

This task he most successfully carried out, and rapidly reorganised his company, he being the only officer left with it; he advanced close behind the attacking companies and was personally responsible for clearing several hostile machine-gun posts during the advance to the final objective.

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Capt. (A./Maj.) James Bethune Scott, M.C., R.A.M.C. (S.R.), attd. 16th Field Amb.

For conspicuous gallantry and untiring devotion to duty during operations near St. Quentin, between 18th/26th September, 1918. He was bearer officer with the 16th Infantry Brigade. He personally kept touch with the R.A.P.s in spite of heavy hostile machine-gun and rifle fire. It was mainly due to the skilful dispositions of his bearers that the wounded of this brigade were evacuated so speedily and satisfactorily.

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Lt. (A./Capt.) Samuel Simpson Seccombe, M.C., 7th Bn., Essex R., T.F.

On the 19th September, 1918, at Kefr Kasim, he showed great personal courage and gallantry. In the face of very heavy enfilade machine-gun and artillery fire he led two companies forward to attack Sivri Wood. The attack was stopped dead after proceeding about 200 yards, with the loss of half the companies, but he continued to urge his men forward after all chance of reaching the objective seemed lost.

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2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) John Sedgwick, M.C., Durh. L.I., attd. 15th Bn.

Near Vendegies Au Bois on 23rd October, 1918, he showed conspicuous skill and gallantry in handling his company. When his right flank was held up he at once organised a flank attack which cleared out several troublesome machine-gun nests with the bayonet. At the same time he continued to push forward his company and secured his first objective; there he rapidly reorganised his command and seized the final objective. His commanding officer becoming a casualty, he then took over command of the battalion, and led a successful attack.

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Lt. (A./Capt.) Joseph Sheldon, M.C., 2nd Bn., Notts. & Derby R.

On the morning of 18th September, 1918, in front of St. Quentin he distinguished himself in a most gallant manner. Under very heavy machine-gun fire he led his company through the wire and attacked the enemy in Douai Trench; later, the advance being held up, he reorganised the survivors of all companies in his vicinity and consolidated the captured ground. Later again he went out himself under heavy machine-gun fire and succeeded in gaining touch with the battalion on his left.

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T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Leslie William Shepherdson, M.C., 20th Bn., Dur. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as battalion signalling officer during

operations near Menin on the 14th/15th October, 1918. He established telephonic communication with the companies shortly after they had reached their final objective. He reconnoitred a very advanced position and afterwards personally superintended the laying of wires to the most advanced posts. His conduct throughout was of the highest order.

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Lt. (A./Capt.) Richard Shrive, M.C., 91st Sge. Bty., R.G.A.

On 24th October, 1918, near Bousies, in charge of his battery, he was ordered to get a section in action sufficiently far forward to shoot on an important railway junction. Despite heavy enemy shelling and several casualties during the night 24th/25th October, his guns were in action by 4 p.m. on 25th October, and made excellent practice on the junction. Throughout the operation he displayed courage and sound judgment, and completed his task satisfactorily.

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Capt. Ronald Sutherland Brook Sinclair, M.C., 2/5th Bn., Glou. R., T.F.

During a night attack at Mareshes on 1st November, 1918, he commanded his company with most conspicuous gallantry and skill. A strong enemy post held up the advance in one sector, and he rushed the post with a few men, shooting some of the occupants himself with a revolver. On 2nd November, after the battalion had again attacked, he reorganised his company under very heavy enemy artillery fire until he was wounded. He inspired all ranks by his fine example.

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Lt. Clive Smith, M.C., 2nd Bn., North'd Fus.

During the attack on the Foret de Mormal on 4th November, 1918, he commanded a party detailed to clear the left flank of the battalion front; in carrying out this duty he showed great skill in leading and keeping touch in a thick fog, and also marked gallantry in rushing and capturing several hostile machine-gun posts. His work was equally good during the subsequent days of the operations.

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2nd/Lt. Frederic Dartmouth Smith, M.C., R.F.A. (Spec. Res.), attd. B/83rd Bde.

At Le Cateau, on 23rd October, 1918, he took the detachments up to the guns through heavy enemy barrage, and under a continuous bombardment for three and a half hours controlled the lifts of the barrage. One gun was knocked out by a direct hit, and it was mainly due to his courage and coolness that the remainder of the guns were kept in action at a time when it was of the utmost importance that the advancing infantry should be supported.

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Lt. (A./Maj.) William Revell Smith, M.C., A/170th Bde., R.F.A.

During the operations east of Courtrai on 31st October and 1st November, 1918, he carried out two very daring reconnaissances. He reconnoitred for battery positions in the