bn., M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took up a pack section of twelve mules carrying ammunition for two companies through a very heavy enemy barrage which killed four mules and wounded two men. After handing over the ammunition he stayed out till he found and brought back two mules which had broken loose. He was out for six hours, and showed utter disregard for his own safety.

(M.C. gazetted 16th September, 1918.)

T./Lt. Rowland Bedford, M.C., 9th Bn. Dev. R., attd. 1/5th Bn., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and skill in leading his patrol a distance of 2,000 yards through country held by the enemy, returning with very valuable information. On the following day he led two platoons in an attack with the greatest courage, under severe shell and machine-gun fire, and although he failed in his objective he remained, with seven men only, within 100 yards of the enemy's machine-gun position until ordered to withdraw. Throughout he set a magnificent example to his men.

(M.C. gazetted 17th December, 1917.)

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) David Jardine Bethell, M.C., 2nd Bn., S. Gds.

In an attack he led his company with the greatest courage and skill against an almost impassable line of enemy machine guns. He gradually worked forward, personally organising covering fire and a flanking attack. Later, when a hostile attack on his right had failed, he seized the opportunity and made a daring reconnaissance, and then led forward a platoon and occupied an important post 500 yards in advance of the line.

(M.C. gazetted 1st January, 1918.)

T./Sub-Lt. Herbert Benjamin Biggs, M.C., Hawke Bn., R.N.V.R.

He personally supervised the tactical dispositions of the Lewis guns of the battalion during operations lasting many days. His ability and technical knowledge were of invaluable service, and his coolness under fire and unflagging energy and devotion to duty were a splendid example, inspiring all ranks with confidence.

(M.C. gazetted 4th March, 1918.)

Lt. (A./Capt.) Charles Henry Blackburn, M.C., A/113th Bde., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When enemy shelling struck a gun pit and set some ammunition on fire, this officer, hearing the explosion, immediately ran to the pit, and, single-handed, extinguished the fire before much material damage was done. By his courage and promptitude he saved the gun and any more ammunition from destruction.

(M.C. gazetted 26th September, 1917.)

T./Sub-Lt. (A./Lt.) Reginald Francis Edsall Blackmore, M.C., Hawke Bn., R.N.V.R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer carried out the duties of adjutant through a week's heavy fighting. On the C.O. becoming a casualty he took command of the battalion, and, by his unceasing vigilance, inspired all with confidence. When the battalion had become very weak through casualties he reorganised it and carried on. He personally made several reconnaissances under heavy machine-gun fire, and set a high standard to all.

(M.C. gazetted 26th March, 1917.)

Capt. Raleigh Blandy, M.C., 2/9th Gurkha Rif. (MESOPOTAMIA.)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He commanded with great ability a patrol which, under the fire of the enemy, discovered after dark a ford over the river by which the troops crossed on the following night. But for his intrepid action the troops would not have been able to cross.

(M.C. gazetted 25th August, 1917.)

Lt. (A./Capt.) Leslie William Harold Bowler, M.C., 1/22nd Bn., Lond. R.

He led his company in an attack with conspicuous gallantry and skill, exposing himself under an intense fire of all descriptions in the performance of his duty with a disregard of danger that was a very fine example to his men. When forced to retire owing to the withdrawal of troops on his flank, he conducted the operation with ad-