

Lieut. (A./Capt.) Ralph Lilley Turner, Indian Army Res. of Officers, att'd. 2nd Bn. 3rd Queen Alex's Own Gurkha Rif. (Egypt).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative on September 19th, 1918, in the attack on the Tabsor defences. While adjutant of the battalion, he organised an attack against a strong point which was threatening to hold up the attack. He brought a Lewis gun to bring flanking fire and led a party through uncut wire, capturing the post with four officers and about 60 men with eight automatic rifles. Throughout the day he was of the greatest assistance to his commanding officer in re-organising the men and leading them forward till the final objective was reached. He did fine work.

T./2nd Lt. Thomas Turner, Hamps. R., att'd. 2/4th Bn., T.F.

For great gallantry on September 30th, 1918, near Rumilly. During an attack on an enemy strong point he led his men with magnificent dash. Although almost all his platoon was knocked out and himself wounded he pressed forward until he was brought down about 30 yards from the enemy machine guns. His gallantry was most marked and was a splendid stimulant to the remainder of his company.

2nd Lt. Walter Alma Turner, 93rd Fd. Coy. R.E.

For gallant conduct and devotion to duty. On the night of October 19/20th, 1918, he was in charge of an Royal Engineer party responsible for placing infantry footbridges across the river Selle, east of Neuville. In spite of heavy enemy machine-gun and rifle fire he successfully reconnoitred the most suitable places, and himself superintended the placing of the bridges one after another. Throughout the night he set a fine example of untiring energy and disregard of danger to his section.

2nd Lt. Basil Turrell, R. Innis. Fus., att'd. 6th Bn.

On October 3rd, 1918, when attacking Prospect Hill, near Le Catelet, he led his platoon with most conspicuous dash and gallantry, particularly in the capture of a strong point which was holding up two platoons. This point he captured at the head of his men, killing or capturing the defenders, and clearing the way for a further advance. Throughout the day he set a splendid example to his platoon.

2/Lt. Philip Hope Unwin, R.F.A. (Spec. Res.) att'd. 255th (High.) Bde., R.F.A., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Avesnes le Sec on October 13th, 1918. He was in charge of a detached section moving forward in close support of the infantry. By his coolness in observation under fire and his initiative and ability to grasp the situation he broke up a counter-attack of the enemy in considerable numbers and forced them to retire, and subsequently silenced some enemy machine guns at close range which were causing casualties to our infantry.

2nd Lt. Denys Redwad Vachell, 12th Fld. Coy., R.E.

For consistent gallantry, efficiency and devotion to duty, notably during an attack south of Bayuel on October 23rd, 1918, when he carried out a valuable engineer reconnaissance close up to the attacking infantry under heavy fire. His clear and concise report was most useful in the subsequent execution of works. He is a promising young officer.

2nd Lt. Edwin Lewis Vale, R.F.A., T.F., att'd. B/174th Bde. R.F.A.

On the Arras front on September 1st, 1918, when he was brigade forward observation officer, he constantly supervised the repair of his telephone line under heavy enemy barrage. In the evening after the enemy had attacked the trench from which he was observing, and communication by lamp was impossible, he personally brought in a most valuable report, passing through a heavy barrage to do so. He showed marked coolness and gallantry.

T.Sub. Lt. Alexander McKay Valentine, Hawke Bn., R.N.D., R.N.V.R.

During the operations before Graincourt, on September 27th, 1918, he led a company forward in a very gallant manner. Despite heavy machine-gun fire and artillery fire at short range he captured the west edge of the village, and by the rapidity of his advance on Knave trench took the enemy by surprise and captured a large number of prisoners. During the operations of September 29th, he again greatly distinguished himself by leading two of his platoons across the Canal de l'Escault under very heavy machine-gun fire and capturing Marcoing trench. He later continued his advance and reached his final objective. By his fine example of courage and determined leadership he was mainly responsible for the success of the operations.

Lt. Harry Vander Weyden, 5th, att'd. 26th Bn. R. Fus.

During the advance on September 28th, 1918, east of Kortewilde, he was in command of a leading platoon, and observing a company of the enemy massing with the intention of restoring the line he immediately assumed command of the leading platoons of his company and dashed forward at their head dispersing the counter-attack before it had time to develop and inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. His prompt and gallant action enabled the enemy's resistance to be overcome along the whole front of the advance.

T./Lt. Eric Van Lennep, Spec. List, att'd. 11/Bn. Sco. Rif. (Salonika).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack on the enemy's positions on September 18th, 1918. He was acting as liaison officer and conducted the battalion on to its point of assembly, later leading them into the attack. On three occasions, although badly wounded, he rallied the troops under a withering machine-gun fire and led them forward. He set a splendid example of courage to all ranks.