

T./Lt. Cyril Percy Bassingthwaite, M.C., Norf. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion in action. When his C.O. and all senior officers had become casualties, he took command of the battalion and displayed the greatest courage and energy in organising the men, and also neighbouring units, and holding his position against repeated attacks. Eventually, with only three officers and about 200 men left, he was ordered to evacuate the position, which he successfully did without further casualties.

(M.C. gazetted 26th July, 1918.)

T./Capt. Stanley James Annear Beale, M.C., M.B., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in working unceasingly for forty-eight hours at advanced aid posts. As each post in its turn became untenable he moved back to another, all the time carrying on dressing and evacuating wounded, while frequently exposed to machine-gun fire. By his energy he was responsible for saving large numbers of wounded from falling into the enemy's hands.

(M.C. gazetted 26th September, 1917.)

T./2nd Lt. (T./Capt.) Andrew Weatherby Beauchamp-Proctor, M.C., Gen. List., attd. R.A.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while leading offensive patrols. He has lately destroyed three enemy machines, driven down one other completely out of control, and carried out valuable work in attacking enemy troops and transport on the ground from low altitudes. He has done splendid service.

(M.C. gazetted 22nd June, 1918.)

Lt. (T./Capt.) James Dacres Belgrave, M.C., Ox. & Bucks. L.I., attd. R.A.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst leading offensive patrols. In four days he destroyed two enemy machines and drove down four others. The odds were heavy against him, and he did magnificent work.

(M.C. gazetted 18th July, 1917.)

Capt. John Arthur Bell, M.C., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. He was ordered to replace a medical officer, who was wounded, and at once went up through a very heavy barrage, established a dressing-station in the open, and showed the greatest coolness and devotion to duty in attending the wounded under very heavy shell fire. He continued his fine work for several days, and was the means of saving many lives. His courage and fine example greatly inspired all ranks with him.

(M.C. gazetted 17th September, 1917.)

T./Capt. Robert Harman Bell, M.C., Ox. & Bucks. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Throughout twelve days' fighting this officer rendered invaluable services, both in carrying messages and in rallying men who

were falling back. Time after time he went forward at critical moments, and rallied men, re-establishing the line, always under shell or machine-gun fire.

(M.C. gazetted 18th October, 1917.)

Lt. (A./Maj.) Vivian Lionel Bennett, M.C., Norf. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While in command of the rearguard he found about fifty of the enemy with a machine gun established across the road on which the withdrawal was taking place. He immediately charged them, at the same time sending a party round the flank. Four of the enemy were killed, the rest scattered, and the machine gun was captured.

(M.C. gazetted 26th September, 1916.)

Capt. Percy Bentley, M.C., York. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As adjutant during heavy enemy attacks he showed great tact in moving the battalion to a position on the flank from which to launch a counter-attack, which was successful. Later, when his commanding officer was killed, he took command, and displayed fine courage and powers of leadership.

(M.C. gazetted 1st January, 1917.)

T./Capt. Rodney Knight Beswick, M.C., Lan. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his commanding officer became a casualty he assumed command of the battalion, and throughout the remainder of the operations showed great skill and determination, organising several counter-attacks, and by his strong personality and powers of leadership setting a most inspiring example to his men.

(M.C. gazetted 11th December, 1916.)

Lieut. Gerald Alfred Birks, M.C., R.A.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in destroying four enemy aeroplanes, two of which were destroyed in one fight.

(M.C. gazetted in this Gazette.)

T./Capt. Charles Kennedy Black, M.C., E. Kent R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during recent operations. He rallied and led a small party forward under intense machine-gun fire, temporarily checking the enemy's advance and allowing other troops to be re-formed in rear. Two days later he concluded the withdrawal of two companies with great skill. He displayed energy and resource under trying conditions.

(M.C. gazetted 26th July, 1917.)

Capt. Geoffrey Glynn Blackledge, M.C., L'pool R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After the adjutant had been killed this officer took over his duties. His untiring energy and clear thinking were of the greatest assistance to his commanding officer in dealing with many difficult situations. He several times made personal reconnaissances at great risk, bringing back good