

were within 50 yards. Afterwards he materially assisted in organising the second line of defence, and by his example of courage and coolness, in steadying the men.

T./Capt. John Aylmer, attd. R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the brigade withdrawal. All the battalions had gone except about 200 men of mixed units, when information was received that the position was to be maintained. For two hours the fire was held in the hope of reinforcements arriving, until the survivors were reduced to less than 40. His company was then exposed to terrific machine-gun fire in enfilade. Again and again he rallied the men, and even when shot through the knee, refused to be taken down until he received orders to withdraw. His courage and most indomitable spirit were beyond praise.

T./Capt. Eric Bache, S. Staff. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of his company and later of the battalion, when his C.O. became a casualty. He made a personal reconnaissance, when the situation was obscure, getting within 15 yards of the enemy, and later extricated his battalion from a difficult position without loss.

T./Lt. Kenneth Bagshaw, Manch. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He commanded a party of thirty men carrying ammunition to the front line across the open ground in daylight under heavy shell and machine-gun fire. His party had heavy casualties, but by his leadership and determination he rallied his men and got the ammunition through in time.

T./2nd Lt. Charles Henry Bailey, R. Mar. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After his company commander had been killed he displayed great courage and initiative in clearing up a most difficult situation under heavy machine-gun fire. Next day he led his platoon forward in a successful counter-attack, and consolidated his position under heavy enemy fire.

Rev. Robert Cuthbert Steele Bailey, T/C.F., 4th Cl., A.C.D.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in giving the most valuable assistance to the medical officer, tending the wounded under very heavy shell fire, and it was largely due to him that the medical officer was able to attend to an exceptionally heavy batch of casualties. For five days he courageously worked under enemy fire and though most exhausted from want of sleep and food, he never for a moment wavered in his duty.

T./2nd Lt. Walter George Bailey, Norfolk R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the line had to be reformed under heavy machine-gun fire, this officer moved about, placing the men in the best positions. He then made several journeys to

an ammunition dump in front of the line, bringing back ammunition which was much needed. He also brought back a man who was lying wounded in the open.

2nd Lt. David Baillie, A. Cyc. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of three Lewis guns. When the enemy attacked after a heavy bombardment, he handled his men with great skill, and was continually moving about during the barrage encouraging his men, quite regardless of his own safety.

2nd Lt. Angus Alastair Bain, R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his battery was suddenly subjected to a heavy concentration of hostile shell fire, and a direct hit was made on one gun-pit, causing a fire in the ammunition store, he rushed with two gunners to the scene of the fire and extinguished the flames. While doing this he was badly wounded.

2nd Lt. Charles Donald Baird, R. Scots.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He commanded his platoon throughout nine days' fighting, and handled it during successive withdrawals with great coolness and ability. On one occasion, although first buried himself, he dug out several of his men who had been buried by shell fire.

T./2nd Lt. Ian Robertson Baird, R. Berks. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After a heavy enemy attack, his company was ordered to reinforce a front line company, and during the advance the company commander and the second in command, as well as 40 per cent. of the company, became casualties. He immediately took charge, rallied the survivors, and reached the objective. Finding the line disorganised, he immediately systematised the defence, and by his prompt action succeeded in repelling an attack.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) William James Stirling Baird, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of the battery wagon line, when hostile infantry suddenly opened with machine guns and rifles at short range. He displayed great ability and resource in getting all away to a place of safety, and subsequently in maintaining touch with his gun line under difficult circumstances.

T./2nd Lt. George Henry Baker, Leic. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a counter-attack by his company on the enemy, who had penetrated the front posts. He showed great pluck and determination in driving the enemy back, working a Lewis gun himself, and was eventually wounded while organising the position.

T./2nd Lt. Harry Leslie Baker, L'pool R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a counter-attack on a position.