

2nd Lt. William Atkinson, R.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when responsible for the ammunition supply to gun positions during a period of six days. He carried out his work admirably, invariably under heavy shell fire, notably upon one occasion when he had charge of a large ammunition convoy under a very heavy hostile barrage. In spite of many casualties to men and horses he showed the greatest coolness and disregard of danger, effecting the clearance of the convoy (64 wagons) from the danger zone after the whole of the ammunition had been unloaded at the allotted positions.

T./2nd Lt. Alan Harvey Ayscough, R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when out with a patrol in No Man's Land. A sap head about 150 yards away was suddenly attacked on both flanks by the enemy. He returned to the sap head through a very heavy trench mortar barrage, and so disposed his Lewis guns as to enfilade both parties of the enemy, afterwards taking personal charge of the bombing section and inflicting such casualties upon the enemy that they were dispersed. His prompt and gallant action inspired all ranks with the greatest confidence.

2nd Lt. (A./Lt.) Alfred James Bailey, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on several occasions. With great fearlessness and promptitude he went to a trench which had been blown in by enemy shell fire, and, assisted by a gunner, rescued a signaller who had been buried, working in full view of and under heavy fire from the enemy. He set a magnificent example of coolness and gallantry under fire when his own trenches were wrecked by shell fire, and on numerous other occasions.

T./2nd Lt. Herbert Cyril Baker, A.S.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of an ammunition supply column. Coming under heavy hostile fire, one of his lorries got stuck where the shelling was most intense. With the utmost coolness and presence of mind he moved the loaded lorries away from the shelled area and then pulled the stranded one into safety, thereby preventing an accident which would undoubtedly have caused great loss of life and ammunition. During the whole time he was under heavy shell fire.

T./Lt. Harold Glasspool Baker, attd. Som. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a patrol of five men. Having penetrated an enemy trench which was temporarily unoccupied 500 yards in advance of our outpost, they were fired upon during their return by some of the enemy in shell holes. He, with an N.C.O., immediately rushed the enemy post, capturing two men and securing an important identification. The night was extremely dark with heavy rain, and it was very creditable to this officer that he should have been able to main-

tain his direction and locate the enemy right the first time.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) William Patrick Balls, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when commanding his battery. Although under heavy shell fire, he continued to observe and control his fire from an exposed position, displaying the utmost coolness and disregard of danger. He has on several occasions shown similar fearlessness and devotion to duty.

2nd Lt. Harry Kinnear Banks, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at a most critical and trying time. The narrow track up which the guns of his brigade were moving into action became blocked with dead and wounded and damaged vehicles, and under persistent and heavy shell fire he cleared the road and enabled the traffic to proceed. It was entirely owing to his prompt initiative and energy that good order was maintained and that the guns came into action before dawn.

2nd Lt. Frederick Charles Barker, Lonu. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his company forward during an attack in the face of intense rifle and machine gun fire, displaying an utter disregard of danger, and very great coolness and skill in reorganising the attack.

2nd Lt. Hugh Cyril Barnes, R. Suss. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as Brigade Intelligence Officer. At a time when most of the communications had been severed he remained at his post, under heavy fire of shells of all calibres, rendering clear and precise reports, which were of the greatest value to our artillery. He showed the utmost gallantry and coolness in an extremely trying situation.

T./Lt. Percy John Barnett, Gen. List and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on many occasions. His reconnaissance work has been particularly daring and successful owing to the pluck and determination with which he has faced bad weather and attacks from hostile aircraft in order to obtain his information. He has taken part in ten successful bomb raids, and his keenness on all occasions has set a splendid example to others.

2nd Lt. Cecil Roy Barrett, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in entering a burning gun-pit amidst exploding cartridges and rescuing one of his men. He then put out the fire himself, thus saving the gun from complete destruction, and showing splendid disregard for danger.

2nd Lt. Herbert Victor Barrett, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As his brigade was going into action the column became disorganised by