

Lt. Noel McEachran Barclay, A. & S. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of demolition parties, he was detailed to blow up bridges, on receipt of orders to do so. Owing to the failure of a runner to get through, the demolition party was left in "No Man's Land," whereupon he destroyed the bridges on his own initiative, and withdrew through an intense shell and machine-gun fire.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Christopher Gurney Barclay, C. Gds.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty throughout lengthy operations. Twice he organised and led counter-attacks against strong enemy bombing attacks, and successfully beat them off. Later, when both his subaltern officers and senior N.C.O.'s had become casualties, and his company had suffered severe losses from intense artillery fire, he set such a splendid example of courage and disregard of danger that when the enemy attacked after this barrage his men were instrumental in withering the attack.

Lt. (Temp. Capt.) John M. Barker, R.E., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His company dug a double task of trench work under continuous shell fire, and afterwards held the trenches, while the infantry retired through them. Later, he advanced with his company and re-occupied some of the ground, which had been given up. He was subsequently sent to get in touch with other troops, whom he found and brought up to close a gap in the line. He was twice slightly wounded during the day.

Lt. (A./Capt.) John Shaw Barker, Lan. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Early in lengthy operations, as senior officer, he took command of the battalion, remaining in command until wounded several days later. During this period, with the view of checking the enemy, he blew up a bridge, and, later, when part of the line was falling back, he went forward and re-established it. Throughout he displayed the greatest courage and resource, and set a magnificent example to all ranks.

T./Lt. Robert Arnold Barker, N. & Derby. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took charge of a company, when the company commander was killed, and successfully repelled three attacks, handling his men with great courage and determination. His work at all times was particularly praiseworthy.

T./Lt. Francis Ernest Wade Bennett, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With complete disregard of personal danger he displayed great energy and determination throughout the operations. When the town had been evacuated, and while it was burning and being subjected to heavy shelling and machine-gun fire, he demolished all the bridges. The enemy had already entered the town from the opposite end.

T./2nd Lt. Arthur Alan Barrett, R. Berks. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during long operations as acting Adjutant of the battalion. Throughout he displayed high courage, initiative and a complete grasp of the situations, and was of the greatest value to the C.O. On one occasion he took command of a company in a counter-attack, which reached its objective, and organised a new line under heavy fire, showing a total disregard for danger.

T./Lt. Edward Alphonse Winston Barron, Res. Cav.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while commanding numerous liaison patrols under heavy fire and bringing back most accurate information. On one occasion, when part of the line had been driven in, he rallied parties of infantry, re-organised them, and led them back to a position where they consolidated and held on, thus delaying the enemy's advance and giving time for fresh troops to come up.

Lt. Frederick Barter, V.C., R.W. Fus., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when ordered to make a flank attack. He led his two platoons up a precipitous hill, and turned the enemy's flank. Then, placing one platoon with two Lewis guns to command the enemy's line of retreat, he gallantly led an attack with the other platoon from the rear and flank, killing or capturing practically the whole garrison.

T./2nd Lt. Guy Ronald Bass, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in command of one Vickers gun. He kept his gun in action in face of direct enemy machine-gun fire, and when compelled to withdraw it 100 yards went back for ammunition to his original position. While there he saw a wounded man lying 200 yards off, and went out and brought him in. He displayed fine courage throughout.

T./Capt. Harold Bass, W. York. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. An enemy attack in force succeeded in driving back a front line for about 100 yards. In command of the battalion he showed great courage and coolness in reforming his men under heavy shell and machine-gun fire, and sending them forward in waves, and also in the reorganisation of immediate supports, thereby enabling the front line to be strengthened and held. His splendid example at a critical period had a most reassuring effect upon all ranks under his command.

T./Lt. Cyril Percy Bassingthwaight, Norf. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the C.O. had been wounded, he took command of the battalion, and showed great skill in reorganising stragglers into fighting units under heavy fire. He continued to hold a line, with the greatest courage and determination, until relieved. Throughout the operations he set a magnifi-