

Lt. Harry Guiselin Atkin, S. Staff. R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the advance was held up he reached an advanced position with a handful of men. He held on in spite of heavy rifle and machine-gun fire from both flanks until the consolidation was complete, and skilfully withdrew his remaining men when almost surrounded. It was largely due to his actions that the gains of the day were held.

Lt. Herbert Frederick Atwill, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Twice during an attack, when one of his guns was hit and an ammunition dump set on fire, it was due to his prompt action that serious loss of life was averted and the rate of barrage fire maintained. Later, when another gun pit was hit, he succeeded in putting out the fire and saving a number of wounded men from being burnt to death.

Lt. Frederick Graeme Avery, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in maintaining communication under heavy shell fire between his brigade headquarters and battalions in the line, although the lines were repeatedly cut. His good work was especially noticeable during an attack by the division, when he succeeded in maintaining communication throughout the day.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Minden Francis Badcock, Glouc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a successful raiding party. The party captured four prisoners and a machine gun, killed fifteen of the enemy, and destroyed several dug-outs. Before the night of the raid he personally took out a patrol over the ground and gained valuable information. When returning, he ran into an enemy post, which he dealt with successfully, bombing them and getting the whole of his party back without casualties. During the raid he shot one of the enemy with his revolver when he attempted to bayonet him. He was the last to leave the enemy's trench and, finding a mobile charge which had not been used, returned up the trench and threw it down a dug-out.

T./2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) Bertram Baden, Worc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He showed great courage and ability in handling his men, and initiative and resource in organising bombing parties, and handling Lewis guns when the original teams had become casualties. Though wounded early in the advance, he continued in command of his platoon throughout.

Capt. Cyril William Curtis Bain, W. Rid. R., attd. M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his section through a heavy hostile barrage to the captured enemy position. By his prompt opening of fire he did much to break up a hostile counter-attack on his position.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Arthur Baker, York & Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as officer commanding a reserve company in an attack. He pushed forward his company beyond the battalion objective. All the other company commanders having become casualties, he reorganised the greater part of the battalion and made a personal reconnaissance which was of the greatest assistance to the commanding officer.

T./Lt. Norman Butler Baker, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in twice taking up pack trains through very heavy barrages. His action in getting up large amounts of small arm ammunition was entirely responsible for the success of the machine-gun barrage.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Paul Studholme Barker, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in running a wire to his battery observation post, maintaining communication all day, and calibrating his battery under heavy hostile fire.

2nd/Lt. Geoffrey Bayzand, C. Gds., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of the battalion forward party advancing in rear of the leading battalion. Later, he was in charge of all carrying parties, and successfully brought up material and water in spite of continuous shelling and the almost impassable condition of the ground. Fresh carrying parties were detailed each time, but he took charge of each one.

T./Lt. Stanley Gordon Beazley, Gen. List.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of the brigade signal section during two days' operations. Although all lines forward of brigade headquarters, including the buried cable, were continually broken, yet every message sent was duly delivered by one means or another. He personally discovered and superintended the repair of repeated breaks in his 400 yards of line.

T./2nd Lt. Frank Henry Bedford, North'd Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While he was engaged in road construction an intense enemy barrage caused several casualties among his men. He put the remaining men under cover and himself remained assisting the wounded and carrying some of them away, one on his back. He was knocked down twice and partially buried, but continued his efforts and saved many lives.

T./2nd Lt. Rowland Bedford, Dev. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in attacking a wood occupied by machine guns and snipers, who were causing great damage. Through his vigorous action this critical position was captured.

Lt. (A./Maj.) Kenneth Norman Bell, R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in moving his guns forward to a new