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War Office,
20th October, 1916.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the appointments of the undermentioned Officers to be Companions of the Distinguished Service Order, in recognition of their gallantry and devotion to duty in the Field :—

Capt. the Hon. Harold Rupert Leofric George Alexander, M.C., Ir. Gds.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He was the life and soul of the attack, and throughout the day led forward not only his own men but men of all regiments. He held the trenches gained in spite of heavy machine-gun fire.

Capt. Philip Noel Anstruther, M.C., R. W. Kent R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. When sent forward to report on the situation, he found some 150 men scattered about the edge of a wood with no officers. He rallied them and pushed on to the final objective, consolidated his position, brought five machine guns into action, and maintained his position against attacks from three sides.

Surg.-Maj. Francis William Bailey, R.F.A. (Medical Officer).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the batteries of his brigade came under heavy shell fire, he at once went out to tend the wounded and dying in the open with utter disregard of danger.

Capt. (temp. Lt.-Col.) Randle Barnett Barker, R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry during operations. He took over and organised the defences of a wood with great skill, after making a personal reconnaissance of the whole wood under shell and machine gun fire. He has done other fine work, and has displayed great personal bravery.

Temp. Maj. Victor Michael Barrington-Ward, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry. During a fire at an ammunition depôt he took an engine between sheds where ammunition was exploding, and brought back 15 men who were exposed to considerable danger.

Capt. Michael Charles Bell, M.C., R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and skilful handling of his company in attack. His organisation and initiative were very marked.

withdraw, and, working his way round the enemy's flank, used his machine gun with great effect.

1912 Sjt. A. Boyd, Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry during operations. When all his officers had become casualties, he took charge, and extricated his company with great skill. He set a fine example of coolness and determination.

3276 Sjt. H. Carson, Aust. Pioneers.

For conspicuous and consistent gallantry during operations. He has repeatedly carried out work under heavy fire, and has set a fine example. On one occasion he was buried by a shell, but, after a short rest, recommenced work.

4199 Sjt. E. G. Deveson, Aust. Pioneers.

For conspicuous gallantry during operations. He worked unceasingly for several days and nights consolidating advanced positions, and showed complete disregard of danger. He was several times buried by shells.

845 Sjt. H. Edwards, Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and able reconnaissance work in action, and notably when in command of a carrying party, which made three endeavours to reach a post, under very heavy shell and machine gun fire, during which he was severely wounded.

3131 L./Cpl. F. H. Fitzpatrick, Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry. He repeatedly repaired telephone wires under heavy shell-fire, and, when telephone communication was cut, he acted voluntarily as a runner, and carried many messages through the enemy barrage.

2553 Sjt. S. J. J. Garton, Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry during operations. Though he had been buried by a shell, he led out his party, and dug a communication trench under heavy fire in "No Man's Land." Two days later he dug out two of his comrades, though himself suffering from shock.

555 Coy. Sjt. Maj. L. Grieve, Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and skilful leadership during operations, when in charge of working parties under heavy fire. In spite of severe casualties, he succeeded, by his bravery and example, in getting a dangerous piece of work completed, and later he carried in, single-handed, three wounded men.

2672b Pte. A. G. Hardie, Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry. For several days he carried wounded men night and day under heavy shell-fire. He showed a dogged pluck and determination at a time of stress.

1742 Actg. Sjt. E. L. C. Hodge, Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry during a hostile counter-attack. He held his trench when it had been practically obliterated, and, under heavy shell-fire, led a digging party, which rescued some 20 buried men.

2226 Sjt. E. R. Holland, Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry during four days of operations. He carried out dangerous reconnaissances under heavy fire. Though buried himself, he assisted in rescuing others, and, during a counter-attack, he did great execution with a machine gun.

65 Sjt. F. C. James, Aust. Eng.

For conspicuous gallantry during operations. He maintained the communications and laid and repaired wires under very heavy shell fire, working day and night without rest.

3781 Pte. R. G. Kearey, Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry as a stretcher-bearer. He tended the wounded under very heavy shell fire, working unceasingly and without rest. His fine example kept up the spirits of his comrades.

3150 Pte. S. H. Kirby, Aust. A.M.C.

For conspicuous bravery and coolness in action in attending the wounded under heavy fire. His work was carried out in the open without any shelter other than shell-holes. His gallant conduct has been noted on previous occasions.

1546 Pte. A. Leonard, Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous bravery and devotion during operations as a volunteer runner and stretcher-bearer, performing splendid work until he collapsed. On recovering, he resumed his work, and continued collecting wounded until he was himself wounded.

1724 Pte. C. St. L. Lousada, Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion in volunteering to carry water across open ground, and through an extremely heavy barrage of artillery fire, to severely wounded men. Later he displayed great bravery as a stretcher-bearer, exhibiting a fine example of endurance and soldierly spirit.

125 Sjt. F. McCooey, Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and ability during operations, when, the platoon commander having been wounded, he assumed command, and led his men with great bravery and judgment. He also carried in a wounded man over the open under close range rifle fire.

2948 Pte. D. H. McKenzie, Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. When the N.C.O.'s had become casualties, he took charge of the bayonet team, and, though three times knocked over by shells, continued to lead them with great dash.

3388 Pte. J. McRae, Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry. Though badly wounded, he continued to direct the construction of a strong point under heavy shell fire, after his officer and N.C.O.'s had been wounded.

324 Sjt. F. J. S. Mead, Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry during operations. He went out and directed a platoon, which had lost its way, under heavy shell fire. On other occasions he has done fine and gallant work.