

last moment, covering the infantry with- drawal from trench to trench, and destroying two machine guns with direct fire, in addition to holding off a bombing attack.

T./Lt. Colin Bevan Shepherd, No. 1 Spec. Coy., R.E.

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

T./2nd Lt. Herbert Shepley, 19th Bn., Dur. L.I.

This officer took part in the attack south of Zillebeke Lake on 15th September, 1918. In a previous reconnoitre he led his platoon in the attack with great courage, and was ever in the forefront of the fight. He took the enemy's posts and consolidated them. The enemy afterwards counter-attacked, but were driven off with loss, and the line was completely established owing chiefly to his initiative, dash and cheerful influence. Throughout the whole engagement he set a fine example to his men.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Gerald Raleigh Sherwell, 4th Bn., Linc. R., T.F., attd. 1st Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations of 29th and 30th September, 1918. The first day after a successful attack he collected and reorganised his company under heavy shell fire. The next day he made a personal reconnaissance along the canal bank at Banteux in broad daylight, although the enemy were in occupation of the eastern bank. He obtained useful information as to the condition of the canal and its crossings.

T./2nd Lt. William George Shilling, R. Berks. R., attd. 5th Bn.

During the attack on 22nd August, 1918, near Meaulte, when all other company officers had become casualties, he led his company to their objective with great gallantry. Again on 26th August, in the attack on Becordel, he displayed great courage and resource, rallying his men under heavy machine-gun fire, and finally reaching a position where the enemy could be engaged and their fire overcome.

T./2nd Lt. Frederick Emanuel Sidaway, 12th Bn., Ches. R. (SALONIKA)

For conspicuous gallantry. He commanded a company in the attack on the "P" ridge on September 18th, 1918. His company came under intense fire from machine-guns and trench mortars, and suffered heavy casualties, and he himself was wounded. He rallied his men under circumstances of the greatest difficulty, and led them forward with great determination until hit a second time. He set a fine example to all.

2nd Lt. John Royle Siddall, 1/7th Bn., Manch. R., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and able leadership on 27th September, 1918, south-east of Havrincourt in leading his platoon to the attack through intense machine-gun and rifle fire. He was wounded in the advance and left with only a handful of men, but continued to push forward, until overcome by weakness from his wound.

Lt. Wilfrid Leonard Sidders, 5th Bn., W. Rid. R., T.F.

For gallantry and good work during operations near Marcoing, 28th-30th September. As battalion signalling officer he established communication at once by telephone across the canal, personally supervising the laying of the line under heavy shell fire. Later, during an attack, when the situation was very obscure, he went forward to the fighting, leading a reserve platoon from across the canal, and helped to organise the resistance to the counter-attack, and twice crossed and re-crossed the canal under heavy enemy fire to report the situation to battalion headquarters, all telephone communication having been cut.

T./Lt. George William Silk, E. York. R., attd. 6th Bn., Dorset. R. (formerly Gen. List)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as intelligence officer on 18th September, 1918, in the attack on Gouzeaucourt. He established communication between battalion headquarters and the forward positions, sending back full and accurate information. The following day at Gauche Wood he made a reconnaissance which resulted in the capture of 400 yards of a trench vital to the safety of the battalion.

Lt. Sewell Baskerville Grattan Simmons, 1st Bn., Leins. R. (EGYPT)

For conspicuous gallantry and determined leadership during a raid on Ghurabeh Ridge on night of 12th-13th August, 1918. He led an attack against thirty enemy, who opened fire with a machine gun at close range, capturing the gun and twenty-one prisoners. Later, he ably assisted his company commander in organising two successive assaults, which he led personally.

Lt. Cecil Mortimer Singer, Devon. R., Spec. Res., and 6th L.A.M. Bty., M.M.G. Corps. (MESOPOTAMIA)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Resht, Persia, on 20th July, 1918. During an advance through a town he kept his car well in front of the column, and bore the brunt of the fighting in the narrow streets. In spite of heavy fire from rifles and bombs he pushed steadily on, and by his pluck and determination performed exceptionally fine work. On a previous occasion, when his car was put out of action, he speedily repaired it, under most difficult conditions, and brought it into action again at a critical moment.

Lt. Gerald Hugh Singleton, 1/1st Bn., Cambridgeshire Regt.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the operations west of Morlancourt. This officer on 8th August, 1918,