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War Office,
April 26th, 1917.

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:—

*Maj. Robert Geoffrey Baker, Punjabis, Ind. Army.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed a quick grasp of the situation, and with great ability secured his left flank at a critical time, rendering it possible to organise further attacks elsewhere. His fearless, personal example contributed largely to the success of a difficult operation.

*Temp. Capt. Aubrey David Mapleton Farrer, R. Welsh Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went forward alone a distance of 1,000 yards under very heavy fire to take command of an advanced post. Although wounded, he succeeded in reaching the post, and held it with marked skill and determina-

tion against great odds. Later in the day he was severely wounded.

Capt. Alexander Harcourt Griffiths, D.C.L.I., attd. King's African Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his column in a most gallant manner against a strongly entrenched position and captured a field gun. He has consistently shown great coolness and ability.

Temp. 2nd Lt. Harold Everett Hitchin, Durh. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a bombing party. He made three most gallant attempts to force his way into the enemy's position and himself shot four of the enemy with his revolver. Later, he voluntarily joined in another Company's attack, and rendered invaluable assistance. He was largely responsible for the final success of the operations.

2nd Lt. Mark King, C. Gds., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon through an intense hostile barrage, displaying the greatest