

766368 Cpl. F. A. Elliott, 2nd Bn., Can. M.G.C.

Between the 26th and 28th of August, 1918, east of Cherissy, when his officer and all the serjeants of the section had been killed or wounded, he took command and led them to their positions in close support of the infantry. He himself took a gun, with three other men, and, crawling forward 300 yards, established himself in a position in front of the infantry, whence he silenced the fire of an enemy machine-gun nest which was causing heavy casualties to our men. He showed a splendid example and complete disregard of danger throughout the operation.

796004 Pte. J. G. Erskine, M.M., 14th Bn., Can. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack near Cagnicourt on September 1st-2nd, 1918. Continually exposed to heavy hostile fire of all description, he, with indomitable courage and undaunted gallantry, performed his duties with an utter disregard as to his own personal safety. His company being endangered at the flank, he fearlessly went through and obtained the necessary assistance, though to accomplish this it was necessary to dispose of five of the enemy unaided whom he encountered. He shewed the greatest coolness and determination throughout.

748175 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) G. Fairbairn, 14th Bn., Can. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack near Cagnicourt on September 1st-2nd, 1918. Throughout two days' fighting, and after his officer had become a casualty, he displayed great skill and qualities of leadership in the handling of the platoon. In the mopping up he captured over a hundred of the enemy, personally killed three, and also captured six machine guns. Bombing the enemy with their own grenades, he established an important block in the trench and held same despite repeated strong efforts to dislodge him. Throughout his gallantry, initiative and indomitable pluck were superb.

426222 Pte. McL. Fenwick, 10th Bn., Can. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Villers-les-Cagnicourt on the 2nd September, 1918. He led a party of bombers along a trench, clearing it of the enemy, and accounting for a large number of them. He was wounded early in the day, but refused to leave until wounded a second time. His work paved the way for the capture of a strong post with a number of prisoners and machine guns, and the rescue of a tank officer and four of the crew.

47350 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) A. Fernie, 13th Bn., Can. Infy.

On the 2nd September, 1918, in the attack on the Drocourt-Queant line, he took charge of his platoon when his officer and all the other N.C.O.'s became casualties, rallied the men and gallantly led them forward to the attack. Throughout the attack he did very fine work rushing trenches, bombing dug outs and personally killing several of the enemy. On one occasion he single handed rushed an enemy strong point, and a party of nineteen of the enemy surrendered to him. Just north of

the village of Cagnicourt his platoon was held up by heavy machine-gun fire from two machine guns, and he dashed forward with four men through heavy fire to the strong point, but his party were all shot down. Undaunted, he crawled back to his platoon, organised another storming party, rushed at the strong point under severe fire by another flank, and getting in the post bayoneted and shot down the garrison of twelve. He showed splendid courage and leadership.

642813 L./Cpl. D. E. Ferris, 4th Bn., Can. Infy.

During a counter-attack at Upton Wood on 30th August, 1918, he led his Lewis-gun section with great gallantry and skill through thick undergrowth under heavy high explosive and machine-gun fire, and, taking up a favourable position, he inflicted casualties of the heaviest description on the advancing enemy. His able and determined leadership inspired his men with complete confidence.

141906 L./Sjt. (A./Sjt.) C. G. Filgiano, M.M., 1st Bn., Can. Infy.

During the operations at Upton Wood on 30th August, 1918, when the attack was being held up by heavy machine-gun fire, he personally led a Lewis-gun section forward and outflanked and captured two machine-gun posts, killing the crews and capturing the guns. His gallantry and prompt initiative materially contributed to a successful result.

A/22612 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) M. T. Flood, 8th Bn., Can. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative in organising his company in establishing a defensive flank at night after an attack. He was continuously in the open under heavy shell fire, and saw that all the men were in their right positions. Three days later on the Drocourt-Queant line on 2/3rd September, 1918, he was of great service in re-organising platoons and parties of men who were more or less scattered by severe shell fire.

252443 Pte. T. Flynn, 10th Bn., Can. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Villers-les-Cagnicourt on the 3rd September, 1918. The platoon to which he was attached was held up by a machine-gun post, when, aided by the fire of a Lewis gun, he crept forward alone and captured the gun, killing two of the crew. His courage in attacking this post single handed was a fine example to the other men, and probably saved many casualties.

724247 L./Cpl. J. Forman, M.M., 38th Bn., Can. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On 10th August, 1918, near Hallu, the battalion was suffering heavy casualties from our own artillery shooting short. This man placed himself on the highest ground in the vicinity and, exposed to the enemy shelling and machine-gun fire as well as to our own short shooting, he flagged a message back to battalion headquarters, persisting till acknowledged. Later in the day, he similarly succeeded in getting a message through, although owing to the severe enemy machine-gun fire he had to lie on his back to signal. His courage and initiative undoubtedly saved many lives.