

his guns and crews had been buried, he at once proceeded, under a heavy fire, to effect a rescue, and succeeded in recovering one gun and a few men, and later, on receiving reinforcements, he reorganised the situation and remained at his post until, in the last stage of exhaustion, he was relieved.

2nd Lt. (actg. Capt.) Francis Patrick Barry. Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion. He led his company in an attack with great bravery, and endeavoured to carry on after being severely wounded.

2nd Lt. Charles Henry Bateman, Arg. and Suth'd Highrs., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He assisted in organising a mixed command under heavy artillery and machine gun fire. He also worked a captured machine gun, and was severely wounded while doing so. Throughout he was of the greatest assistance to his senior officer.

2nd Lt. (temp. Lt.) Walter Percival Batters, Yeo.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He handled his guns with marked skill and gallantry under continuous shell fire. Although badly wounded he continued to superintend for eighteen hours with the utmost determination, thereby rendering valuable assistance at a critical time.

2nd Lt. (temp. Lt.) Alexander Carnegie Baxter, Sco. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was sent forward with his machine guns to consolidate a certain position. While advancing he discovered that a great portion of the line was still occupied by the enemy. He at once consolidated just short of the line. His foresight enabled him to occupy the line later on.

Temp. 2nd Lt. Ranulph Beames, R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon was held up by an enemy strong point, he stood up and directed his machine gun and bombers to put up a barrage. He then, with the remainder of his men, dashed into the trench and succeeded in capturing it and fifty prisoners.

2nd Lt. Stuart Gordon Beer, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst in command of his platoon he was wounded in two places by a shell, but nevertheless remained for two hours steady-ing and cheering his men under heavy shell fire, until ordered to report to the aid post for treatment.

Qr.-Mr. and Hon. Lt. Owen King Belchem, R.W. Surr. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and resource in reorganising and leading ration parties, and successfully distributing rations to the whole battalion, in spite of heavy fire and the fact that there were parties of the enemy still behind our lines.

Lt. James Dacres Belgrave, Oxf. and Bucks. L.I. and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On at least five occasions he successfully engaged and shot down hostile aeroplanes, and has consistently shown great courage and determination to get to the closest range; an invaluable example in a fighting squadron.

Temp. 2nd Lt. (actg. Capt.) James William Bell, Manch. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion. He led a composite party, under severe artillery, machine gun and rifle fire, to attack a strong point, and, although wounded and driven back, he repeatedly renewed his attempts, and finally, unable to advance, he assumed a commanding position, in spite of heavy fire, opposite the strong point.

2nd Lt. Maurice Arthur Benjamin, R.F.C., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He helped to attack two large hostile machines, one of which was seen to crash to the ground. Previously he helped to engage three hostile scouts, one of which was destroyed and the remainder dispersed. He has helped to destroy four hostile machines in all.

2nd Lt. Thomas Bennett, North'd Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon to within fifty yards of the enemy trench, having only two men with him when he arrived. He remained there for six hours, firing at the enemy in full view. He finally retired in order to escape our own barrage.

2nd Lt. Edgar Cyril Bevan, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When acting as F.O.O. he displayed the greatest gallantry and initiative. Under heavy fire and after his signaller had been wounded, he maintained constant communication with his brigade. He obtained and sent back the most valuable information.

2nd Lt. Eric Gray Birbeck, N. Staff. R., attd. Manch. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion in carrying out dangerous patrol work under heavy fire, and obtaining very valuable information.

2nd Lt. Edwin Leslie Bishop, Worc. R., Spec. Res., attd. R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When engaged with another pilot in taking important photographs, they were attacked by a superior number of hostile machines. The other pilot was forced to land, and he himself was driven down close to the ground, but, despite the presence of the hostile machines, he climbed once more and succeeded in taking a large number of most valuable photographs.

2nd Lt. (actg. Lt.) Peter Blagrove, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion