

and companies. His untiring work and coolness were an inspiration to his men.

Lt. Charles Bavin, Shrops. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Throughout ten days' fighting whilst temporarily in command of a battery this officer displayed coolness and courage on many occasions. On one day alone he successively occupied four positions, covering withdrawals, filling gaps, and each time extricating his battery at the last moment. Again, when the last to retire along a road, he set fire to a large petrol and forage dump which had been abandoned. Another day he kept his guns supplied and in action, holding up the enemy the whole day.

Lt. (A./Maj.) Harry Bernard Bavister, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer commanded his battery during six days' hard fighting with conspicuous success. On one occasion, when the battery was giving effective support to the infantry, he remained in action till the last possible moment, and then succeeded in skilfully withdrawing his guns to a fresh position, notwithstanding heavy shell fire and the proximity of the advancing enemy.

Capt. William Hudson Baxter, E. Lan. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as brigade transport officer. Under heavy shelling he got the whole of the brigade rations and water through to the battalions in the line. Thanks to his energy and courage ammunition and rations were always delivered.

T./Lt. Ronald Victor Baylis, M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a withdrawal this officer handled and fought his guns most skilfully. He covered the withdrawal of the infantry and inflicted very heavy casualties on the enemy, finally driving them back in disorder. Throughout the operations he set a splendid example of cheerfulness and courage to his men.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Launcelot Myles Bayly, R. Ir. Rif., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He commanded a company through a week's heavy fighting, taking part in rear-guard actions and counter-attacks, in which he set a fine example. On one occasion he carried a Lewis gun the whole of a long march.

T./Lt. George Mackie Beaton, H.L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took forward a party of men, reorganised them, and successfully forced back the attacking enemy. During the night he carried out a daring reconnaissance under machine-gun and rifle fire, and brought back very valuable information of the enemy position.

Rev. Ernest Halden Beattie, A. Chapln. Dept.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, especially on two occasions. The first, when a position had to be evacuated, he made several journeys under heavy fire, bringing in wounded who would otherwise have been left. On a second occasion, a wounded man had been left out all night, as the stretcher-bearers could not find him in the dark. This officer led out a search party at dawn and after scouring the country for some time under heavy fire, found him and assisted in carrying him in.

2nd Lt. Hubert William Hastings Beaumont, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Two forward guns of this officer's battery had to be abandoned early in the day, and in the evening were in "No Man's Land." After making a careful reconnaissance of their position, he took up teams and successfully withdrew both of them. This is not the only occasion on which he has shown courage and resource.

Capt. Frederick Stanley Bedale, M.B., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer was working at an aid post in a village, a portion of which was captured by the enemy. He remained until the last possible moment, only leaving when all wounded had been evacuated. He then established an aid post in the open, working unceasingly day and night, being the only medical officer left in the area, and his staff greatly reduced. His attention to the wounded, at grave personal risk, was most praiseworthy.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Frederick Stanley Beecroft, E. Surr. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when acting as transport officer to the battalion. He personally delivered small arm ammunition, grenades, rations, water, and Royal Engineers' stores at all hours of the day and night, generally under heavy shell and machine-gun fire, especially in a counter-attack, when he made great efforts to deliver small arm ammunition, etc., to the attacking companies, but was driven back by direct machine-gun fire. During the withdrawal he managed to maintain a constant supply, always having to pass through heavy fire.

Lt. Arthur Edward Irving Belcher, Yorks. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in command of the company in close support. Thanks to his coolness and good leadership his line was held intact, although the enemy had forced the front line. He also very gallantly led his company in a counter-attack later in the day.

T./2nd Lt. David Alexander Bell, R. Scots.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a fortnight's operations this officer showed skill and determination. When left with only a few men he took com-