

T./2nd Lt. Charles Evanson Ashe, attd. Leins. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He commanded his company single-handed for three days, and by his coolness and ability in meeting a hostile counter-attack upon our outpost line greatly inspired his men. He was tireless in the performance of his duties and was constantly on the alert throughout a critical period of seventy-two hours.

Lt. Leonard Henry Askwith, Yeo.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company with great determination and secured all his objectives. He captured single-handed an enemy machine gun, killing the leader and taking one officer and 18 other ranks prisoners. He set a fine example to his men.

Capt. Robert Ringrove Gelston Atkins, M.B., R.A.M.C., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. For 72 hours he worked continuously with his stretcher squads under very heavy artillery fire. He worked throughout a whole night between the various regimental aid posts and the advanced dressing station, organising the evacuation of a large number of stretcher cases. He set a splendid example to all under him.

T./Capt. Rupert Norman Gould Atkinson, Gen. List and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer has done a large amount of successful artillery work, has taken part in many night bombing raids, and has continually distinguished himself by his fearlessness and determination in descending to low altitudes in order to attack hostile infantry and machine guns. On one occasion, also, he successfully attacked and drove down a hostile balloon.

2nd Lt. Ernest William Austin, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. A large dump of ammunition was set on fire by enemy shelling. Several thousand rounds of ammunition were exploded and piles of ammunition close by were set on fire three times. On each occasion he succeeded in extinguishing the fires at great risk from the exploding ammunition. He set an excellent example of coolness and gallantry.

T./2nd Lt. John Marshall Bailey, North'n R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although himself suffering both from a wound and shock, when his company commander became a casualty, he applied first aid under fire to this officer, and then took charge of the company. He led it forward, and showed great judgment in consolidating the position gained, while simultaneously sending out patrols to threaten the enemy front. He displayed great organising ability in maintaining touch with the troops on his flanks. In spite of his wounds he remained in command of his company until ordered by his commanding officer to remain at battalion headquarters.

T./Lt. Alfred Manson Rose Bain, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He kept his guns in action under an intense enemy bombardment, going over the open on one occasion for 200 yards through a barrage to reach one of his guns. His courage and coolness were a splendid example to his men.

2nd Lt. Albert George Baker, Tank Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Despite great difficulties he reached his objective, a strong concrete emplacement, from which he succeeded in driving out the infantry holding it, inflicting severe casualties on the enemy as they fled. He then assisted the infantry to consolidate the position by manning shell holes with the guns from his tank. Through his skill and determination a strong point, which had previously defied all attempts at capture, was enabled to be taken with a minimum loss.

2nd Lt. (T./Lt.) Walter Baker, Glouc. R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in command of his company the bombing post protecting his flank was heavily attacked and forced to retire. He immediately organised a bombing attack and drove out the enemy, who left five dead in the trench. His coolness and personal courage were a fine example, and materially helped to hold the position.

T./2nd Lt. Thomas Patrick Ballingall, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the driver of one armoured car had become a casualty, he got out of his own car under heavy fire, and fastening the towing rope to the other car succeeded in bringing it out of action, although he was within 500 yards of the enemy's position and in very exposed country.

2nd Lt. Donald Harry Banks, R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of a forward observation party that pushed forward immediately the infantry attacked. For forty-eight hours he continued to observe and send back valuable information, and carried out his duties under very heavy shell and machine-gun fire. He showed great courage and absolute disregard of his own safety under heavy concentrated fire.

Temp. 2nd Lt. Norman Keith Barber, attd. Ches. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Previous to an attack he led several patrols, examining the enemy's wire, locating his working parties, and acquiring the necessary command of the ground. On one occasion, when in charge of a covering party, he went four times through heavy shell fire to locate a section of his party which had not received the order to withdraw. Throughout the operations he showed exceptional coolness, resource and devotion to duty.