

T./Capt. (A./Maj.) James Biggam, M.B., R.A.M.C. (D.A.D.M.S., 3rd Cav. Div.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the night of 3rd-4th October, 1918, he carried important messages to advanced collecting posts at Joncourt, the road being under heavy machine-gun fire and bombing from aircraft. On the night of 9th-10th October, he carried out an exhaustive reconnaissance of roads and villages under heavy shell fire. His untiring energy was worthy of great praise.

Lt. George Charles Patrick, Lord Bingham, 1st Bn., C. Gds.

For conspicuous gallantry and leadership in the action on the Hindenburg Line on 27th September, 1918. After considerable difficulty in crossing the Canal du Nord, he led his company under intense enfilade machine-gun fire with his left flank exposed to the objective. Both his subalterns and most of his N.C.O.s became casualties, and he was wounded in two places, but carried on and directed the consolidation, although in great pain.

Lt. George Edmondson Birkett, R.A.M.C. (Spec. Res.), att'd. 1st Bn., Gloucester Regt.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty throughout 15th and 16th September, 1918, during operations south of Maissemy. Working under heavy shell and machine-gun fire he brought in several wounded men. The enemy shot down many stretcher-bearers and stretcher parties on the 16th, but this officer worked indefatigably and continued to search for and bring in wounded until he was wounded in the spine by a sniper on the 16th. By his personal courage and energy he undoubtedly saved many valuable lives.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Balfour Black, 17th Lancers, seconded 13th Bn., Tank Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and skilful leadership near Warfusie-Abancourt on 8th August, 1918. When the infantry were being held up during the second phase of the attack by very heavy fire from machine-gun nests and field guns he personally led his section through a thick fog, and by dealing with machine guns enabled the infantry to get to their jumping-off places quickly and without casualties. Later, when his section attacked the second and third objectives, he followed close behind with the first wave of infantry under very heavy fire until the final objective was reached. He then rallied his Tanks and directed the towing of a disabled Tank under heavy bombardment. Throughout the action he showed marked coolness and courage.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Denis Victor Black, E. Yorkshire Regt., seconded 2nd Bn., Tank Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and ability in action on 8th and 9th August, 1918, E. of Amiens. The section of Tanks under his command did excellent work and reduced numerous enemy points of resistance, capturing or destroying many guns and machine guns. After Tanks of his own and other sections had been put out of action near Rosieres by direct hits, he went round the disabled Tanks under heavy fire, noting their position and condition, and seeing to

the evacuation of the wounded. He also brought back valuable information as to the situation on the flanks. He behaved splendidly throughout.

T./2nd Lieut. Norman Henry Gershöm Blackburn, att'd R. Berks. R. (8th Bn.).

For conspicuous gallantry and distinguished leadership on 24th August, 1918, in the attack on the crater at La Boisselle. He bombed one enemy machine-gun team, and put a second team out of action with his revolver. His platoon encountered and dealt with twelve machine guns and took 150 prisoners.

T./2nd Lt. William Blackley, M.M., 2nd Bn., H.L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and skill in command of a company, which was ordered on the 12th September, 1918, to clear the hostile trench system north of Havrincourt. He personally organised and directed all his parties, kept them supplied with bombs, and reinforced those held up or weakened through casualties. His company captured many prisoners, caused heavy enemy casualties, and gained all objectives in an advance of 800 yards on a wide front.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Eric Henry Blaker, R.G.A. (SALONIKA)

For conspicuous gallantry in skill in manœuvring his battery from 18th to 20th September, 1918, in front of the Blaza Planina. His battery was heavily shelled for three days during the advance up the Belles, and by good manœuvring he reduced the number of his casualties. He also silenced an enemy battery on the summit of the Belles. His courage and cheerfulness throughout inspired his men.

2nd Lt. James Fraser Blakey, 9th Bn., Durham L. Infy., T.F.

For gallant conduct during operations at Havrincourt between 12th and 15th September, 1918. He led his men in the attack over most difficult country and in the face of heavy artillery and machine-gun fire. Subsequently he did some very useful reconnaissance work and succeeded in gaining touch with a flanking division at a critical time.

Lt. William John Blanksby, Derby Yeo. (SALONIKA)

For conspicuous gallantry at Cestovo on 24th September, 1918. He three times carried messages back from the advance troops under very heavy shell fire and directed the remainder of the regiment through enemy barrage to places of safety. Thanks to his coolness and initiative, the main body of the regiment was brought up with very few casualties. He was acting adjutant, and throughout the operations and pursuit rendered excellent service.

T./2nd Lt. Frederick William Blincowe, att'd. E. Surr. R. (8th Bn.).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative near Rancourt on 1st September, 1918. He commanded a company in the advance.