

ciency of his battery was maintained at a high level.

Capt. Archibald Theodore Arrol, Arg. & Suth'd Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy counter-attack. He took command of two companies, in addition to his own, and organised a defensive position under very heavy rifle and machine-gun fire. It was chiefly due to his excellent leadership that the counter-attack was checked.

T./Lt. Francis Douglas Arundell, Br. S. Afr. Police.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When ordered to withdraw his machine gun he lost direction, and was fired on from three sides by the enemy at close range. He at once got his gun into action and cleared his way with great determination through the enemy's line.

Capt. Robert Vacy Clifford Ash, R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy attacked and almost surrounded his dressing-station, he remained at his post under intense machine-gun and shell fire, attending to the wounded with complete disregard of danger. He got all the wounded safely away, and was instrumental in saving the transport and a large part of the personnel of the field ambulance. He then volunteered to return at once to the firing line, where he did excellent work in a most exposed position. He set a magnificent example of courage and devotion to duty.

2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) Laurence Ashling, Hamps. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company across a canal bridge under heavy fire and established it on the far side of a village, forming a defensive flank when he could not get touch with the troops on his left.

T./2nd Lt. John Pennington Ashton, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his section up in front of the line under heavy fire to cover the infantry, which was consolidating. On the evacuation of this line he remained behind to cover the withdrawal of the infantry, being the last to leave the line. The confidence of the infantry in this machine-gun section was due to his personal example of courage and gallantry.

2nd Lt. John Augustus Samuel Aylward, Yeo.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an action. He showed the greatest coolness and ability when his platoon was enfiladed during the attack, and saved many lives by his judgment and skill in a difficult situation.

2nd Lt. Arthur Babbage, Glouc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He held the enemy back at a critical time with rifle fire whilst a bombing block was being constructed. He held the block against six determined attacks, and though twice temporarily forced back owing to

shortage of bombs, he returned each time. He was the last of the party to withdraw, and remained sniping and bombing the enemy during the withdrawal. He set a splendid example of courage and determination.

2nd Lt. Evan Murray Macgregor Balfour, S. Gds., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst in command of his platoon he was responsible for getting in touch with the battalion on the flank. The situation being obscure, he took out a patrol, ascertained the position of the enemy, and also the exact position of the battalion on the flank. The information which he obtained was of the greatest value at a critical stage of the operations.

2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) William Treanor Ball, L'pool R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the leading wave of his company was held up by the enemy's wire he went forward and reconnoitred the situation under heavy fire. He handled his company with great coolness and skill in a most difficult situation, and remained at duty, though wounded.

Lt. Wilfrid Barnard, K.O.S.B., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At a critical moment, realising that the flank of his battalion was exposed, he led his platoon to a flank, under heavy machine gun fire, and drove the enemy back. Later, he walked up and down in the open under very heavy fire directing the consolidation. His courageous example was of the greatest value.

Capt. John Canning Lethbridge Barnett, Ox. and Bucks. L.I. and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When information was urgently needed he volunteered to go out on patrol in a gale of wind and most difficult conditions. The patrol was successful, and valuable information was obtained. On another occasion he made a reconnaissance in a thick fog, flying often at a height of 40 feet, and was heavily fired on from the ground. He showed the greatest courage and determination.

2nd Lt. (T./Capt.) Crocker Edmund Barrington, R.F.A. and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He attacked enemy transport with bombs from a height of fifty feet, two of his bombs exploding on the rear of the column. He led his formation successfully on many occasions in very bad weather conditions and obtained valuable information.

T./2nd Lt. Robert Scott Barrowman, R. Innis. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst in command of his company he showed the greatest dash and initiative, and his capable leadership assisted his company to gain its objective rapidly. Prior to the attack he did splendid patrol work and obtained much valuable information.