

T./Lt. Adam Proctor Atkinson, attd. Midd'x R., 1st Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in front of Villers Guislain on 29th September, 1918. He rushed forward at the head of his company and gained his first objective. Afterwards he was surrounded during an enemy counter-attack, but held his post for twenty-four hours against concentrated fire from front and rear. He was the only surviving officer of his company, and kept his men in good heart by his determined example.

Lt. Archie Atkinson, 8th Bn., Midd'x R., T.F., attd. 1st Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty south of Villers Guislain on 23rd September, 1918. He led a bombing party down an enemy trench, and held on for over two hours, till compelled to withdraw by shortage of bombs. Although wounded, his persistent cheerfulness and energy set a fine example to his platoon.

Lt. Edward Arthur Atkinson, N. Ir. Horse, S.R., attd. Vth Cyclist Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership during the advance from 22nd August, 1918, to 1st September, 1918; especially on 23rd August, 1918, near Le Burgue. When the left flank of a battalion was severely threatened, realising the situation, he, of his own initiative, led forward three Lewis gun teams under heavy fire and brought them into action, nullifying the attempts of the enemy, and enabling the battalion to hold its position.

Capt. (A./Maj.) Kenlis Percival Atkinson, A./178th Bde., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in the attack on the suburbs of Cambrai on 30th September, 1918. Following close behind the infantry over the Canal de L'Escant, he brought his guns into action under extremely heavy artillery and machine-gun fire, and destroyed several machine gun nests, which enabled the infantry to establish their position.

T./2nd Lt. Charles Ernest Austin, 12th Bn., K.R.R.C.

In the Mericourt section, on the 20th September, 1918, for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a patrol. After assisting to place the Bangalore torpedo in position this officer rejoined his party and led the raiders through the gap in the wire. By his example of fearlessness and determination he was largely responsible in ensuring the success of the raid, which was carried out successfully in the face of opposition, and resulted in the capture of a prisoner.

Lt. Gerald William Avens, M.M., 1/16th Bn., Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 27th September, 1918, during the attack at Sauchy Cauchy. He led his company up to the Agachi River to reinforce other troops who were held up. He had to cross by single file over a broken bridge, and when he had got about twelve men over he led them with a cheer into the middle of the enemy, killing several and

taking about twenty prisoners. With the enemy all round, he held the railway under intense fire until reinforced.

T./2nd Lt. Cyril James Backshall, K.R.R.C., attd. 18th Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the attack south-west of Gheluwe on 2nd October, 1918. He took command of the company after the commander had been wounded, and, leading it forward under heavy fire, captured a strong point. He then assisted to reorganise the remnants of the battalion and to hold the line. His coolness and courage were an example to all.

Capt. Gerald Deighton Bailey, 1st Bn., Leins. R. (EGYPT)

For conspicuous gallantry and determined leadership during a raid on Ghurabeh Ridge on night of 12th/13th August, 1918. He commanded his company with great skill and coolness under heavy fire. On another company being thrown into disorder, he reformed it, and enabled operations to be continued according to plan. He led his company through four successive assaults, capturing three machine guns and sixty prisoners.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Wilfred Ernest Baker, 5th Bn., R. Lancaster R., seconded 13th Bn., Tank Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Morcourt on 8th August, 1918. In thick fog he accompanied his section on foot, and got all his Tanks on to the first objective, being responsible with his Tank for the surrender of several enemy machine-gun posts. He then led his tanks to the second objective, walking across under heavy fire to two Tanks who had lost their way, and guiding them correctly. He indicated and dealt with many machine-gun positions which were holding up the infantry, and throughout showed the greatest coolness and disregard of danger.

T./2nd Lt. Hugh Baldock, attd. Essex R. (2nd Bn.), attd. 15th Bn.

This officer showed great determination and powers of leadership and organisation in a raid on a strongly held position at Two Tree Farm, near Laventie, on 21st September, 1918. After cutting through the wire to reach the post, he surprised the enemy and killed three of them himself. When the party was returning under heavy machine-gun fire he beat off two bombing attacks, and brought back his wounded under difficult conditions.

2nd/Lt. Harold Downward Barber, R.F.A. (Spec. Res.), attd. X/21 T.M. By.

For conspicuous gallantry near Hendicourt on 18th September, 1918, while in charge of a mobile trench mortar in close support of the infantry. In spite of intense shell and machine-gun fire, and gaps having to be cut in several belts of wire, the mortar was brought into action, and inflicted severe casualties on the enemy and damage on their machine-gun emplacements.