

67080 Sjt. J. Davies, M.M., 25th Bn., Can. Infy.

For exceptional leadership and good work during the attack from Villers Bretonneux to Meharicourt on 8/9th August, 1918. When acting as C.S.M. he showed great initiative in attacking a strong point which was holding up the advance. At the time he gave very great assistance to the company commander, and showed great coolness under heavy machine-gun fire, setting a splendid example to his men.

628057 Cpl. E. Desilets, 16th Bn., Can. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the 2nd September, 1918, in the second battle of Arras. During the fighting he with his section engaged large numbers of the enemy on three occasions as they emerged from dugouts, inflicting about 30 casualties. He fearlessly entered other dugouts, bombing the occupants, and taking the survivors prisoners. He was slightly wounded when steadying his men under enfilade fire.

108190 C./S./M. J. C. Dick, M.M., 2nd Bn., Can. Mtd. Rif.

During the attack on Demuin on 8th August, 1918, when his company commander was wounded, he at once took charge until relieved by an officer. Later, when the battalion attack was held up by two machine guns posted in a house commanding the approach, he promptly organised and led a party to the attack, himself killing the crew of one gun and helping in the destruction of the second. By his quick and courageous action he prevented many casualties and enabled the advance to be continued.

24826 (Cpl. (L./Sjt.) J. G. Dickie, 13th Bn., Can. Infy.

On September 2nd, 1918, in the Drocourt-Queant line attack, he took command of his section when the leader was killed. Arriving at the Drocourt front line system, his section was isolated and held up by a machine gun, and he dashed forward under very heavy fire, rushed and captured the strong point single-handed, killing three of the enemy and taking two more prisoners. North of the village of Cagnicourt he found the remainder of his platoon, organised it, and led it through to the final objective with great valour. This soldier's initiative and gallantry was a splendid example to all around him.

292005 L./Sjt. F. Diehl, 1st Bn., Can. Mtd. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the attack on Hangard on 8th August, 1918. He led his section against heavy shell and machine-gun fire. Observing that the attack was checked by a number of enemy snipers and two machine-gun posts, he rallied his section and rushed the posts, killing eight of the enemy and taking six prisoners, together with two heavy machine guns. He showed skilful leadership and coolness during the attack, and his prompt action at a critical period was of great assistance in the success of the operations and averted many casualties to our troops.

288638 Pte. D. C. Dowsett, 27th Bn., Can. Infy.

In front of Neuville-Vitasse on the 26/27th August, 1918, he was employed as company

scout, and was called on to make several journeys over open ground swept by artillery and machine-gun fire. He was severely wounded, but declined to retire, and carried on until the necessary information had been obtained. His conspicuous example of gallantry and endurance was worthy of very high praise.

675739 Sjt. E. H. Draper, 21st Bn., Can. Infy.

He was acting as company serjeant major during an attack at Wancourt on the 26th August, 1918, rendering invaluable assistance to the one remaining officer. He led a bombing attack against a strong point that was holding up our advance and captured it, killing some of the garrison with bombs and some with the bayonet. His gallantry and fine leadership were conspicuous throughout the operations.

57761 C./S./M. H. H. Dunn, 20th Bn., Can. Infy.

During three days' severe fighting in front of Vis-en-Artois on 26th/28th August, 1918, he was indefatigable in his devotion to duty, and quite regardless of danger under heavy fire. On two occasions his company lost all its officers, and he took command and reorganised the men. His splendid example was an inspiration to all ranks.

931268 C./S./M. J. Dunn, 102nd Bn., Can. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry during the attack near Beaucourt-en-Santerre. His company was held up by a strongly held trench system in the open beyond Beaucourt Wood. At a critical moment a platoon commander became a casualty. This warrant officer at once dashed forward, under terrific fire, and took the officer's place, rallied the men, and, inspiring them by his example, captured the trench, killing many of the enemy and taking prisoners, three of whom he captured single-handed. His prompt action undoubtedly saved an awkward situation, and contributed largely to the success of our operation.

445 A./Sjt. R. C. Dyer, M.N., 8th Bn., Can. Infy. (N. RUSSIA).

For conspicuous gallantry and resource during the landing at Omega and clearing of the town. He set a very fine example to his men throughout the action, and, from a very exposed position, successfully engaged an enemy machine-gun at close range with his Lewis gun. He showed marked courage in taking up new positions with his gun under heavy machine-gun and cross rifle fire, and by his skilful use of it rendered very valuable service.

902388 Cpl. S. B. Edwards, 13th Bn., Can. Infy.

During the operations of 17th August, 1918, at La Cravatte he observed a party of about fifty of the enemy working up on the flank of the company when it was consolidating. He went forward with his section and engaged the enemy with his Lewis gun, inflicting heavy casualties on them. As they still came on, and he ran out of ammunition, he, with four others, charged the party with fixed bayonets, killing several, capturing three, and putting the remainder to flight.