

Capt. (T./Maj.) James Lewis Watson, 1/5th Bn. W. Rid. R., T.F., attd. 7th Bn. Notts & Derby R., T.F.

He was in command of a company during the operations on October 11th, 1918, east of Naves. He showed absolute disregard of danger under very heavy shell and machine-gun fire, and encouraged his men and inspired them to further efforts. By his great personal gallantry he set a fine example to his men and largely contributed towards their success. Later in the day he was wounded during an enemy counter-attack, and stretcher-bearers were unable to reach him.

2nd Lt. John Wilson Watson, 5th Bn. A. & S. Highrs., T.F., attd. 2nd Bn.

Early in the attack near Neuville on October 10th, 1918, nearly all the men in his platoon became casualties. Rallying the remainder and men of other parties who had been disorganised, he led them forward with great gallantry and coolness against the enemy, who was firing on them with field guns over open sights. Eventually, when all except himself and one man had either been killed or wounded, he returned, reorganised all the men whom he could find, attached this party to an advancing company, and finally succeeded in crossing the River Selle, and held a difficult position there until relieved on the 12th.

Lt. Robert Watson, 13th Bn. R. Highrs., T.F.

For gallantry and devotion to duty in command of his company on the night of October 6th/7th, 1918, near Guisancourt Farm, north-east of Guoy. He took up a position in the dark without previous reconnaissance. He guided the scouts through a thick line of wire, put two forward platoons in position, and led out and visited from time to time the advanced patrols during the night under heavy shell fire and continuous sniping. His example inspired confidence in his company under exceedingly trying conditions.

T./2nd Lt. Bert Webb, Norf. R., attd. 4th Bn. Suff. R.

On the night of September 22nd, 1918, near Epehy, when his platoon was assembled for the attack, it came under severe artillery fire. He kept the platoon together and well in hand, and although wounded, led it in the attack, capturing his objective and a machine-gun post on the way. Afterwards he was indefatigable in organising parties to clear up the situation, and only went down to the aid post when things had finally settled down. He showed great courage and determined leadership.

2nd Lt. William Roy Webb, 5th, attd. 2nd, Bn. R. Fus.

For gallantry and initiative in command of his platoon in front of Ypres during the operations of September 28th to October 2nd. On September 29th he captured his objective in face of heavy fire, and later in the day, when his line was heavily shelled, he walked about between his posts encouraging his men by his own example. On October 2nd he again distinguished himself by fearless leadership under heavy fire. Throughout the operations he behaved most gallantly.

T./Lt. Eric Thomas Weddell, 18th Bn. Durh. L.I.

During the attack on the western edge of Ploegsteert Wood on September 28th/29th, 1918, he commanded six platoons on an exceptionally wide and difficult front. By his driving power and leadership he successfully made a series of bounds. When a strong enemy post held up the advance he organised and carried through a flank attack, resulting in the capture of two machine guns and six prisoners. Seventy of the enemy at least were accounted for by machine-gun fire as they retreated. His gallantry, able leadership and prompt action contributed greatly to the successful penetration of the wood.

Lt. William Weir, 4th Bn., attd. 6/7th Bn. Gord. Highrs., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and determination during the fighting north of Avesnes-le-Sec on October 13th, 1918. Twice when his company was held up he went forward under very heavy fire in advance of the attack and, by daring personal reconnaissance, enabled further advances to be made. He did splendid work.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Thomas Dewar Weldon, R.F.A. (Spec. Res.), attd. 5th By. 45th Bde.

On October 19th, 1918, he was sent forward on reconnaissance duties from Marchiennes. Under heavy fire he pushed on beyond the infantry advanced posts and sent back from time to time very valuable information as to enemy dispositions. His reconnaissance work, which he carried out in a fearless and able manner, enabled the batteries to keep up with the rapidly advancing infantry.

T./Capt. Louis Benjamin West, A.C.C., attd. 15th Corps Cyclist Bn.

During the pursuit of the enemy from August 30th to September 3rd, 1918, he showed marked gallantry and ability. Time after time he set his men a splendid example of dash and disregard of personal danger. The high standard of work performed by his company was due to his fine leadership.

T./2nd Lt. Ernest Frederick Weston, R.W. Kent R., attd. 10th Bn.

For marked gallantry and determined leadership near Comines on September 29th, 1918. During the advance he led his company with marked coolness and skill in face of very heavy machine-gun fire and gained his objective. Shortly afterwards he repulsed a heavy counter-attack, although troops in his flanks were compelled to yield ground. His action saved a withdrawal and enabled the ground gained to be consolidated. On October 1st, near Werwieg, when sent with his company to fill a gap between two brigades, the enemy counter-attacked before he had reached his position and drove back the left brigade. He at once went forward in conjunction with another company and drove back the enemy. His determined action undoubtedly saved the right flank of the left brigade.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Edward Augustus Wheatley, 122nd Fd. Coy. R.E.

On October 16th, 1918, at Courtrai he was in charge of bridging stores by the canal bank,