

of the dressing station of the ambulance. The dressing station came under heavy fire at night and the situation was critical for a time. He, however, collected the wounded and brought them in. He also showed great coolness and initiative when the ambulance was bombed by aeroplanes during and after the attack.

T./Surg. David Leishman Baxter, R.N., attd. 1st Bn., R. Marines.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He early established an aid post well forward, and continued to move forward with the advance, showing utter disregard of personal danger when searching for wounded and having them dressed under heavy fire. He caused all wounded to be rapidly evacuated, and throughout set a very fine example to his staff.

Capt. Vernon Beadon, U.L., attd. 2/9th Gurkha Rif. (MESOPOTAMIA)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed great coolness and determination during an advance against a strong enemy position. Owing to his able handling, his company, though heavily fired on, suffered very few casualties.

2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) Harry Beckingham, North'n R., attd. 6th Bn., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry during an advance. He led his company first across a river, having by his determined courage and energy under heavy machine-gun fire caused bridges to be rapidly thrown across, thus ensuring the crossing of the three following companies also, and enabling the battalion to reach its forming-up line for a successful attack.

T./2nd Lt. Ernest Bolitho Beech, 13th Bn., Welsh R.

After several attempts had been made without success to cross a canal, he, with six men, succeeded in crossing in face of severe opposition from machine guns and snipers, and secured the crossing for the battalion. Later, when his battalion commenced to cross the bridge, it came under severe fire from snipers and a machine gun on a spur overlooking the bridge. He led his platoon with great courage and skill round behind the gun, bayoneted the team, and captured the gun, and then disposed of the snipers. His conduct was magnificent throughout the fighting.

T./2nd Lt. George Waite Beesley, 7th Bn., Leic. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack on a sugar factory he skilfully organised and controlled mopping-up parties. When he saw some of the enemy making for some trench mortars, which were out in front of the line, he dashed out and drove them back single-handed. He showed marked ability and leadership.

T./2nd Lt. Samuel Parker Beggs, 219th Fld. Coy., R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer, with his section, bridged a canal and river by night, and, in spite of machine-gun and rifle fire, suc-

ceeded in getting the infantry across. The success of the undertaking was entirely due to his courage and initiative.

T./Capt. Roy Neville Benjamin, 12th Bn., attd. 10th Bn., R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy counter-attacked and almost surrounded his company, he formed a defensive flank and drove the enemy back. For forty-eight hours he was continuously attacked, and four times he launched counter-attacks, depriving the enemy of any ground he had gained. Though he and his men were exhausted they held on and consolidated the position, chiefly thanks to his indomitable spirit of endurance.

2nd Lt. Thomas John Benjamin, 3rd Bn., attd. 12th Bn., Glouc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. He led his platoon with the greatest dash and personally rushed a machine gun, killing two gunners, and then turned the gun on the fleeing enemy. Subsequently, by pushing his platoon forward under heavy fire, he captured three enemy field guns. He showed splendid courage and leadership.

Lt. Arthur George Bennett, R.F.A., T.F., attd. X/62nd T.M. By.

He was in charge of a section of trench mortars, which took part in a barrage, and on completion of this he went forward with the infantry to reconnoitre the hostile trench mortar position, taking with him a gunner. They met four of the enemy, partly concealed, who had been overlooked by the first wave, and who were then sniping our men from the rear. With difficulty they got round, and then rushed them, taking them prisoners, thereby undoubtedly saving many casualties.

T./2nd Lt. George Bennett, attd. Wilts. R. (2nd Bn.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer led his platoon forward with great determination, capturing a hostile machine-gun which threatened to impede the advance. During the subsequent stages of the attack he continued to show great enterprise helping forward the troops on either flank, and generally contributing to the success of the operations.

T./Lt. Henry Ewart Bethune, 12th Bn., H.L.I.

The enemy were holding positions the exact location of which were uncertain. He led a daylight patrol with the greatest courage and skill, crossing "No Man's Land," and, pushing on, taking advantage of shell holes and folds in the ground whenever hostile machine-gun fire was directed on him, until finally held up by intense fire. He then skilfully withdrew, returning with the loss of one man only, and with very valuable information.

Lt. George Norman Blair, North'd Fus., Spec. Res., attd. 39th Bn., M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer was in command of a company whose guns were detailed to hold an outpost line. He made a reconnaissance