

and consolidated his objective under heavy shell fire. Though wounded, he refused to leave his men until ordered by his commanding officer to do so. His courage and devotion to duty were a splendid example to all ranks.

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2nd Lt. Donald Richard Allen, M.C., R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when he, accompanied by another officer and several men, formed the F.O.O.'s party. Early in the operations the other officer was wounded, and most of the men were either killed or wounded. Quite regardless of heavy shelling he not only maintained the telephone line and enabled most valuable information to be sent back, but when communications were interrupted he himself twice took messages back through a heavy hostile barrage to the nearest cable-head. By his coolness and disregard of personal danger he not only set a magnificent example to all ranks but largely contributed to the success of the operations.

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Capt. William Barnsley Allen, V.C., M.C., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an intense bombardment of a town with high explosive and gas shells, he left the Advance Dressing Station to search for wounded men. Hearing that there were some in a remote part of the town, he proceeded there, collected them, and supervised their removal to the Dressing Station. On his return, hearing that a party under another Officer had not come in, he was on the point of starting out again to look for them when they appeared. Although seriously gassed, he continued to perform his duties with the greatest devotion and gallantry, until eventually evacuated to the Casualty Clearing Station.

(M.C. gazetted 26th September, 1916.)

T./Lt. Thomas Farquharson Andrew, M.C., R. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After the Brigade Intelligence Officer had been killed he took over his work and continually sent back much valuable information, keeping in touch at great personal risk with all the battalions of the Brigade. He also found touch with the Brigade on his right under heavy artillery and machine gun fire. His coolness and disregard of danger was a splendid example to all.

(M.C. gazetted 27th July, 1916.)

T./Capt. (A./Maj.) Leslie Ernest Andrews, M.C., R.W. Surr. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After his Commanding Officer had been wounded, he took command of his Battalion and displayed great skill and determination in controlling the men under very trying conditions. He was continually in the front line, and by his total disregard for danger set a splendid example to his men, personally encouraging them and holding them together under intense enemy bombardments.

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T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Harold Glasspool Baker, M.C., Dorset. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He commanded the leading Company in the attack, and when all the Officers of the supporting Company had been killed or wounded he took charge of that Company as well, and supervised the work throughout the day under most trying circumstances. Although the two Companies were greatly reduced in strength, he set such a splendid personal example of energy and determination that they were encouraged to dig themselves in. His cheerful and gallant behaviour throughout the action had the most inspiring effect upon his men.

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T./2nd Lt. Fred. Roland Berridge, M.C., North'n R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when Brigade Intelligence Officer. At a moment when the situation on the flank of his Brigade was obscure and dangerous, he went out on his own initiative through a very heavy barrage to reconnoitre the position. Finding a company which had lost its Officers and had got into a very dangerous and isolated position in front of our line, he immediately took command and withdrew the company by sections until it had joined up with the rest of our line further back. All this was carried out under very heavy machine gun and artillery fire, and his prompt and gallant action undoubtedly saved this company from being cut off by the enemy.

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Lt. Alfred James Biddulph, M.C., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In spite of being under continuous hostile shell fire, he kept his section in action all day and with the assistance of the section on his left, brought down two hostile aeroplanes. He has on many occasions displayed exceptional gallantry and coolness under fire, and set a splendid example to his men.

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

2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) James Arthur Blackey, M.C., R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, in digging out several men who had been buried by hostile shell fire. Although under close and accurate fire all the time he only desisted when all the wounded had been cleared and he was certain the others were dead.

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

T./Capt. Arthur Dixon Bleakley, M.C., Manch. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He organised a strong point on an exposed flank under very heavy and accurate rifle fire, and he continually had to expose himself to get his men organised. As a result of his dispositions an attempted enemy counter-attack was easily repulsed. He displayed the utmost coolness and gallantry throughout.

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