

back valuable information and acted throughout with exceptional gallantry and resource.

2nd Lt. Cyril Edmund Balmforth, L'pool Regt.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Taking command of his company during an attack, when his Captain was wounded, he gained his objective and led them with great gallantry and skill. He was the only officer left, and during the whole operation he displayed remarkable coolness and determination, and kept his men cheerful under most trying conditions by his splendid personal example.

T./2nd Lt. Harry Liddall Bambridge, E. York. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a successful raid upon enemy trenches. He led his platoon with great skill and gallantry and showed great initiative in dealing with a difficult situation owing to the enemy wire being uncut. When the officers of another company had suffered heavily he reorganised it and withdrew it according to the programme, by his determination and resource contributing greatly to the success of the raid.

T./2nd Lt. Percy Abbott Bankes, R.W. Kent R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a hostile attack on our trenches. It was his steadiness and coolness during three hours' bombardment and during the actual attack that encouraged the men to put up such a stout resistance. He was the life and soul of the defence, and wherever the men appeared to waver he was there urging and encouraging them to hold out. When our men were driven out of the saps he at once attacked and recaptured all the saps except one. His quick grasp of the situation proved him to be a most valuable and gallant officer.

Lt. Hugh Bromfield Barclay, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when acting as Artillery Liaison Officer to one of our raiding parties. He pushed ahead most gallantly to an exposed position from which he could direct our guns on to hostile gun positions, the fire from which would have seriously interfered with the success of our operations.

Lt. John Foster Barham, A.S.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a hostile air raid a bomb fell near a large tarpaulin shelter in which a number of badly wounded men were sleeping and unable to move, hit two paraffin drums and caused it to catch fire. Although the entire shelter was at once in flames and liable to fall in at any moment, he succeeded with the help of one or two men in getting all the wounded safely out, displaying the utmost coolness and disregard of danger during this gallant action.

Lt. George Gray Barnard, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as Brigade Signalling Officer. He led his party forward through heavy hostile barrage, and, after establishing advance

Brigade Headquarters and various forward stations, was the means of maintaining communication during the most critical stages of the attack. By his gallantry, coolness under fire and untiring energy he was a splendid example to every signaller under him.

T./2nd Lt. Noel Edgar Barraclough, Gen. List and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. For several months he has done work of a consistently high order as pilot, continually harrassing the enemy's infantry with machine gun fire, and remaining on one occasion for two hours in extremely bad weather at a very low altitude on patrol before an offensive. On this occasion his observer was wounded by the intense fire to which his machine was subjected. His photographic reconnaissances and artillery observation have on all occasions been accurate and valuable.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Kenneth Vernon Barrett, Welsh R., Spec. Res., attd. M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He handled his guns with great skill, and was able, through his determination and disregard of danger, to direct their work, in spite of the very heavy shelling to which they were subjected. He was largely responsible for the success of the operations.

2nd Lt. Arthur Morison Barron, Gord. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon to the furthest objective, which he reached with a Lewis gun and five men. He immediately reorganised his platoon, collecting the remainder of his men who had become mixed up with other units, and in spite of persistent sniping, successfully consolidated his position. He displayed the greatest courage and determination throughout.

2nd Lt. (A./Lt.) Harold Sloan Bartlett, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At imminent risk of his life, he ran out of his dug out, picked up two shells which one of his men had dropped on a dump and which were on the point of exploding, and threw them into a recess which was full of water. By this act of gallantry he saved many lives and prevented the rest of the ammunition from being destroyed.

Lt. Edward Cecil Barton, Worc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Finding his company under heavy rifle and machine gun fire from an enemy strong point, he led forward a party of ten men and captured the position, putting the gun out of action and killing the occupants. By his prompt and determined attack his Company were enabled to consolidate their objective.

2nd Lieut. Harold Brackenbury Bate, Worc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a night attack upon a farm he led his platoon with the greatest courage and determination. Although later he was badly wounded in both legs, and his men