

Capt. (A./Maj.) Alan Edward Scrutton, 28th Bn., Lond. R., seconded 2nd Bn., Tank Corps.

This officer showed conspicuous ability and gallantry on the 8th August, 1918, at Bayonvillers. In order to make certain that his Tanks reached their starting-points in good time and went into action ahead of the infantry, he went with them to the starting-point and went into action on foot with the infantry. He afterwards rallied his Tanks at the first objective, reorganised them there, and detailed sections for tasks in the second phase of the operations. In this phase his Tanks encountered heavy resistance from enemy field guns firing over open sights, but he nevertheless kept in close touch with them throughout, and went on with them to their final objective, which they reached after overcoming very formidable resistance at many points on the way. He has at all times shown marked initiative, powers of leadership, and contempt of danger.

2nd Lt. Geoffrey Mackinnon Scrutton, D/112th Bde., R.F.A.

On the 26th August, 1918, this officer made a valuable reconnaissance in the neighbourhood of Carnoy, visiting the infantry in their most forward position, in spite of a very heavy barrage, and of having to cross open country swept by machine-gun fire, with the result that the battery was advanced, and was able to deal quickly with the machine-guns which had been holding up the infantry.

Lt. Bryan Scurfield, E. Surr. R. (Spec. Res.), attd. 2nd Bn. (SALONIKA)

For gallantry and coolness on 5th September, 1918. In charge of a patrol of one other officer and six other ranks, he reconnoitred Raboso village, entering it in two parties from different ends. He entered a house alone and found five enemy asleep in a room. Two of his patrol then came up, and the enemy, after first showing fight, surrendered; but as they were being marched away two more enemy appeared in the road and rushed at their captors. Lt. Scurfield and a sergeant covered them, and they also surrendered. The seven prisoners were then taken back to our lines.

2nd Lt. George Hatcher Seal, Hamps. Yeo., attd. 15th Bn., Hamps. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the morning of 2nd October, 1918, in front of Menin. He led his company in the face of very heavy machine-gun fire, and held an isolated farm, quite unsupported, for some time. When the front line was ordered to withdraw, he covered the movement, holding the enemy at bay with great success.

T./2nd Lt. Harry Seaward, Midd'x R., attd. 2/2nd Bn., Lond. R.

At Bronfay Farm, 28th August, 1918. Although wounded early in the advance, he continued to lead and direct his company in correct formation through a heavy hostile barrage. He showed great coolness, walking about encouraging his men, and finally, having rallied, he dashed through intense hostile machine-gun fire, and captured the final objective.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) William Philip Selbie, 8th Bn., E. Surr. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the period immediately preceding the attack on Albert on 22nd August, 1918. He was tireless in his efforts to gain information which was urgently required of the enemy's dispositions. On two occasions he took out three reconnoitring patrols in the course of the night. He came into contact with the enemy, who were preparing an attack, and was wounded in the thigh, but refused to go back, encouraging his men to hold on.

T./2nd Lt. John Setchell, L'pool R., attd. 1/6th Bn., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership west of La Basse on September 17th, 1918, in command of a fighting patrol of twelve men. While working down a communication trench to gain touch with the enemy, he observed a trench leading off at right angles, and decided to clear this before going further. He so disposed his patrol that he surprised two sentries silently, one after the other. Finding from these that there were two occupied pillboxes in the trench, he advanced and surprised the garrison of the first, capturing five men. Going on to the second dugout, he again surprised the garrison, capturing nine prisoners. His coolness and initiative were most valuable, as the sixteen prisoners captured provided very useful information.

Lt. Arthur Granville Sharp, D/72nd Bde., R.F.A., attd. Gds. Divl. Arty.

On 23rd August, 1918, near Hamelincourt, as forward observation officer, this officer showed conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under heavy fire for many hours, he continuously kept touch with the situation, and sent back most valuable reports. At one time he, with two signallers, was isolated between the front line flank companies of two battalions. He succeeded in sending back quickly and accurately the position of that flank, and the gap was filled.

T./2nd Lt. Frank Warren Sharp, R. Engrs., seconded 5th Tank Supply Coy.

Near Morlancourt, on the night 10th-11th August, 1918, he showed conspicuous gallantry and endurance in extricating a broken-down supply Tank under heavy shell fire. He, with another officer and one man, remained in the neighbourhood of the Tank, which was being heavily shelled with high explosives and gas for several hours, and eventually succeeded in repairing it, and without any other assistance brought it back three and a half miles to its rallying point. It was largely due to his energy and disregard of danger that this Tank was brought out of action.

T./2nd Lt. George Shaw, 5th Bn., M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty south-west of Cambrai on 27th September, 1918, in charge of a section detailed to assist in the consolidation. He got his section well forward, capturing thirty of the enemy whom he came upon in a trench, and twice reorganised infantry posts which had lost their officers. When the enemy counter-attacked he kept his guns in action to the