

2nd Lt. Harold Robert Wallis, M.M., 5th Bn. S. Staff. R., T.F., attd. 2nd Bn.

During the operations between the Canal du Nord and Canal de St. Quentin, near Noyelles on September 27th/28th, 1918, he showed great contempt for danger. On many occasions he went forward to reconnoitre and during the attack on Orival Wood took up a position in the open under machine-gun fire. On the 27th/28th he took out a patrol and materially assisted in obtaining touch and clearing up the situation.

Lt. Garnet Beauchamp Walter, Indian Army Res. of Officers, attd. 38th Centl. India Horse (Egypt).

On September 6th, 1918, east of River Jordan, while operating in support of "A" Squadron, who were being held up by machine-gun and rifle fire, he manœuvred his squadron to a flank, charged and completely routed the enemy, killing two with his own sword, and taking fourteen prisoners. He was immediately counter-attacked and almost surrounded by very superior enemy forces, afterwards found to consist of two cavalry regiments and a company of infantry. Although himself wounded, he fought his way back with great skill against long odds, inflicting considerable loss on the enemy, and eventually extricating his squadron with a total loss of five killed, one wounded and two missing.

T./2nd Lt. Edwin Cecil Walters, 15th Bn. Tank Corps.

On September 27th, 1918, in the attack on the Canal du Nord his tank came under heavy machine-gun fire and had difficulty in crossing a sunken road. He left the tank and led it across. In addition to making valuable technical notes he served a gun to great advantage. On the approach march, and on the conclusion of the operation of his tank, he assisted in the repair of tanks. It was largely due to his gallantry and untiring efforts that his company maintained a high standard of mechanical efficiency.

T./Lt. (A/Capt.) James Bentley Walters, 12th Bn. Tank Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations at Seranvillers on October 8th, 1918. But for his gallantry and initiative the line on the final objective would have been driven back, as there was no anti-tank defence. Seeing an enemy tank advancing, he engaged it with his own tank and put it out of action. He also did very good work in mopping-up the village.

2nd Lt. Arthur Wardle, Durh. L.I., (Spec. Res.), attd. 2/6th Bn., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry, cool judgment, and initiative. On October 5th, 1918, in the vicinity of Bois Grenier he, with his orderly, was conducting a personal reconnaissance of the Armentières-Wavrin railway. Observing a party of some fifteen of the enemy placing a machine gun to command a road of the greatest tactical importance to our advance, he seized his orderly's rifle and opened fire causing the enemy to abandon the gun which was captured. He then completed his reconnaissance and afterwards led his platoon a considerable distance forward and under heavy fire con-

solidated a position, his operation enabling the right of our line to be advanced and gaining important ground.

T./2nd Lt. Robert Hugh Warren, M.M., attd. Worc. R., 4th Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations at Gheluvelt September 28th-October 3rd, 1918. During the attack on Keelenberg Ridge, after his company commander was wounded, he assumed command and led the company forward with great dash. In the attack on Gheluvelt he led his company forward to the outskirts, and in spite of exceptionally heavy machine-gun and trench mortar fire, maintained his position until relieved at dusk. His fine example of courage and coolness inspired all under his command.

T./2nd Lt. Frederick George Waters, 17th Bn. R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry on September 28/29th, near Noyelles. He swam the Canal de l'Escaut in broad daylight with a rope in order to get a raft across for an attack to be made on the enemy; and reconnoitred the ground on the east side with the enemy only 500 yards away. He was in charge of the leading wave of the attack and led his men with great courage and determination against two machine guns, killing both crews. Later, when the enemy counter-attacked, he rallied his men and led them forward, remaining at duty after being wounded.

Lt. (A/Capt.) Thomas Worden Waters, 5th, attd. 7th Bn., D.C.I.I.

At Acheville on the night September 26/27th, 1918, in command of his company he displayed splendid dash in leading his troops close up under our barrage to the enemy trench. He was first to reach the trench and, jumping in, shot several of the enemy. When the enemy made a strong-counter attack on the night of the 27th he showed great initiative in maintaining touch with the battalion on his right. Throughout the night he showed great courage and devotion to duty.

T./2nd Lt. Evan Hussey Watkins, Welsh R., attd. 13th Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry during the attack north of Le Cateau on October 20th, 1918. He led an attack on two enemy machine guns which were impeding the progress of his company, the attack resulting in both guns and their crews being put out of action, he himself shooting three members of the crews. His fine leadership and valour throughout the engagement were a great inspiration to his men.

Lt. Howell Cyril Watkins, Pembroke Yeo., attd. 24th Bn. Welsh R.

For gallantry, good leading and initiative near Ronssoy. When his company commander was killed during the attack on September 7th, 1918, he immediately took command of the company, which he steadied by his personal example and powers of command, and led with great dash throughout the rest of the day's operations. On September 18th and 21st he again showed great gallantry and dash, fighting his company with conspicuous ability and in spite of a wound with which he was later evacuated.