

in extreme darkness, the enemy being on the opposite bank, and it was due to his determination and energy that the attack was able to take place successfully. He was the first man to cross his bridge when completed.

T./2nd Lt. John George Oswald Ash, R.A.S.C., M.T., attd. No. 10 Pontoon Pk., Can. Engrs.

He has shown great courage and resource, under heavy shell fire, when in charge of M.T. drawn pontoon and trestle wagons, during recent operations. The success of the bridging operations over the Canal de l'Escault on 9th October, 1918, was largely due to the excellent and speedy manner in which he got his pontoons through the barrage to the bridge site at Morenchies. He has invariably shown tireless energy under trying circumstances.

T./2nd Lt. Arnold Atkinson, 9th Bn., W. York. R.

Throughout the operations from Preseau to Bettgnies from 3rd November to 11th November, 1918, he commanded his company with great coolness and ability. It was greatly due to his efforts that he brought his company through a difficult situation in front of Roisin. Throughout he set a fine example to those under him.

Lt. Richard Atkinson, D/251st (North'n) Bde., R.F.A., T.F.

On the 22nd October, 1918, he was in charge of brigade mounted patrol in advance of the infantry, and carried out a very valuable reconnaissance up to Bousies Village. Later, he dismounted his patrol, and, advancing through to Lannoy under machine-gun fire, brought his patrol back without a casualty, after obtaining much valuable information. On several occasions he has carried out gallant patrol work. Also, on the Somme he was badly wounded while making a reconnaissance.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Stephen Edward Herbert Atkinson, R.F.A. (Spec. Res.), attd. C/124th Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Ghissignies on night of 3rd/4th November, 1918, previous to the attack on 4th November. He led the guns through a heavily shelled area, and succeeded in getting them to their positions ready for the attack. He then personally led up the ammunition wagons through the shelling. Throughout he did excellent work.

T./2nd Lt. George Arthur Attey, 7th Bn., R.W. Kent R.

During operations on 4th November, 1918, when the battalion attacked at Hecq, he displayed conspicuous gallantry and able leadership. He led his platoon forward under intense machine-gun fire and attacked a strong point, killing the garrison and capturing the guns. When the village was being mopped up it was due to his quickness of action that the troops who were following passed through without a casualty.

Lt. John Frederick Laurence Austin, 135th Bty., 26th Bde., R.F.A.

For great gallantry and initiative on 25th October, 1918, near Querenaing. During an

enemy counter-attack he went forward with the battery commander, and on returning found the battery in a very exposed position, suffering casualties from shell and machine-gun fire. He took charge, and led the battery up to the position with much skill, thereby suffering few additional casualties.

2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) Gilbert Victor Auton, D.C.M., 2nd Bn., Wilts. R.

During the advance across the Petit Aunelle on 4th November, 1918, he commanded his company with great courage and skill. At one time his line was temporarily held up by machine-gun fire, and with the aid of a few men he worked round the gun and personally shot one of the enemy team, enabling his company to continue. Later, his company was detailed to mop up the village of Eth, during which operation he, with one man, entered a chateau and captured thirty-eight prisoners.

T./2nd Lt. Arthur Claude Backham, Lincs. R., attd. 6th Bn.

He did very gallant and useful work with his platoon, acting as a fighting patrol when the battalion successfully captured Hem-Lenglet on the 10th October, 1918. He worked forward under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire and established a post, where he held on until dusk. Later, he entered the village and assisted at the capture. On his way his platoon encountered a machine-gun post of the enemy. This post was rushed, the garrison killed and the machine gun captured. It was mainly due to the initiative of this officer, who appreciated the enemy's weak point and succeeded in establishing a strong forward flank position, that the operation was successful.

T./2nd Lt. John Frederick Bagshaw, D.C.M., 1st Bn., Devon. R.

During the operations near St. Remi-Mal-Bati, east of the River Sambre, on the 7th November, 1918, he advanced with his platoon, and captured an advanced isolated position. The platoon held their position in spite of heavy machine-gun and artillery fire. He displayed great gallantry and personal disregard of safety by moving about amongst his men and attending to the evacuation of the wounded.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Joseph Aloysius Baillon, South Staff. R., attd. 7th Bn.

As Adjutant during the advance through Abancourt on the afternoon of 9th October, 1918, he frequently, under heavy fire, proceeded in advance of the battalion in order to find the route. Both before and after this event he carried out his duties regardless of his personal safety under the most adverse conditions, and often under heavy artillery fire.

T./2nd Lt. Matthew Baird, York. L.I., attd. 13th Bn., Rif. Bde.

On 4th November, 1918, near Louvignies, while in charge of a mopping-up platoon, he showed marked courage and initiative in dealing with several machine-gun posts which had survived the attacking wave, and were causing considerable casualties. On two separate occasions he, with his platoon, surrounded these positions, capturing or killing