

T./2nd Lt. Robert Needham, 16th Bn. Tank Corps.

For great courage and determination on October 1st, 1918, in action at the Sugar Factory and Estrees. Just after starting he found that his entire crew had collapsed from fainting and sickness. He lifted his driver from his seat and drove the tank himself. At the same time he manned the front gun, alternately firing and driving. He took the infantry beyond their objective, assisting to capture Estrees, and finally drove his tank back to the rallying point. During the whole of this period he was totally unassisted by any one member of his crew. He did magnificent work.

2nd Lt. Edward Maurice Neil, 2/4th Bn. Hamps. R., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative at Solesmes on October 20th, 1918. He located enemy machine-gun positions and put them out of action, thereby saving many lives and enabling his company to gain their objective. During reorganisation he displayed sound judgment in disposing his posts. During the afternoon, while under extremely heavy shell fire, he exposed himself without regard of personal safety in rescuing wounded men and civilians from ruined houses.

2nd Lt. William Nelson, 2nd Bn. R. Innis. Fus.

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On October 15th, 1918, during the attack upon Gulleghem, he led his platoon with great determination and courage in the face of heavy machine-gun fire. He inspired his men throughout by his remarkable coolness and courage, and his fine example contributed to a large extent to the capturing of the village with a number of prisoners and machine guns.

Lt. William Percival Nelson, R.A.M.C. (Spec. Res.), attd. 1/28th Bn. Lond. R.

At Rumillies on October 8th, 1918, for gallantry and devotion to duty. During a very severe bombardment of both artillery and machine guns he constantly went out to the help of the wounded, attending them with utter disregard for danger, and was the means of saving several lives and alleviating a great deal of suffering. He has at all times set a striking example by his fearlessness and devotion to duty.

2nd Lt. Victor George Newberry, 3rd Bn. Lond. R.

On September 10th, 1918, at Epehy, for great gallantry and devotion to duty. He helped to lead the battalion on to the assembly position under shell fire and under extremely difficult conditions, owing to the intense darkness and heavy rain. As intelligence officer during the attack, he endeavoured to gain touch with the units on the flanks under very heavy machine-gun fire. Later in the day he organised and led a bombing attack on the enemy with great skill and courage, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy until he fell wounded. Throughout his initiative, cheerfulness and utter disregard of danger were admirable.

2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) Thomas Newman, D.C.M., R.W. Surr. R., attd. 11th Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations from September 28th to October 3rd, 1918. At Gheluwe, on the night of October 1st, while the battalion was proceeding to the forming-up line, it came under heavy shell fire, and he was severely shaken and wounded by a shell. He carried on, however, and it was entirely due to his untiring energy and supervision that the battalion arrived on the forming-up line at zero. After the attack he reorganised the remainder of the battalion on the captured positions, enabling it to beat off strong enemy counter-attacks.

Capt. Arthur Robert Nichols, L'pool R. (Spec. Res.), attd. 4th Bn.

On October 10th, 1918, north of Le Cateau, he succeeded in getting his entire company across the flooded river La Selle, under machine-gun fire, although the only means of crossing at that time was a fallen tree. Several men swam and waded breast high, led by him, and the remainder were got across by the temporary bridge, the operation taking over an hour. The successful accomplishment of the work was due to his conspicuous gallantry and skill in leadership.

T./Lt. (A./Maj.) John Francis Nichols, 11th Bn. M.G. Corps.

During the advance on Epinoy on September 27th, 1918, he led his company into action with marked gallantry and skill. Throughout the day he was well ahead of his company, and by bold reconnaissance and a thorough grasp of the changing situation was able to bring his guns into action promptly to close a gap left between advancing battalions. He was personally responsible for the capture of thirty-three prisoners and for the conspicuous success with which the guns of the company were used throughout the day.

Capt. John Archibald Nicholson, M.B., R.A.M.C. (S.R.), attd. 1st Bn. Sea. Highrs. (Egypt):

For most gallant conduct and devotion to duty near Tabor on September 20th, 1918. He moved about in the open under a heavy machine-gun fire to dress the wounded and bring them to a place of safety. Though casualties were very heavy, he continued to perform his duties with the greatest calmness and disregard of danger. He set a very fine example of devotion to duty and showed great courage.

Lt. Robert Graham Nicol, 6th Bn. Sco. Rif., T.F., attd. 1st Bn.

For great gallantry and daring patrol work on October 5th, 1918, during the advance from the Canal de l'Escaut. Early in the morning, he, with one other, made his way over the canal, reconnoitring as far as Kingston Quarry hard on the heels of the enemy. Owing to their prompt report the battalion early secured the sunken road covering the canal crossing from Putney to Franque Wood, and a line of patrols was established east of the Hindenburg Line from Richmond Quarry to Basket Wood by noon. During subsequent advance