

Farm. He led his platoon splendidly in face of heavy fire, and on the position being secured, he superintended the mounting of his Lewis guns in the roof of a building and silenced enemy machine-gun fire from Sowerby Farm, thereby allowing the company on his left to arrive at their position without undue loss.

Capt. Ralph Edward Cadwalladar Adams, E. Surr. R.

For valuable reconnaissance work under fire in very difficult circumstances. On September 22nd, 1918, east of Templeux le Geurard, this officer, on his own initiative, made a thorough and valuable reconnaissance of the front line held by this brigade. He was continually exposed to shell fire and sniped by machine gun and rifle fire at short range. His task was rendered especially difficult by the fact that the front line consisted only of a series of disconnected shell-holes.

T./2nd Lt. Robert Adamson, Conn. Rang., attd. 2nd Bn. R. Irish Rif.

On September 27th, 1918, near Graincourt, after his company commander had become a casualty, he took over command and on his own initiative throughout the remainder of the day reinforced the front line at the critical moment and was one of the first to reach the final objective east of Graincourt. His courage and fine leading were a splendid example to his men.

Lt. Joseph Addison, R.E., T.F., attd. 152nd Fd. Coy. R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Vaucelles on October 3/4th, 1918. On the night October 3/4th he went forward to make a reconnaissance of the St. Quentin Canal, and crawled 500 yards up to the canal bank in full view of the enemy, who were holding the opposite bank. On October 5th, when in charge of the erection of a bridge, under heavy shelling, he set a fine example to the men of his company.

T./2nd Lt. Francis Robert Aerts, 13th Bn. Welsh R.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative during the attack north of Le Cateau on October 20th, 1918. When his company was nearing its final objective it was fired upon by an enemy 77 mm. field gun, which was only about 50 yards distant. He collected a party of one N.C.O. and six men and worked round the gun, killed the crew and captured the gun, thus enabling his company to reach its final objective. He showed most determined courage throughout the operations.

Capt. (A./Maj.) David Francis Aikenhead, D./58th Bde., R.F.A.

On September 27th, 1918, the brigade advanced across the Canal du Nord to a position near Marquion. During the advance the battery came under heavy shell and machine gun fire which threatened to delay the battery. Owing to the personal gallantry of this officer and the fine example which he set to his battery the guns were brought into action without delay and with the greatest credit to all concerned.

Subadar Ala Singh, 2nd Bn. 107th Pioneers. (Egypt).

On September 19th, 1918, north of Arsuf, he was assigned the task of clearing gaps in the enemy wire to allow free passage for the guns. He led the wire cutting party forward under heavy machine-gun fire, and by his utter disregard of danger, set a splendid example to his men, who were under fire for the first time. The wire was quickly cleared, thus letting the guns forward at the earliest possible moment.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Bertram James Alexander, Middx. R., attd. 2/2nd Bn. Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry during the operations at Peizieres, September 18/19th, 1918. As adjutant of the battalion, throughout the whole of the operations, and in most cases under intense hostile shell fire, he organised the ammunition and bomb supply. On September 19th, when continual fighting was going on for possession of Poplar Trench throughout the whole twenty-four hours he personally superintended the supply of bombs to the attacking troops, going backwards and forwards to advanced parties to ensure the complete chain of supply. Undoubtedly if he had not done this so efficiently the operations would have fizzled away into a defensive action, owing to lack of bombs, etc.

T./2nd/Lt. Alfred Henry Charles Allen, Devon R., attd. 58th Rif., Indian Army (Egypt).

For gallantry and great devotion to duty in the attack on the Tabsor defences on September 19th, 1918. He was in command of the moppers-up immediately in rear of the first wave. Throughout the operations he showed great zeal and entire disregard for his personal safety. He was shot through the shoulder before the first objective was reached, and although disabled and in great pain refused to quit the firing line until the final objective had been reached—a distance of 9,000 yards approximately from the starting point. His zeal and personal example had a most inspiring effect on those near him.

T./Capt. (A./Maj.) John Richard Percy Allin, 90th Fld. Amb., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of bearers on September 29th, 1918, and following days. On the 29th, during the advance he made his way through Lehaucourt to Le Tronquay despite severe shell and machine-gun fire. He promptly organised the evacuation of the wounded and by his fine example and energy secured the rapid evacuation of over 250 casualties.

Lt. (A./Capt.) George Robert Goodville Alston, A./112th Bde., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on September 5th, 1918, south-west of Nurlu. He volunteered and successfully led his battery into a position less than 1,000 yards behind the infantry front lines under heavy machine-gun and shell fire and maintained it there, bringing very effective fire to bear on the machine guns of the retiring enemy and so materially assisted the advance. At all times he has set a fine example to those under him.