

and was detailed to control the infantry landing parties and sapper carrying parties under heavy fire. When the officer in charge of the bridge was wounded, he took up a position in the open at the highest point and directed everything in the most orderly manner, under the cross-fire of several machine guns. His coolness and ability until seriously wounded ensured the success of the whole operation.

T./Sub-Lt. Colin Bain Wheeler, D.C.M., M.M., Anson Bn., R.N.D., R.N.V.R., attd. 118th L.T.M. Bty.

On September 27th, 1918, he was in charge of the section of two Stokes guns and was following his battalion when the battalion was suddenly held up by hostile machine-gun fire. Taking a Lewis gun, he crawled forward and cleared the post, thus helping the infantry to obtain their objective. On September 30th at the Canal de l'Escaut, he again did good work, causing considerable casualties to the enemy with a Lewis gun. Throughout the operations he showed conspicuous gallantry and able leadership.

Lt. (A./Capt.) John Broughton White, 1/8th Bn. Notts & Derby R., T.F.

At Bellenglise on September 29th, 1918, he led his company to the attack with great ability, courage and coolness. The forming up was carried out under heavy shelling and in a dense fog. Nevertheless, direction was maintained and objectives gained without delay. When advancing to take up positions for forming up for the next advance, on his own initiative he assisted the leading brigade with the mopping up of the village in an effective manner, capturing a large number of prisoners and machine guns. He did fine work.

T./Sub-Lt. Stanley Addison White, M.M., Hood Bn., R.N.D., R.N.V.R.

On night of September 28th/29th, 1918, near Cambrai, in the attack on Escaut Canal, he displayed marked courage, leadership and initiative under heavy machine-gun and shell fire. He manœuvred his platoon through La Folie Wood to the canal, clearing it of the enemy, and on reaching the canal forced his way into position on the bank into an angle of the enemy defences formed by the canal and Marcoing Line, and maintained his position and pressure on the enemy until the defences fell and the enemy retired.

2nd Lt. Wilfred Thomas White, R.G.A. (Spec. Res.), attd. 260th Siege Bty.

At Jeancourt on September 17th, 1918, he was sent forward in charge of a party to prepare a battery position within 500 yards of the outpost line. By his coolness and foresight under enemy shelling he completed the work without sustaining any casualties. On September 18th he kept his section in action despite heavy shelling for some two hours; and owing to his fine example and personal leadership the fire of his gun was steadily maintained. He has previously done good work at forward observation posts.

2nd Lt. Harry Whitehead, 6th Bn. Lanc. Fus., T.F., attd. 16th Bn.

For great gallantry and determination shown during the operations on October

1st/2nd, 1918, on the Fonsomme Line. He was ordered to take command of the carrying party on the night of October 1st/2nd, taking up rations to the battalion holding an advanced position captured during the day. All the approaches were subjected to very heavy shell and machine-gun fire, but by skilful leadership he succeeded in reaching the line and getting rations up. Next day he led his platoon forward with great skill, and when his company officer and other officers had become casualties took over and reorganised the company.

2nd Lt. James Buckley Whitehead, 1/10th Bn. Manch. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On August 23rd, 1918, near Miramont, he did exceptional good work under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire in obtaining information. He took a patrol forward, and after locating an enemy machine-gun post, successfully led an attack against it. During the whole of the recent operations he has set a fine example of courage and determination to all ranks under his command.

T./2nd Lt. Donald Whyte, 13th Bn. Tank Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a tank commander near Pontruet on September 24th, 1918. In face of strong enemy resistance, heavy artillery and machine-gun fire, he brought back his tank three times to assist infantry who were being held up, and thus enabled them to advance. Later the tank received a direct hit from an enemy field gun, but he and his crew succeeded in bringing it out of action by hand-feeding it. Throughout he showed great courage and determination.

Lt. John Neville Wightman, 1/7th Bn., attd. 1/6th Bn., Notts and Derby R., T.F.

For initiative, coolness and courage when in command of the right company of the attack through Bellenglise to Lehaucourt, on September 29th, 1918. His company encountered heavy machine-gun fire but his dash and leadership resulted in very strong machine-gun positions being taken at slight cost, and several machine guns, two trench mortars, and two field guns being captured, with nearly 200 prisoners. Having reached his own objective, he pushed right through the village of Lehaucourt and by securing the bridge across the St. Quentin canal, cut off many prisoners and put several guns out of action.

T./Capt. (A./Maj.) Edgar Wigley, 18th Bn. M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty from August 8th to September 4th, 1918. He handled his company with skill and determination while exposed to fire of all kinds. His guns were of great assistance in the successful operations of the brigade, particularly during the operations on Trones Wood, where owing to his skilful placing of his guns, a most determined enemy counter-attack was held up. By his gallantry and coolness he set a very fine example to all ranks.

Rev. Percy Solly Wigram, R.A.C.D., attd. 1/9th Bn. H.L.I., T.F.

On October 12th, 1918, north of Montay,