

though himself badly wounded, pushed forward and assisted in organising an attack.

2nd Lt. David Crawford Gordon Bardsley, S. Staffs. R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led the right flank of his brigade in an attack to the exact position of the final objective. He frequently exposed himself to heavy fire to take compass bearings.

T./2nd Lt. Wilfred Pease Barker, W. York. R., attd. M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When moving his battery to forward positions, he came under heavy shell fire, which caused severe casualties and dispersed several of his team. Though the night was dark and wet, he succeeded in reorganising his battery and bringing them into action at the required time.

Lt. Roland Todd Barnard, D.G.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his squadron in an attack in co-operation with the Tanks before the infantry had been able to get forward. His prompt action in advancing mounted resulted in the capture of a position and a large number of prisoners.

T./Sub-Lt. John Cyril Bartholomew, R.N.V.R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He boldly led his company forward, drove back the enemy advanced posts with losses, gaining about 500 yards and recapturing an important position.

Lt. Herbert Ralph Barton, Hrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was sent forward to obtain information of the progress of an attack. Under heavy shell fire he worked his way up to the most advanced position gained, where the enemy were making a counter-attack. He sent back most useful information from time to time, and returned with a very full and clear account of the situation, which was of the greatest value.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Bernard Paul Gascoigne Beanlands, Hamp. R. and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has brought down three enemy aeroplanes out of control and driven down several others over the enemy lines.

2nd Lt. James Richardson Beckett, N. Lan. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as battalion intelligence officer during an attack. After several runners had become casualties in the attempt, he volunteered to deliver a message, and succeeded under heavy machine gun and shell fire, which blew him into shell holes on several occasions. Later he volunteered to go forward, and went along the whole battalion front under heavy fire, bringing back valuable information after five hours' work.

Lt. Eric Lowthian Bell, North'd Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. When sent forward with a platoon to strengthen the centre com-

pany, he showed great initiative in forming a new line of shell holes and collecting men together.

2nd/Lt. Richard Bell, Bord. R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during three days' operations. He was in charge of a patrol, and obtained valuable information. Although pressed by the enemy on the way back, he remained behind until a wounded man had been carried into our line.

Capt. Augustus Charles Herbert Benké, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an action. He commanded the advanced guard company, and by skilful leadership worked his company forward under heavy machine gun fire to a position from which they could cover the advance of the attacking troops. He showed great ability and resource.

T./2nd Lt. Richard Reed Bentley, Gen. List and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When information was urgently required during an attack and several attempts to obtain it had been unsuccessful owing to, exceptionally bad weather conditions, he went out and succeeded in gaining the necessary information, flying at a height of about 50 feet under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire. He had already made a flight under similar conditions on the same day. His pluck and determination were a fine example to his squadron.

2nd Lt. (T./Lt.) Robert Humphrey Binney, Essex R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of his company during a successful attack. Though heavily shelled and suffering casualties on the forming up line, he led his men forward successfully and captured his very important objective, afterwards consolidating the position.

Lt. Duncan Blackwell, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He reconnoitred the enemy's position under heavy rifle and machine gun fire, and attacked and drove in their advanced posts.

2nd Lt. Henry Claude Allan Blanchard, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When owing to casualties the command of the company devolved upon him he remained at his post for six hours after he was severely wounded, and although in great pain established communication with the company in support and refused to leave until reinforcements arrived.

2nd Lt. David Blair, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in proceeding under heavy fire to re-establish communication with his own and a neighbouring battery after it had been destroyed by shell fire. He only succeeded after several efforts.