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Lt. (A./Capt.) Leslie Vero Atkinson, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in temporary command of a battery. In spite of heavy casualties he fought his battery through a retirement with great coolness and ability, and showed a fine example of gallantry and good leadership.

T./2nd Lt. Arthur George Atcock, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When an enemy machine gun was harassing the retiring troops from a wood, this officer led forward his section and destroyed the gun team. Later, when the company was in danger of being cut off in a village, he remained behind with his section, fighting from house to house, while the remainder of the company was being withdrawn.

Lt. Hubert Kennedy Austin, Som. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack this officer was ordered to take charge of a report centre on our first objective. On arrival at the point he found a party of four or five of the enemy who had not been mopped up. Immediately attacking with his two runners, he captured the whole party, established the report centre, and continued to send valuable reports and messages throughout the day.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Norman Bates Avery, R.W. Surr. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company with great skill and dash in a variety of difficult situations. On one occasion, his company being practically surrounded, he fought his way back, and established the line by a fine effort of leadership.

2nd Lt. William Cecil Ayers, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer, returning from work, found the enemy advancing along a road between two important villages. Realising the serious situation, he, with another officer, dug two strong points with his sappers and checked the advance. Outflanked on both sides, and suffering many casualties from shell and machine-gun fire, they held on until the infantry had had time to consolidate behind them, when they were withdrawn.

2nd Lt. George Arthur Cust Badham, R.G.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He did very valuable work in keeping his detachment to their work under heavy shell fire and in getting guns out of action when close to the enemy.

2nd Lt. (A./Maj.) Daniel Benjamin Bailey, R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under heavy shell fire he kept his

guns in action, and moved to and fro in the open, encouraging his men. The battery inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy, and then withdrew. After two guns had been got away he led a party of volunteers, and succeeded in bringing away the third gun without damage to material or personnel.

2nd Lt. Henry Bailey, N. Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer was in position with a few men at the head of a sap, and held off an enemy attack by bombing them, causing heavy casualties. He bombed his way along the sap, surrounded by the enemy, and cleared them off. He then returned and consolidated his first position, holding against repeated attacks. He captured several prisoners and a machine-gun.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) John Vernon Moncas Bailey, A.O.D.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy aeroplanes bombed the ammunition depôt, this officer voluntarily remained in the face of heavy fire to uncouple and save half an ammunition train, the remainder of which was already alight. With the aid of another officer and some men he got the salvaged portion of the train away to comparative safety. His gallantry and coolness were of great service.

Lt. Daniel Bain, R. Scots.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy had broken through on the left flank he at once led forward reinforcements under very heavy fire, and re-established the line. He showed a fine example of cheerfulness and courage during the three days he held the front line.

2nd Lt. Wilmot Johnston Baird, R.G.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when ordered to carry out an important shoot in support of an infantry attack. Just before the time for opening fire the enemy shelled his battery with gas and high explosive. Under this heavy shelling he calmly walked up and down behind the guns encouraging the men, and by his fine example caused the battery to complete firing on its allotted task.

Lt. Frank Baird-Smith, Sco. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during enemy attacks. When in command of Brigade Headquarters details he more than once took up good positions and offered stout resistance to the enemy under heavy fire, and when ordered to withdraw he did so with skill and efficiency.

T./Capt. (A./Maj.) Dudley Molyneux Baker, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a battery. He was slightly wounded, but refused to leave his battery till severely wounded a fortnight later. At one place the cross-roads were being heavily shelled, and all his guns had to come out of a gateway at this place. It was only through his coolness and gallantry that all the guns were extricated.