

wounded, he led a small party to outflank them, killing many, forcing about 50 to surrender, and capturing all the guns.

After consolidation he went with a battle patrol to exploit Marly and forced 60 enemy to surrender. Whilst disarming this party he was severely wounded. Nevertheless, he opened fire and inflicted heavy losses. Finally he was rushed by about 20 enemy and collapsed from weakness and loss of blood.

Throughout the operation he showed the highest degree of valour, and his leadership greatly contributed to the success of the attack. He died on the 2nd November from wounds.

No. 355014 Cpl. (L./Serjt.) William Waring, M.M., late 25th Bn., R. Welsh Fus., T.F. (Welsh-pool).

For most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty at Rossnoy, on 18th September 1918. He led an attack against enemy machine guns which were holding up the advance of neighbouring troops, and, in the face of devastating fire from flank and front, single-handed, rushed a strong point, bayonetting four of the garrison and capturing 20 with their guns.

L./Serjt. Waring then, under heavy shell and machine-gun fire, reorganised his men and led and inspired them for another 400 yards, when he fell mortally wounded.

His valour, determination, and leadership were conspicuous throughout.

No. 422047 Cpl. James M'Phie, late 416th (Edinburgh) Fld. Coy., R.E., T.F. (Edinburgh).

For most conspicuous bravery on the 14th October 1918, when with a party of sappers maintaining a cork float bridge across the Canal de la Sensée near Aubencheul au Bac.

The further end of the bridge was under close machine-gun fire and within reach of hand grenades. When Infantry, just before dawn, were crossing it, closing up resulted and the bridge began to sink and break. Accompanied by a sapper, he jumped into the water, and endeavoured to hold the cork and timbers together, but this they failed to do. Cpl. M'Phie then swam back, and, having reported the broken bridge, immediately started to collect material for repair. It was now daylight. Fully aware that the bridge was under close fire and that the far bank was almost entirely in the hands of the enemy, with the inspiring words "It is death or glory work which must be done for the sake of our patrol on the other side," he led the way, axe in hand, on to the bridge and was at once severely wounded, falling partly into the water, and died after receiving several further wounds. It was due to the magnificent example set by Cpl. M'Phie that touch was maintained with the patrol on the enemy bank at a most critical period.

No. 307817 Lance-Corporal William Amey, 1/8th Bn., R. War. R., T.F. (Birmingham).

For most conspicuous bravery on 4th November 1918, during the attack on Landrécies, when owing to fog many hostile machine-gun nests were missed by the leading troops.

On his own initiative he led his section against a machine-gun nest under heavy fire, drove the garrison into a neighbouring farm, and finally captured about 50 prisoners and several machine guns.

Later, single-handed, and under heavy fire, he attacked a machine-gun post in a farmhouse, killed two of the garrison, and drove the remainder into a cellar until assistance arrived.

Subsequently, single-handed, he rushed a strongly held post, capturing 20 prisoners. He displayed throughout the day the highest degree of valour and determination.

No. 58062 L./Cpl. Allan Leonard Lewis, late 6th Bn., North'n R. (Whitney, Hereford).

For most conspicuous bravery at Rossnoy on the 18th September 1918, when in command of a section on the right of an attacking line held up by intense machine-gun fire. L./Cpl. Lewis, observing that two enemy machine guns were enfilading the line, crawled forward single-handed, and successfully bombed the guns, and by rifle fire later caused the whole team to surrender, thereby enabling the line to advance.

On 21st September 1918, he again displayed great powers of command, and, having rushed his company through the enemy barrage, was killed whilst getting his men under cover from heavy machine-gun fire. Throughout he showed a splendid disregard of danger, and his leadership at a critical period was beyond all praise.

Amendment.

With reference to the award of the Victoria Cross to Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) Dudley Graham Johnson, D.S.O., M.C., South Wales Bord., attd. 2nd Bn., R. Suss. R., notified in London Gazette dated 6th January 1919, the correct rank of this officer is as now shown.

War Office.

30th January 1919.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Meritorious Service Medal to the following Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men in recognition of valuable services rendered with the British Forces in Salonika :

79723 By./S.M. Whitfield, R., A/57th Bde. (West Kirby).

57514 By./S.M. Keating, H. C., 28th D.A.C. (Hornsey).

18232 By./S.M. (A./S.M.) Hartnett, H. J., H.Q. 114th Bde. (Walthamstow).

14121 By./S.M. Rogers, H. J., 96th By. (Gloucester).

178506 By./S.M. (A./S.M.) Avery, J. (Welling).

5848 By./S.M. (A./S.M.) Payne, W. F. H., H.Q. 12th Corps (Plymstock).

48035 Farr. Sjt. Jubb, H., 129th Bde. (East Grinstead).

61316 Farr./S. Sjt. Newton, M., D/1st Bde. (Sunderland).

26084 Sjt. Clamp, H., 28th Div. Arty. (Castle Gresley).

35476 Sjt. Ellis, E., 31st Bde. (South Bank).