

bombardment in order to fetch stretcher-bearers. His conduct afforded a splendid instance of gallantry and self-sacrifice.

(M.C. gazetted 14th November, 1916.)

Capt. John Durnford Crosthwaite, M.C.,
 Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He carried out a valuable reconnaissance of the position under very heavy shell, machine-gun, and rifle fire, and obtained accurate information as to the situation. He also gave valuable assistance in organising the troops after the attack, and showed great gallantry throughout the operations.

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

T./Lt. Ronald Fairbridge Currey, M.C.,
 Arg. & Suth'd. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He advanced with a brigade forward party through a heavy barrage. Finding that another brigade could not lay a cable to their destination, he laid a double line under heavy and continuous fire, and repaired wires which were continually being broken. Having used all available wire he salvaged enemy wire and succeeded in establishing communication with the battalion in reserve. His courage and tenacity set a grand example to his men.

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

T./Capt. John Henry Ellis Dean, M.C.,
 Ches. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Having gone through exceptionally desperate fighting with his battalion, in which it lost heavily in officers and men, he and another officer brought the battalion out of action on the following day, and were indefatigable in consolidating the ground gained and beating off every enemy counter-attack. Although the situation on the flank at one period was extremely critical the battalion did not lose a yard of ground, largely owing to the personal example and fine leadership displayed by this officer and his comrade.

(M.C. gazetted 22nd January, 1916.)

T./2nd Lt. Edward Maynard Coningsby
 Denny, M.C., D.C.L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on several occasions. When in charge of the liaison patrols he did gallant work, keeping touch with the troops on his flank under heavy shell fire. Later, when the commanders of the two leading companies had both become casualties, he took charge of the front line and repelled two counter-attacks. On the following day he personally led an attack to recover an enemy trench and recaptured it. Throughout the operations he set a fine example by his personal courage and resource.

(M.C. gazetted 14th November, 1916.)

2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) George Dundas, M.C.,
 R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although he had been in the line for a month continuously, doing very tiring work in command of a heavy trench mortar battery of four guns, he got seven guns into action without extra help during a hostile attack. He kept them in action in spite of

a continuous bombardment of his position. His emplacements were hit over and over again, but he continued to fire without a break, repairing the damage immediately, and setting a splendid example of coolness and determination.

(M.C. gazetted 25th August, 1916.)

Rev. Mervyn Saxelbye Evers, M.C., A.
 Chapln.'s Dept.

He was untiring in his efforts in keeping up the spirits of the men under very difficult conditions. His personal example largely contributed to the fostering of the spirit which enabled the battalion to do so well in spite of considerable casualties. During and after the attack he attended to the wounded quite regardless of danger. He cheered up all he came across, and by his energy and fearlessness set a valuable example to all.

(M.C. gazetted 11th December, 1916.)

Lt. (T./Capt.) John Walter Ewbank, M.C.,
 Bord. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an advance. When held up by an enemy blockhouse on the flank, he at once led forward a section of bombers and outflanked the position, causing the garrison of forty to surrender. Although this delay had left his company some way behind our barrage, he continued to advance with great determination and took his objective, capturing more prisoners and two machine guns. It was mainly due to his gallantry and personal efforts that a heavy enemy counter-attack in the evening was annihilated before it reached our lines.

(M.C. gazetted 12th March, 1917.)

Lt. Wilfred George Flack, M.C., R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst commanding his company in an attack. He attacked an enemy strong point with a handful of men, and captured it, knocking out a machine gun and killing a number of the enemy. Throughout the operation he displayed great gallantry and a total disregard of all danger.

(M.C. gazetted 4th June, 1917.)

Lt. Harold Thomas Forster, D.S.O., M.C.,
 R. Berks. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He performed invaluable work as Adjutant throughout the day, rallying and controlling the men and showing great grasp of the situation. He set a fine example of courage and resource to all.

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

2nd Lt. William Arthur Francis, M.C.,
 Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. It was largely due to his fine leadership that his battalion was able to assemble by night on tapes in spite of heavy shelling. On the following day he continually exposed himself to machine-gun fire in order to obtain information, and eventually went forward to reorganise his battalion, which had suffered very heavy losses. He set a splendid example of coolness and determination.

(M.C. gazetted 18th July, 1917.)