

T./2nd Lt. James Atkinson, attd. R. Sco. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went out alone in broad daylight and discovered an enemy post. Next day he took out two men with the intention of capturing it. As they were trying to capture the sentry about twenty more of the enemy jumped out from shelters close by, whereupon one of 2nd Lt. Atkinson's men threw a bomb at them and badly wounded one man, who was carried back to our lines, while 2nd Lt. Atkinson kept back the enemy with bombs. Throughout he displayed great courage and coolness, and obtained an important identification.

T./Lt. (A./Maj.) Owen Perdue Attewell, R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a night attack this officer was in command of the 3rd line. He handled his company with great skill, despatching out-flanking parties to assist the two leading lines wherever held up. The mopping-up and consolidation of the enemy front line posts, with which he was entrusted, was very thoroughly done under heavy shell fire. His coolness and cheerfulness contributed greatly to the success of the operation.

T./2nd Lt. (A./Lt.) Frank Baines, N. Lan. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, when by his ability and skill he enabled his small composite force to hold up the enemy's advance for a considerable time. The enemy repeatedly attacked his right flank, but was driven back on each occasion. Although his force suffered heavy casualties, his coolness and good leadership caused them to hold their position until it was almost surrounded.

2nd Lt. William Henry Barker, Leins. R. S.R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He led his platoon with great dash and determination under heavy shell and machine-gun fire, and with his platoon runner rushed an enemy machine gun, bayonetting two of the crew and capturing the gun. When his objective was reached he ably assisted platoons on his right and left to consolidate. He did fine service.

2nd Lt. Adrian Bazeley Barltrop, Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He led his company forward with great dash under heavy artillery and machine-gun fire. After a temporary check he took his objective and consolidated the position under continuous heavy fire.

2nd Lt. Robert Sterling Bauld, Lan. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of the reserve company during an attack. When the situation on the left was obscure and the line held up, he collected a party of men and pushed through to the final objective, where he established posts before returning to organise the carrying parties. Throughout the operation he behaved with great coolness.

Lt. William Beckett, D.C.M., Bord. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when ordered to take forward his company and reinforce another battalion. He found the position occupied by the enemy, whom he immediately attacked with his company, and handled his men most skilfully though forced to withdraw to his original position. Later in the day, he held a position for six hours against repeated enemy attacks, and showed great determination and good leadership.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Otto Behrendt, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy advance. He was sent forward on a motor bicycle in the direction of two villages to obtain accurate information of the enemy, which he successfully did. Later in the day he was sent forward again, and found both villages one after the other occupied by the enemy, who fired upon him with machine guns and rifles. Before returning, however, he completed his reconnaissance and brought back valuable information.

T./2nd Lt. Reginald Bellgrove, R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid. He set a very fine example to the men under his command, and the success of the raid was largely due to his determined leadership and the excellent patrol work done by him previous to the raid.

T./Lt. William Bennett, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while laying cable. He was suddenly surprised by the enemy, and only succeeded by skill and coolness in extricating his cable wagons under heavy machine-gun fire. Throughout the day he set a fine example of energy and determination to his men, and was largely responsible for maintaining telephone communication.

2nd Lt. Charles Richard Benstead, R.G.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in making a valuable reconnaissance for observation posts, exposing himself fearlessly in many places in front of the advanced infantry posts in his search for suitable points. The enemy was shelling heavily at the time, and his snipers were occasionally troublesome.

2nd Lt. Harold Alfred Benwell, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while commanding a platoon, which formed part of a raiding party. On reaching the enemy front line, his platoon encountered strong resistance from bombs and rifle fire. Though wounded in the neck at an early stage, he secured three prisoners, and withdrew his party successfully in the face of the enemy.

Capt. Alfred Lang Bodley, R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a dug-out was heavily shelled