

2nd/Lt. Reginald Bruce Ashcroft, Notts. and Derby. R., Spec. Res., and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He rendered invaluable assistance to our infantry in the attack, flying several times through heavy barrage and using his machine gun at a very low altitude. He has consistently done splendid work in contact patrols and in attacking enemy infantry from low altitudes.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Charles Percy Atkin, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Having reconnoitred a position for his battery under continuous shell fire he brought them into action over very difficult ground and in spite of severe casualties maintained their fighting spirit by showing a complete indifference to personal danger. When ordered to withdraw he again set a splendid personal example under exceedingly trying conditions, as it became necessary to organise rescue parties to extricate three of his guns which had stuck in shell holes on the way—but for his able handling and splendid coolness and gallantry the casualties would have been much more severe.

Lt. Thomas Douglas Atkinson, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the withdrawal of his battery from a forward position one gun was badly stuck in a shell hole, and heavy shell fire was at once directed upon it by the enemy. He remained with a party of his own N.C.O.'s and men, and by his example of coolness and energy so encouraged them that the gun was eventually extricated and taken to its position, thus enabling the complete battery to take its place in the barrage line.

T./Lt. John Malcolm Attwooll, R.W. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although wounded he led his company to its objective with splendid pluck and determination, disregarding all offers of medical treatment until he had completed his work, and returning to duty as soon as his wound was dressed. He set a fine example of devotion to duty.

T./Capt. Bernard Edgar Aylwin, A.S.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. For many nights in succession he took convoys of lorries carrying ammunition to battery positions through very severe hostile shelling. He never failed to deliver the ammunition, setting a magnificent example to his men by his personal gallantry and disregard for his own safety. On many occasions he was of the greatest assistance to the traffic, returning to the roads under heavy shell fire to warn approaching traffic, thereby saving many casualties. His fearlessness and devotion were beyond all praise.

Lt. The Hon. Victor Alexander William Brisbane Cochrane Baillie, S. Gds., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he was knocked down and badly cut about the face and body by a shell. He carried on, however, deployed his company, and remained with them throughout the day, having distinguished himself by his quick resource in establishing a defensive flank at a critical moment, and of the

accuracy and conciseness of his reports upon the situation. His splendid example of pluck and devotion to duty inspired all ranks under his command.

2nd Lt. James Bain, Sea. Highrs., attd. M.G. Coy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on two separate occasions. During a hostile attack upon our trenches he visited his guns during an intense bombardment, by his coolness setting an example to his men, and encouraging them to keep their guns in action. One gun was permanently and another temporarily put-out of action. Three nights later, during another hostile attack, he personally mounted and fired a gun which had been temporarily put out of action, and although wounded, carried on his work and inspired his men with the greatest confidence. He afterwards took over the duties of the second in command of the company, and was of great assistance to the company commander during reorganisation.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Euston Edward Francis Baker, Midd'x R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went forward in a most fearless manner under very heavy shell fire, and assisted companies who had lost all their officers to reorganise and consolidate the ground they had captured. Later, during a further advance, he took command of his battalion and inspired all ranks with the greatest confidence, setting an example of coolness and courage throughout a very trying period.

T./2nd Lt. Albert George Baker, Tank Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a tank. In spite of great difficulties he reached his objective and drove the enemy out, inflicting severe casualties on them. He and his crew assisted the infantry in consolidating the position. By his skill and determination a strong point, which had defied previous attempts at capture, was taken with practically no loss.

T./Capt. Melville Balfour, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an advance of his brigade to a forward position. At a moment when the advance was blocked by another battery which was in front he took charge of the other as well as his own and brought both batteries into action. He worked for three hours under heavy shell fire to accomplish this task, which required exceptional determination and strong personal influence.

2nd Lt. Philip Maxwell Balfour, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a heavy bombardment of his battery he organised a party, and at great personal risk, extinguished a burning ammunition dump. Two days afterwards, when acting as Brigade Forward Observing Officer, he showed great initiative in obtaining information as to the position of the infantry, making two journeys in the dark through an intense shell and machine gun barrage to a battalion headquarters 600 yards away. He was the means of bringing