

Maj. Maurice Vernon Plummer, 51st (How.)
By., 13th Bde., Can. Fld. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Valenciennes on 2nd November, 1918, and preceding days, while acting in command of an artillery brigade in support of infantry, when his courage and untiring efforts materially assisted in the capture of the city. By a daring reconnaissance on 1st November he so placed his forward batteries that they were able to engage hostile machine guns so effectually as to enable the infantry to cross the canal with slight casualties.

Maj. Edson Russell Purvis, 47th Bn. Can. Infy., W. Ont. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and fine leadership during operations near Valenciennes from the 17th to 21st October, 1918, when acting as second in command, and in charge of the advanced headquarters of the battalion. Throughout that period he made several daring reconnaissances, and carried out most valuable liaison work, during much of which he was obliged to cross open ground swept by machine-gun fire and rifle fire from snipers. Later he assumed command of the battalion, and handled the attack with the greatest courage and ability.

Maj. George Willard Treleaven, M.C., 4th Fd. Amb., Can. A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty from 5th to 10th November, 1918, in the Valenciennes—Monsana, in charge of the evacuation of casualties from the forward area of the division. For five days he was continuously under fire in the open, selecting aid posts, and superintending the evacuation of the wounded. He frequently led stretcher parties forward across open ground fully exposed to enemy fire, and his disregard of danger was a splendid example to all ranks.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Capt. Sydney Robert Houghton, M.C., 12th Bn., Aust. Infy.

Near Jeancourt, on 18th September, 1918, his company had to advance over 2,500 yards before attaining their objective. His gallant and able leadership resulted in the rapid and successful capture of each point of resistance by successive operations. With 120 rifles he captured more than 130 prisoners and 12 machine guns. He did fine work.

Capt. John Thomas Hynes, M.M., 15th Bn., Aust. Infy.

During the operations near Jeancourt, north-west of St. Quentin, on 18th September, 1918, he led his company with great skill and courage in the attack, gaining his objective at little cost. He captured about 150 prisoners, two field guns and numerous machine guns. He did fine work.

AWARDED A SECOND BAR TO THE MILITARY CROSS.

T./Lt. (A./Maj.) Cecil Hewitt Atkinson, M.C., D/83rd Bde., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Le Cateau on 23rd October, 1918.

Two guns were put out of action at the commencement of the barrage by hostile fire, and the remaining detachments were short-handed owing to casualties. He went up to the battery's position through the barrage and assisted in one of the detachments until more gunners came up to replace casualties. He was all the time under heavy fire.

(M.C. gazetted 16th August, 1917.)
(1st Bar gazetted 15th February, 1919.)

Lt. (A./Maj.) James Arthur Blackey, M.C., R.F.A., Spec. Res., attd. D/86th Bde.

During the attack on the Hindenburg Line near Bony on 29th September, 1918, his battery was subjected to a very heavy enemy barrage of H.E. and gas. More than half of the men at the guns became casualties. He moved about amongst his guns with the greatest coolness, cheering and encouraging his men, and with the aid of what cooks and odd men could be collected, fired the barrage to the end.

(M.C. gazetted 26th January, 1917.)
(1st Bar gazetted 26th September, 1917.)

T./Lt. Reginald Francis Edsall Blackmore, M.C., Hawke Bn., R.N.D., R.N.V.R.

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership during the operations near Cambrai, 27th September to 1st October, 1918. On the commanding officer being severely wounded he took over command and gallantly led them forward to the attack on Graincourt, which resulted in the capture of field guns and a large number of machine-guns. Later, he made a daring reconnaissance, which resulted in his being able to take two companies across the canal and River l'Escault, which materially assisted in eventually making good the passages.

(M.C. gazetted 26th March, 1917.)
(1st Bar gazetted 11th January, 1919.)

T./Capt. (A./Maj.) Edward Alexander Chisholm, M.C., C/161st Bde., R.F.A.

Near Ors, on 4th November, 1918, he went forward to reconnoitre a position for his battery, and found the infantry held up. He went forward by himself, and captured ten prisoners and an enemy field gun. He sent back the ten prisoners by an orderly from his battery, and then went back and led up a party of infantry to secure the gun which he had captured. He was constantly under machine-gun fire.

(M.C. gazetted 18th October, 1917.)
(1st Bar gazetted 4th February, 1918.)

T./2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) Thomas Buchan Craig, M.C., 13th Bn., K.R.R.C.

During the attack on Louvignies on 4th November, 1918, he led the leading wave in the attack, and throughout the advance displayed marked gallantry and good leadership. When a leading platoon was held up by a thick hedge on the river bank he cut his way through, extemporised a footbridge, and led forward a Lewis-gun section in the face of exceptionally heavy machine-gun fire, and enabled the remainder of the platoon to advance. He materially assisted in the capture of the objective.

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