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T./2nd Lt. Frank Allan Strange, 2nd Bn. R. Berks R.

At Fresnes on October 9th, 1918, he led forward the eight battalion scouts most gallantly and, despite heavy fire from snipers in the houses of Izel, and concealed machine guns, he kept in close touch with the enemy, handling his scouts with such excellent skill that the outpost company commander was enabled to move forward in such a manner that positions were quickly occupied with but few casualties.

T./2nd Lt. Cuthbert William Stratham, 75th Divl. M.G. Bty. M.G. Corps (Egypt).

For conspicuous gallantry, initiative and dash in attack on the Tabsor and Et Tirch defences on September 19th, 1918. He repeatedly went forward under heavy fire to reconnoitre the best line of advance. When the final objective had been reached, he at once brought his guns into action on the position under close-range fire, exposing himself freely while selecting the best gun positions and directing his fire to the greatest advantage. His fire was largely instrumental in breaking up the enemy, who were massing for a counter-attack against the exposed left flank of the infantry, and his bold and skilful handling of his guns undoubtedly saved a very critical situation.

T./2nd Lt. Donald Herbert Sutherland, 2nd Bn. R. Highrs., attd. 8th Bn.

In the attack on October 1st, 1918, north of Ledeghem, he, with a few of his platoon, rushed an enemy machine-gun post in a pill-box on his flank, which had been delaying the advance of his company. Later, when the enemy heavily counter-attacked, he immediately took up a position with his platoon and helped cover the withdrawal of other troops from an exposed position and inflicted considerable loss on the enemy. In the course of this fighting all the men of one of his Lewis-gun sections in a forward position having become casualties from sniping, he went out to the post and fetched the gun and brought it into action against the enemy. His fine courage and coolness throughout the operations were an inspiration to his men.

2nd Lt. George Frederick Stamer Sutton, 5th Bn., attd. 4th Bn. K.R.R.C.

At Le Catelet, on October 3rd, 1918, he showed most conspicuous gallantry in leading his platoon against a strong enemy position at the outskirts of the village. He killed three or four of the enemy with his revolver and used enemy bombs with great effect. He greatly inspired his men with his fine example until he was wounded by bomb in many parts of the body.

2nd Lt. Neville Gordon Sutton, 3rd Bn. R. Scots, attd. 12th Bn.

During operations at Ledeghem on October 1st, 1918, he assumed command of his company after two senior officers had become casualties.

He reorganised his men and led them forward to the attack with the greatest gallantry under heavy fire. He also established an advanced post in a very dangerous part of the village and clung on to it under most difficult conditions until very serious casualties and a re-adjustment of the line caused it to be withdrawn. He gave a striking example of pluck and endurance.

Lt. George Alexander Neville Swiney, H. Bty. 7th Bde. R.H.A.

At Bearevoir, on the evening of October 8th, when his battery was on the march, and was suffering casualties from bombing by enemy aircraft, he went to the help of the other section, whose officer had been knocked out, and did most gallant and untiring work in aiding the wounded and getting away the remaining men and horses. He worked for over two hours in the village, and was instrumental in saving many lives and getting wounded away at once to the dressing station.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Roger Swire, 73rd Fd. Coy. R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry, devotion to duty and determination during the advance to the Haute Beule Canal, especially on October 4th, 1918, when he volunteered to obtain information in full daylight regarding the canal bank, which was urgently required. After three attempts, he finally reached the canal basin, near Wingles. He was heavily sniped by machine guns and snipers from both front and the right flank. Despite this, the reconnaissance was finished and a valuable report rendered.

2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) James Sword, R. Fus., attd. 17th Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack across the Canal l'Escaut, on September 28th/29th, 1918, near Noyelles. He led his company with the utmost determination under heavy machine-gun fire, and when the enemy counter-attacked later in the night, he rallied his men and led them forward again. He was blown up by a shell, but continued to remain with his men, encouraging them to consolidate the line. By his prompt action he undoubtedly saved a dangerous situation.

Lt. (A./Maj.) William Henry Tamlyn, 504th Fld. Coy. R.E., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the morning of September 18th, 1918, a detachment of his company was detailed to follow up the infantry attack and reconnoitre and report on an old British minefield stretching across the country in front of Peiziere. The attack being held up on the right flank, and the R.E. detachment having lost touch with the advance, this officer, despite the exceeding obscurity of the situation and heavy shell and machine-gun fire, proceeded to make the reconnaissance, and although subsequently seriously wounded in the right leg, sent back a clear and concise report on the position and condition of the minefield.

Capt. Harry Tayler, 4th, attd. 1st, Bn. R. Ir. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in the operations south of Dadizele on