

bravery. Later, on reaching the first objective and finding his left flank exposed, he got his men out of the enemy's front line, formed front to the left, advanced 400 yards, and captured an enemy second line trench, thereby saving a critical situation.

Lt.-Col. Ronald Ernest Murray, British S. Africa Police.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of his column. He set a splendid example of gallantry and able leadership during a successful assault on very superior forces of the enemy.

*2nd Lt. Edgar Kinghorn Myles, V.C., Welsh R., attd. Worc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the officers except two had become casualties, he, for five hours, inspired confidence in the defence against two counter-attacks, and sent back most accurate and valuable reports of the situation. His courage and fine example were largely responsible for the steadiness of all ranks with him.

*Capt. Allan Watson, M.B., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went forward under very heavy fire, before his own unit was ordered to advance, and commenced to dress the wounded of another battalion. He worked untiringly under fire both day and night, never resting until all the wounded had been brought in.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Maj. Henry Arnold Crowther, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading the front line of his battalion during a reconnaissance in force on the enemy position. He repeatedly traversed the front line under heavy fire to superintend the action of the companies. Later in the day he personally directed the necessary movements to break off the action, showing marked ability and initiative.

(The names marked with an asterisk appeared in the London Gazette dated 17th March, 1917, without deeds.)

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to award a Bar to the Military Cross to the undermentioned Officers:—

Temp. 2nd Lt. Thomas Charles Herring, M.C., E. Yorks. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He rallied his men and led them forward at a critical time. On another occasion he displayed great courage and initiative when in command of his company. He has at all times set a splendid example.

(M.C. gazetted 25th Aug. 1916.)

Capt. Charles Harold Howden, M.C., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He organised and carried out two successful attacks under the most difficult conditions, thereby capturing 500 yards of

the enemy's trenches and sixty prisoners. He set a splendid example throughout.

(M.C. gazetted 14th Nov. 1916.)

Temp. Capt. Charles Barclay Leatham, M.C., York. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a raiding party. He directed operations from an exposed position in the enemy's lines under very heavy fire. Later, he took charge of a platoon and personally led it to its objective. He was severely wounded.

(M.C. gazetted 3rd June 1916.)

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to confer the Military Cross on the undermentioned Officers and Warrant Officers in recognition of their gallantry and devotion to duty in the Field:—

Lt. George Allan, K.R. Rif. C. (frmly. S.A. Mtd. Rif.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He reorganised the men of various companies and greatly assisted in repelling several enemy counter-attacks. He set a splendid example throughout, and although slightly wounded remained at his post.

Temp. Capt. Thomas Macdonald Banks, Essex R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led the left assaulting company in a most gallant manner, and succeeded in capturing his objective in spite of strong hostile opposition.

Lt. Hough Treherne Barrett, Intel. Dept., Nyassaland Fld. Force.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He reconnoitred the enemy's position, and subsequently guided a column three miles by night, enabling them to deploy unobserved between picquets of the enemy to within 250 yards of the position.

Temp. 2nd Lt. Reginald Elphinstone Baty, North'd. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading a raiding party. Although severely wounded, he continued to lead his men, and entered the enemy's trench. He has previously done fine work.

Temp. Capt. Robert Ernest Beckerson, Norf. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He handled his company with great courage and determination throughout, and was largely responsible for the success of the operations. He has previously done fine work.

Lt. Alfred James Biddulph, R.F.A., attd. T.M. By.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when conducting wire cutting operations under very heavy hostile shelling. He set a magnificent example to his men and carried out the task allotted to him with conspicuous success.