

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) George Frederick Rimell Baguley, M.C., 11th Bn., Suff. R.

He led a company near Vendegies on 24th October, 1918, with great dash. He succeeded in getting them across the River Eccaillon very quickly in spite of heavy fire. Later he was severely wounded while leading his company to the attack of a crest strongly held by machine gunners. He continued to cheer his company forward until the crest had been captured and the machine gunners dealt with. His courage and determination were an inspiration to all under his command.

(M.C. gazetted 7th November, 1918.)

Rev. Vivian Greaves Banham, M.C., T./C.F., 4th Cl., R.A.C.D., attd. 291st Bde., R.F.A., T.F.

For extraordinary good work and devotion to duty in assisting wounded from the battery position to the dressing-station thereby undoubtedly being instrumental in saving life. On 29th September, 1918, he was at the battery position northwest of St. Quentin, and made several journeys from the battery position to the dressing-station under very heavy shell fire, showing utter disregard of personal safety. His behaviour throughout was admirable.

(M.C. gazetted 15th February, 1919.)

2nd Lt. Herbert William Bell, M.C., 2/7th Bn., R. War. R., T.F.

Near Maresches on 1st November, 1918, he took his platoon forward under very heavy machine-gun fire to fill a gap, thereby saving a critical situation. Later, during an enemy counter-attack covered by tanks, he handled his platoon with the greatest gallantry under very heavy fire and materially assisted the repulse of the counter-attack. He was slightly wounded early during the operations, but remained at duty until the battalion was relieved.

(M.C. gazetted 7th November, 1918.)

T./Lt. James William Bell, M.C., 21st Bn., Manch. R.

For conspicuous ability and devotion to duty in command of an assaulting company during the operations from 4th/11th October, 1918. He personally organised an attack on a machine gun, silenced it, and enabled the advance to continue. On reaching the battalion objective he made very skilful dispositions for defence under considerable machine-gun fire from the vicinity of Premont. Throughout he showed great gallantry and able leadership.

(M.C. gazetted 18th July, 1917.)

T./Capt. Basil William Bird, M.C., 11th Bn., Notts. & Derby. R.

During the advance from Le Catelet to Le Cateau, from 5th/10th October, 1918, inclusive, he showed great courage and ability. During the attack on Guisencourt Farme, when the right flank of the battalion came under very heavy fire and was in danger of being turned, he collected a party

of men of various units and established a strong post on the flank, thus greatly assisting the re-establishment of the line. Throughout the operations his work was excellent.

(M.C. gazetted 15th October, 1918.)

2nd Lt. Thomas Blair, M.C., 6th Bn., High. L.I., T.F., attd. 6th Bn., K.O.S.B.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Cuerne, on 16th/17th October, 1918. The enemy counter-attacked on the morning of 17th October, with the result that the right company was cut off for a time. He, who was in command of a platoon, met the enemy with Lewis gun and rifle fire, causing them to waver, and he then charged. The enemy fled in disorder. This dashing and timely charge had much to do with the complete repulse of the attack.

(M.C. gazetted 16th February, 1919.)

T./Capt. Brian Willoughby Bond, M.C., 5th Bn., Conn. Rang.

For conspicuous gallantry and fearless leadership at Serain on 8th October, 1918. During the advance on the village, when the line in front began to waver owing to very heavy fire from a series of strongly held machine-gun nests, he went straight through with his company, and finally led the whole line, which killed or captured every member of the machine-gun crews. In this attack he was wounded in the arm, but remained at duty until several hours later, when his company had consolidated themselves in the village, in which there was further heavy fighting. He behaved admirably.

(M.C. gazetted 22nd March, 1919.)

T./2nd Lt. Percy Boulton, M.C., 9th Bn., Tank Corps.

During the action near Mormal Forest on 4th November, 1918, his Tank broke a track near the front line before zero, but he got it into action up to time. He directed his Tank on foot during the greater part of the action, showing marked gallantry and disregard of danger, and in a thick fog thus kept direction to an important objective. He fought his Tank with four guns out of action later in the day, with two of his crew wounded, and undoubtedly by his devotion to duty saved the infantry many casualties.

(M.C. gazetted 1st February, 1919.)

Lt. (A./Capt.) Thomas Henry Bowkett, R.F.A., attd. A/291st (Lond.) Bde., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the morning of 29th September, 1918, when the battery was in action east of Ronsoy, north-west of St. Quentin. In spite of very heavy shell fire and direct machine-gun fire on his battery he carried out a three hours barrage, keeping all guns in action. By his fine example and cheerful disposition he maintained the fighting spirit of all his men, and by his skilful handling of a very difficult situation kept casualties down to a minimum.

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