

on 19th September, 1918. Though badly wounded, he continued to direct his company, and personally led a bombing party against the enemy on his flank, beating them back with heavy losses. Through his prompt action he saved a serious situation.

T./Lt. Reginald Talbot Clements Hassell, D.C.M., No. 1 Spec. Coy., R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry near Fresnoy on 24th September, 1918, when he, with another officer, was in charge of trench mortars to produce smoke barrages during an attack. Having completed their task they took command of a small party of infantry and attacked a post, capturing six of the enemy and machine-guns. They then pushed on, bombing up a trench and bombed a dugout, the occupants of which would not come out. They continued their gallant and enterprising work until Lt. Hassell was seriously wounded.

2nd Lt. Gordon Thomas Heard, 17th Bn., Lond. R.

Near Morlancourt, 22nd to 26th August, 1918, as battalion signalling officer, he displayed great courage and resource in carrying out dangerous reconnaissances. Later, near Moislains, he rendered excellent service while in charge of headquarters details.

T./2nd Lt. William Robert Hedges, 2nd Bn., Tank Corps.

For great gallantry near Villers-Bretonneux on August 8th, 1918. He led his Tank in the fog up to within 100 yards of the barrage. Next day, near Vauvillers, whilst proceeding against enemy machine-guns, his Tank became ditched within 500 yards of them. Telling two of his crew to keep up a harassing fire in front, he finally succeeded, under heavy fire and bombs from aeroplanes, with the rest of his men in unditching the Tank, but had no sooner entered it than it burst into flames. He then ordered evacuation, being the last to leave, and getting severely burned. He set a very fine example to his men.

T./Lt. Hugh Aloysius Hegarty, General List, attd. 63rd Div. Sig. Coy., R.E.

At Cambrai, on the 27th and 29th September, 1918, he was in charge of parties laying cable behind the attacking troops. The work was successfully carried out, in full view of the enemy, and under heavy shell and machine-gun fire, the line being laid to within 200 yards of the front line and maintained under intense fire. Throughout the operations he worked continuously without rest, and set a magnificent example of courage and devotion to duty.

T./2nd Lt. James Reginald Higgs, 2nd Bn., Tank Corps.

Near Chuignolles, on 23rd August, 1918, this officer, when in command of a Tank, was fired on by a battery of field guns which for some time he could not locate owing to smoke. He drove in among the guns, knocking out the crews with machine-gun fire. He then went through the village, where he destroyed 12 machine-guns. Later, his Tank was hit direct by a shell that broke a track. He repaired the track under heavy artillery

and machine-gun fire. His gallantry was most marked, and he did splendid work.

T./Lt. Christopher William Hendry, 52nd Bn., M.G. Co.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at the crossing of the Canal du Nord on 27th September, 1918. When the infantry was held up by concealed enemy machine-gun posts, he went forward under direct fire to within about 10 yards of the post, and, having located it, returned and directed the fire of his section of guns, as well as some trench mortars, on to it. His action enabled the infantry to advance.

2nd Lt. Tom Watt Hepburn, High. L.I., attd. 15th Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 5th September, 1918, at the crossing of the Somme. During the night he constructed a gangway on a broken bridge over the marshes under continuous machine-gun fire. He then crossed alone, and reconnoitred the east bank of the river, the knowledge he gained resulting in the successful advance on to the ridge over the river by the company which he led.

Lt. (A./Capt.) John Gerald Hill, 25th Hy. By., R.G.A.

A very gallant and capable officer, who, throughout the operations since 21st August, 1918, has given many an example of his high courage and coolness in the face of danger, notably at Hardecourt on August 29th, when, while in command, he brought his battery into action with great promptitude under very heavy fire. One gun was destroyed and nine casualties among the men were caused by enemy shelling, but this officer, exposing himself all the while to the hostile fire, kept the battery in action by the force of his example of fearlessness in the face of great danger. The fine spirit of the men under his command was entirely due to his fine example on this, and, indeed, on all occasions, when the battery has been subjected to severe shelling by the enemy.

T./2nd Lt. Robert Bernard Lewin Hill, attd. R.W. Kent R. (7th Bn.).

For conspicuous gallantry and determination on the night of 27th August, 1918, during the attack on Bevefay Wood, when his platoon was being counter-attacked and had its right flank exposed. He repeatedly rallied his men under heavy artillery and machine-gun fire, and, finally beating off the enemy, reached his objective.

2nd Lt. Frank Basil Hobson, "B" Bty., 240th (S. Mid.) Bde., R.F.A., T.F.

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He went over with the infantry as forward liaison officer in the raid on Gee, near Asiago, on 11th October, 1918. Throughout the operations he showed the greatest pluck and determination, and captured two prisoners. He has frequently displayed marked courage.

2nd Lt. James Hockenull, 9th Bn., L'pool R., T.F., attd. 13th Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry during the attack on Ribecourt on 27th September, 1918. On reaching his first objective he saw that the enemy occupied a communication trench,