

Capt. Hugh Armitage Baker, R.H.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Though ordered to retire, on observing a counter-attack developing, he took his battery forward again under heavy shell fire. By his quick appreciation of the situation and total disregard of danger he rendered valuable assistance to the counter-attack.

T./2nd Lt. Joseph Leonard Baker, North'd Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer reorganised the company after a counter-attack in which all the other officers of the company had become casualties, re-establishing the position. Throughout several days' fighting he set a splendid example of coolness and courage, keeping his men steady when troops near were being driven out by the weight of the enemy barrage.

T./2nd Lt. Lionel Charles Edwin Baker, R.W. Surr. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his battalion had suffered heavy casualties he took command for five days and showed great courage and ability. By his courage and endurance under heavy machine-gun and shell fire he set a fine example to his men.

T./Lt. (A/Maj.) William Frederick Baldwin, D.C.M., R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in handling his company. At short notice, and with limited means at his disposal, he successfully completed a long line of posts during the night, and held them until fully manned by other troops. His coolness and gallant conduct in action were most marked. Though often working with tired troops, he invariably got a great deal of work done, and was always ready to deal efficiently with changing situations.

Capt. Francis Cecil Campbell Balfour, North'd Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in entering a town in which the inhabitants were hostile, and in leaving and returning to it repeatedly under fire.

T./2nd Lt. Oswald Arthur Ballard, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry, devotion, and skill in handling his section during a hostile attack and subsequent operations. On one occasion, when three of his guns had been destroyed, and his section had suffered 75 per cent. of casualties, he was buried with his gun, and, although it was pierced through the barrel casing, he dug it out and had it in action again during a most critical period and under heavy fire. It was mainly due to his courage and coolness under extremely trying circumstances that his guns were enabled to protect a gap in the line which it was impossible at the time for the infantry to fill on account of the intensity of the enemy's fire

T./Lt. Ernest George Balls, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer carried out by night the final preparations for a mobile cylinder gas attack under heavy shell fire. He showed great courage and energy, and it was largely due to him that the operation was successful.

Rev. Harold Spencer Bally, T./C.F., 4th Class, A.C. Dept.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action, when he constantly went out, under heavy shell and machine-gun fire, to find and collect wounded who were lying in the open and to bring them in. Throughout the night he set a splendid example of devotion to duty.

Lt. (A./Capt.) George Louis St. Clair Bambridge, Ir. Gds., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy, attacking in great strength, succeeded in driving a wedge into our line, this officer immediately led a counter-attack which was entirely successful, the enemy being driven back with loss and the line re-established. It was entirely due to his initiative and dash that the line was maintained.

2nd Lt. Henry Bambrough, R.G.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when acting as forward observation officer. He remained at the observation post and continued to send back valuable information with the enemy on both flanks. Frequently afterwards he passed through heavy barrages to gain information which enabled fire to be directed on the enemy massing.

T./2nd Lt. Gordon Laurie Barclay, attd. Lanc. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in organising a raid and leading his platoon in its execution. He got his men through the enemy's wire, attacked a post and took prisoners and a machine gun. He showed coolness and dash, and remarkable powers of leadership, and brought his platoon back with very few casualties.

T./Lt. John Rankine Barclay, H.L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was seriously wounded while leading his men successfully to their objective under very heavy fire. He led his men with ability and dash, and set a fine example of courage and determination.

Lt. Albert Bardsley, N. Lan. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer handled his transport most efficiently throughout eight days' operations. Each night supplies had to be brought up under heavy shell fire, and when water pumps were broken by shelling he quickly organised another system of supply, which necessitated his constant supervision, having to keep water carts on the move to avoid shell fire. His coolness and cheerfulness were a great asset.