

of danger kept up the spirit of the men. He was badly hit, but refused to leave the control post until eventually led away by another officer. He set a fine example to his men under trying conditions.

2nd Lt. James Winstanley Barker, 6th Bn., L'pool R., T.F., attd. 13th Bn.

His company was the leading wave in an advance, early in which his company commander was wounded. He took control, and led the company to the assault in the face of heavy machine-gun fire from the flank and front. He showed great courage and determination throughout, and his splendid example inspired all ranks with him to go forward.

Lt. Thomas Theodore Barnard, C. Gds., Spec. Res., attd. 2nd Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry in command of half a company during an attack. He led his men splendidly through heavy machine-gun fire, took his objective, and consolidated his position. When forced to withdraw he withdrew the remains of his command (about twenty men) in perfect order. He showed fine courage and leadership.

2nd Lt. Cecil Edward Barnett, 1/15th Bn., Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a critical time he collected a party of stragglers from other units and led them out under heavy machine-gun and shell fire, and for seven hours held the line at a point where a break had threatened until the position was firmly established. He has previously shown great courage and resource in time of stress.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Frank Stephen Gilmore Barnett, 13th Bde., R.F.A.

(MESOPOTAMIA)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He carried out a difficult reconnaissance in daylight up to within 200 yards of the enemy's position. During subsequent operations he made another reconnaissance under fire, and found a ford across the river, enabling guns to be got across.

T./Sub. Lt. Walter Barnett, Anson Bn., R.N.V.R., R.N. Div.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. Under heavy machine-gun fire he successfully led his company forward by rushes to the final objective. Twenty-seven enemy machine guns were afterwards counted on the ground over which his company passed, and it was chiefly owing to their determined advance that the battalion was able to reach its final objective. He showed fine courage and leadership.

T./Sub Lt. Edward Charlton Barrass, Hood Bn., R.N.V.R., R.N.D.

When the platoon of which he was in command was held up by the severe machine-gun fire of the enemy, he went forward to reconnoitre personally, and, having located the position of the machine gun, he brought forward his Lewis gun and put the enemy gun out of action. He behaved with great gallantry and composure

under heavy fire, and his action enabled the advance to proceed.

T./2nd Lt. John Bartley, 14th Bn., R. Welsh Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of the left front company, which was held up at the head of a communication trench. He organised and led four unsuccessful attacks, but later led a bombing attack, which cleared the front line of the enemy, with the capture of eight prisoners. In a counter-attack the next day the enemy regained the trench, but by mid-day he had organised an assault and again recaptured it. He showed coolness and determination in hard fighting.

T./2nd Lt. John William Barton, 12th Bn., Manch. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer led his company to meet a counter-attack. The company on his left was outnumbered and nearly surrounded, but he brought his company up with such dash and determination that he saved the situation, which seemed to be hopeless. Later in the day, when he and some men were isolated, they fought their way out by hand-to-hand fighting.

2nd Lt. Harry Michael Bates, R.F.A., T.F., attd. 28th Bty., 9th Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the battery was responding to a S.O.S. call, his section suffered heavy casualties from shell fire. He kept both his guns firing, and eventually, with the help of a gunner, he fought one gun after all the detachment had become casualties. The man with him was severely wounded, and the gun put out of action, so he reported for duty to the next section, after dressing the man's wounds under heavy fire. This was his first action, and he came out of it with flying colours.

T./2nd Lt. Thomas Henry Batty, E. York. R., attd. 7th Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the leading company, after crossing the first objective, was held up and suffered heavy casualties, this officer, in command of the support company, led it through the leading company, whose officers had all become casualties, and, taking both companies forward, captured the next objective and over 100 prisoners. He then reorganised both companies for defence against counter-attacks under heavy fire.

2nd Lt. Robert John Batzer, 3/10th Bn., attd. 28th Bn., Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer led his company with great dash in an attack on a village, pushed through it, and captured a machine gun, which he turned on the enemy. Throughout the operations he set a fine example and led his company successfully, owing to previous personal reconnaissances made under fire.

Lt. Bawa Harkishan Singh, Indian Medical Service.

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For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty and coolness under fire when in charge