

Although exposed to enemy fire, he, with great bravery and devotion, persisted in his work until each gun had been knocked out, all the Battery officers killed or wounded, and until finally he was himself severely wounded.

2nd Lt. (actg. Capt.) Frank Kirtley Artis, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He commanded a F.O. post during an attack. Despite an intense enemy barrage and continuous sniping, he went out time after time and repaired the wires. His splendid example in maintaining communication proved of the utmost value to the artillery.

2nd Lt. (temp. Lt.) John Percival Curtis Ashworth, Suff. R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the advance of his Battalion was held up, he made a reconnaissance under heavy fire, and returned with most valuable information. He showed great coolness and initiative throughout.

Capt. Richard Leonard Atkinson, R.W. Surr. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative. When his Company Commander was killed he at once assumed command, reorganised the company and, with great bravery, led it to its final objective, which he successfully consolidated.

Temp. Lt. Ralph Luttrell Bailey, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Throughout 48 hours, when commanding his section, which was scattered over a wide field, he continued to visit his guns. It was entirely due to his personal disregard for danger under heavy fire that his guns were handled to such good advantage.

2nd Lt. (actg. Lt.) Douglas Monro King Baird, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has performed consistent good work when acting as Observation Officer. Often under intense enemy barrage he continued to observe his battery fire, and thus rendered service of the utmost value.

2nd Lt. (actg. Capt.) Felix Charles Baker, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in rallying and leading forward his men at a most critical moment during an attack, when the flank of his brigade was held up and in danger of becoming disorganised. His dash and bravery enabled the attack to proceed successfully.

2nd Lt. Hugh Arthur Baker, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He successfully carried out most useful work under very trying conditions. He traced the jumping-off trench under machine-gun fire, erecting shelters and collecting material for a bridge. All this was done under hostile artillery barrage, and throughout he set a splendid example.

2nd Lt. (actg. Capt.) Lionel John Baker, Suff. R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company with the greatest skill and courage. He organised a bombing attack on the enemy trench which was still holding out. His disregard for danger was an example to all, and contributed largely to the final success.

2nd Lt. Alfred Ball, Linc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the advance being definitely held up he took command of the men of all companies on the spot. Under heavy machine-gun fire he carried out the reorganisation of the battalion and worked with complete disregard for danger throughout the day.

Temp. Lt. Charles Willard Ballard, R. Suss. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He repeatedly went out on patrol under very heavy fire to gain touch with the enemy. He attacked six of the enemy single-handed and dispersed them, though they resisted with bombs and rifle fire, and though badly wounded and gassed he remained in command of his company for two days, affording a splendid example of pluck and determination.

Temp. 2nd Lt. Frank Edward Barker, Essex R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The advance was held up by an enemy strong point. He led a bombing party round the flank and, despite heavy rifle fire and grenades, succeeded in capturing the position which was garrisoned by 30 of the enemy.

Temp. 2nd Lt. Frederick Cecil Barlow, Som. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed great dash and initiative in leading a patrol to capture a further position. Later, he led an attack under heavy machine gun fire. Though wounded he continued to advance until compelled to stop owing to casualties.

Temp. 2nd Lt. Osborn Barlow, S. Staffs. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He commanded his platoon which was held up by enemy wire. Despite a galling fire from machine guns he walked up and down urging and directing his men. Though wounded in both arms he remained at duty.

2nd Lt. John Reginald Barnes, R.F.A., Spec Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed great energy and determination when acting as F.O.O. Although under heavy shell and machine gun fire he kept the position well in hand until the battery had advanced to its new position.

Temp. Sub-Lt. Thomas Barrow-Dowling, R.N.V.R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion. When, during an intense barrage, three of