

burst into flames and crash to earth. By his coolness and skill on this occasion he saved his machine and pilot. On a later occasion, on seeing two hostile scouts above him, he attacked and shot down one of them, which eventually crashed to earth. His gallantry and valuable services have been most marked.

T./2nd Lt. Andrew Weatherby Beauchamp-Proctor, Gen. List, and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While on offensive patrol he observed an enemy two-seater plane attempting to cross our lines. He engaged it and opened fire, with the result that it fell over on its side and crashed to earth. On a later occasion, when on patrol, he observed three enemy scouts attacking one of our bombing machines. He attacked one of these, and after firing 100 rounds in it, it fell over on its back and was seen to descend in that position from 5,000 feet. He then attacked another group of hostile scouts, one of which he shot down completely out of control, and another crumpled up and crashed to earth. In addition to these, he has destroyed another hostile machine, and shot down three completely out of control. He has at all times displayed the utmost dash and initiative, and is a patrol leader of great merit and resource.

2nd Lt. William Somerville Beaumont, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of a party detailed to blow a gap in the enemy's wire with explosives in preparation for a raid. His party came under fire from an enemy post, four of his men became casualties, and the leads of the charge which had been placed in position were cut. In spite of this, he succeeded in exploding the charge after several attempts, and in the face of great difficulties. He returned to the enemy's wire as day was breaking to reconnoitre the effect of the explosion. He showed splendid courage and determination.

T./2nd Lt. Wilfred Beaver, Gen. List, and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the last five months he has destroyed five hostile machines, and has brought down completely out of control six others. During the recent operations he has performed exceptionally good work in bombing and firing upon hostile troops from very low altitudes. He has displayed marked gallantry and resource, and has proved himself a patrol leader of great dash and ability.

T./Lt. Rene Francois Douglas-de-Fenzi Berrange, R.W. Surr. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in command of a raiding party, which was taking up its position in "No Man's Land," he was suddenly confronted by a hostile raiding party. He thereupon at once led his men to attack the hostile party, with the result that the latter were driven back to their own trenches with heavy casualties, leaving prisoners in our hands. His coolness and powers of leadership were most marked.

2nd Lt. Charles George Bicknell, R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an enemy bombardment a cartridge dump near one of the guns was set on fire by a shell. This endangered an ammunition dump near by and set fire to the camouflage. With the help of two N.C.O.s, he at once removed the burning camouflage from the dump, scattered the cartridges and so localised the fire. His prompt and determined action undoubtedly saved the dump and one of the guns from destruction.

Lt. (A./Maj.) Henry Thomas Birch, R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. When the detachments had been much reduced by heavy casualties he manned one of the guns with three other officers, and kept it in action. He afterwards directed the withdrawal of the guns, man-handling them successfully from a very difficult position under heavy fire. He set a splendid example of skill and resource.

Lt. (A./Maj.) Robert John Blackadder, R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the withdrawal of the battery, the enemy commenced a very heavy bombardment of the battery position. The successful withdrawal of all the guns and stores was largely due to his energy, coolness and resource.

Lt. (A./Capt.) John Humphrey Blackwell, Bedf. R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a withdrawal he remained at the position with three other officers and a few men covering the withdrawal of the rest of the battalion. He was the last to leave the position. Later, when the commanding officer and second in command were killed, he was invaluable in reorganising the battalion, and showed the greatest courage and determination under heavy sniping and machine-gun fire.

T./2nd Lt. James Booth, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of an advanced section of machine-guns which was in danger of being cut off when the enemy broke through on both flanks. He succeeded in withdrawing his guns, fighting a rearguard action, and remained at his post until the last gun was withdrawn. He then got into touch with the nearest infantry and so encouraged his gun teams by his splendid example that all the enemy attacks were beaten off. He showed splendid courage and coolness.

Capt. Edward Crowther Bowen, Dns.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a dismounted party during six days' operations. Though his right flank was frequently exposed owing to the neighbouring troops being forced to withdraw, he held successive positions against heavy odds, and under intense fire, with great courage and determination. His force accomplished splendid work during this period, by covering the withdrawal, which