

cheerful optimism under heavy fire, capturing a machine gun and accounting for four of the enemy himself, besides being the first up at the objective. He did fine work.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Emmanuel Christe Adam, 1/6th Bn., L'pool R., T.F.

For gallant conduct and good leadership at the attack on the La Bassée-Estaires road, 25th September, 1918. When troops, after gaining their objectives, were forced to give ground owing to a strong enemy counter-attack, he personally reorganised the line, and thereby enabled the counter-attack to be withstood. It was largely due to his energy that the operations were so successful.

T./2nd Lt. John Aitken, attd. Sea. Highrs. (2nd Bn.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty east of Arras from 28th August to 4th September. He commanded first a platoon and later a company which had lost all its officers. After a night attack, finding his platoon enfiladed by machine-gun fire, he reorganised them in a less exposed position; he then went out to bring in the wounded, fetching one officer from within fifteen yards of the machine gun. His courage and cheerfulness were a great encouragement to all ranks.

Lt. Richard Blake Aitken, Lanarkshire Yeo., attd. 12th Bn., High. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the successful operations east of Ypres, 29th September-1st October, 1918. He led his men through the operations with determined courage and skill. When his company got into the outskirts of Wervicq, his company commander being killed and the only other officer in the company wounded, he immediately took command of the company and handled it with great dash, being for a very trying twenty-four hours the sole officer with the company.

2nd Lt. Bernard Alderton, B/310th (W. Rid.) Bde., R.F.A., T.F.

For great gallantry at Havrincourt Wood, 10th September, 1918, in leading ammunition wagons, which were being heavily shelled, to a place of safety. He dealt with the situation with great pluck and skill, assisted the five drivers, who had been wounded, and undoubtedly saved further damage being done.

2nd Lt. Thomas Allan, H.L.I. (Spec. Res.), attd. 2nd Bn.

On the 12th September, 1918, in the vicinity of Hermies, the situation was obscure and the enemy behind our line. Several efforts had been unsuccessfully made before this officer, with conspicuous courage and skill, drove the enemy out with heavy casualties by attacking on both flanks. His gallant leadership carried out what others had stated could not be done without more men.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Charles Peak Anderson, R.F.A., S R., attd. 1st Fd. Survey Bn., R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 6th September, 1918. He went

forward with two men to high ground near Boisy. In spite of heavy and continuous shell fire he surveyed and fixed the position of an observation post. The next day he did practically the same thing at Dury, showing energy and complete disregard of danger.

2nd Lt. Herbert Andrews, 2nd Home Counties Bde., R.F.A. (T.F.), attd. B/82nd Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of a section of guns on 22nd August, 1918, supporting an attack on Trones Wood. He kept his guns in action under heavy shell fire until all his ammunition had been expended, when he withdrew his detachment to a place of safety.

T./2nd Lt. William Angel, M.M., 8th Bn., Royal Berkshire R.

For conspicuous gallantry and successful leadership during the attack on Trones Wood on 27th August, 1918. After leading his company to the objective under heavy fire, he executed the difficult movement of forming to the right in the face of the enemy. Subsequently, when the enemy counter-attacked the troops on his flank, it was largely owing to his action that their advance was checked.

T./2nd Lt. Alfred Aloysius Angle, 36th Bn., M.G. Co.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Dadizeele on 2nd October, 1918. He was attached to the infantry with four guns, and when the enemy put down a heavy barrage before counter-attacking in the afternoon, he had one put out of action and the team of another disorganised by casualties. Paying no attention to the bombardment, he set matters right, handling one gun himself and checking the enemy advance.

2nd Lt. Ernest William Archer, 8th Bn., Durh. L.I., T.F., attd. 2nd Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty throughout the operations at Holnon from 18th to 20th September, 1918. He worked unceasingly, leading his men three times in attempts to establish posts in the village, and succeeding in doing so on the following day. He set a fine example of coolness and determination.

2nd Lt. Hubert Ashton, R.F.A. (Spec. Res.), attd. C./83rd Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and skill in leading a section of guns into a forward position near Trones Wood on 27th August, 1918, where, under heavy shell and machine-gun fire, he succeeded in destroying an enemy strong point, thereby greatly facilitating the infantry advance.

2nd Lt. Hugh de Bosco Askew, Midd'x R., Spec. Res., attd. 1st Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 29th September, 1918, when his company attacked Woking Post, near Villers Guislain. He personally led a bayonet charge and routed the enemy. Although subsequently surrounded, he maintained his position throughout the day and fought his way back to the battalion at night.