

indefatigable in his efforts to alleviate suffering and he rendered invaluable assistance to the medical officer.

T./2nd Lt. Alexander Easson, North'd Fus., attd. 17th Bn. R. Fus.

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on September 28/29th, 1918, near Noyelles. He took command of his company after the company commander had become a casualty, and led the company across the canal with great dash under heavy machine-gun fire, and personally killed part of a machine-gun team. Later, during an enemy counter-attack, he rallied his men and successfully led them forward under very heavy fire. Throughout the operations his example was most inspiring to all his men.

T./Lt. Roland Frederick Edwards, R.W. Surr. R., attd. 11th Bn.

During the operations from September 28th/30th, 1918, west of Comines, and on October 1st, south of Gheluwe, he displayed great courage and initiative whilst commanding his company. During the attack on October 1st he showed great gallantry in directing the front companies, and was severely wounded in the stomach during the attack. His example throughout the whole period was splendid.

T./Lt. Thomas Arthur Edwards, Hawke Bn., R.N.D., R.N.V.R.

In the attack on Niergnies, on October 8th 1918, he displayed great skill in handling his company in a difficult manœuvre. After the objective had been taken the enemy made a determined counter-attack, supported by tanks, on the troops on the company's right flank, as a result of which the latter were compelled temporarily to withdraw. Personally directing the operation he quickly formed a defensive flank, and by his cool courage and good leadership not only were severe losses inflicted on the enemy but an important tactical position was maintained which materially assisted in the reforming of the line at a critical period.

T./Lt. William Gladstone Elias, 32nd Bn. M.G. Corps.

For great gallantry, determination and devotion to duty east of the canal at Bellenlise on September 29th, 1918. He was in charge of a column of eight ammunition wagons which crossed the canal with our leading brigade; in order to form an advanced ammunition dump for the machine guns. He personally reconnoitred the routes to Magny-la-Fosse and finally got the whole of his 260 boxes up to the eastern side of the village in face of shell and machine-gun fire. The establishment of this forward S.A.A. dump materially assisted in the success of the operations.

Lieut. Percy Elliott, 5rd Bn. Sea. Highrs., attd. 1st Bn. (Egypt).

For great devotion to duty and initiative at Beit Lidd on September 20th, 1918. He organised and took command of two neighbouring companies, when all the officers of those two companies had been killed or wounded, and, under very severe machine-gun fire attacked with great vigour, coolness and skill, a position strongly held by machine guns.

T./Capt. John Russell England, S. Wales. Bord., attd. 10th Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on October 8th, 1918. His company was the right flank leading company of the enveloping attack on Villers Outreaux, and though wounded early in the advance he personally led the firing line in face of heavy machine-gun fire from three sides over a distance of nearly 3,000 yards. He repeatedly reorganised his line and throughout gave his men a splendid example of fearless gallantry and utter disregard of personal danger.

T./2nd Lt. Andrew Davidson Erskine, 47th. Bn. M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry in charge of a machine-gun section during operations east of the village of Moislains on September 4th, 1918. He led his section through heavy enemy barrage, and when, owing to gas shelling, his men became disorganised, he rallied them under cover, himself carrying a gun the bearers of which had become casualties. He then led them forward again and established his guns in position, thereby greatly assisting the infantry and preparing the way for the following day's advance. Throughout the whole period from August 22nd to September 7th, he showed great gallantry and resource.

13491 Coy. S./M. David Evans, 14th Bn., R.W. Fus.

On October 8th, 1918, during the attack near Mortho Wood, north of Villers Outreaux, when all his company officers had become casualties, this warrant officer found several sections of his men held up by strong enemy wire. He collected and reorganised these sections and pushed forward through these belts of wire under very heavy machine-gun fire. He then pushed on, capturing and accounting for 20 prisoners of the enemy. He set a splendid example of courage and determination throughout the day.

T./Lt. Ernest Alfred Evans, 38th Bn., M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry near Aubencheul on October 8th, 1918. When the advance of the infantry was held up by wire and machine-gun fire, he went forward and reconnoitred for gaps, to which he subsequently guided them. Later, he pushed his section forward with great boldness and skill, and brought a large number of captured machine guns into action, thereby inflicting severe losses on the retreating enemy, and causing about 50 to surrender. He did splendid work.

2nd Lt. John Evans, 3rd Bn., attd. 14th Bn. Welsh R.

For marked gallantry and able leadership during the attack across the river Selle on October 20th, 1918. He led his company with great determination across the river, and then against the railway embankment in face of very heavy machine-gun and artillery fire, and carried the first objective. On the companies passing through to the second objective he advanced in support and gave valuable help during the consolidation and during the time the battalion held the line.