

been cut to pieces and its officer killed. By his determination and persistence an advance was forced as far as the convent.

T./Capt. Cecil Harlow Edmond, 9th Bn., Tank Corps.

For marked gallantry during the attack on Mormal Forest on 4th November, 1918. One Tank of his section had its sponson burst in near the front line. He improvised an iron plate and sent it into action. Another Tank had its crew gassed, and he immediately got together a crew of infantry and led them into action. Owing to his fine example he brought his section into action under a very heavy barrage and at a critical time.

Lt. Howard Maurice Edmunds, S. Gds., Spec. Res., attd. 2nd Bn.

For conspicuous courage as a platoon leader, near Haussy, on 20th and 21st October, 1918. On the final objective his platoon was met by heavy fire from a farm. Realising that the direct attack was held up he led his party to a flank under heavy fire from close range, got beyond the objective and inflicted casualties on the enemy, who, in consequence of his attack, began to retire.

2nd Lt. Harry Edson, 1/5th Bn., Notts. & Derby. R., T.F., attd. 139th L.T.M. Bty.

On 3rd October, 1918, during the attack on Ramicourt, he took a section of trench mortars through a very heavy barrage, and by his gallantry and coolness was able to get his guns into action on three occasions, causing many casualties to the enemy. Later, when all officers of a company of infantry had become casualties, he organised the company and carried on with it. He twice got a hostile trench mortar into action on the enemy, clearing a machine-gun post, and dispersing a counter-attack.

T./Lt. Edward Medcalf Elder, R. Highrs., attd. 7th Bn., N. Staffs. R.

(MESOPOTAMIA)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Stafford Hill, near Baku. He captured a hill under heavy fire with small loss, and held on with pluck and determination under heavy and continuous bombardment. When eventually ordered to withdraw, he did so with great skill, suffering very few casualties, although the enemy were almost upon him. His conduct throughout was splendid.

T./2nd Lt. Harold James Ellard, M.M., R. Fus., attd. 9th Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and determined leadership east of Henin Liétard on 13th October, 1918, in command of a strong fighting patrol. In the face of heavy opposition from hostile machine guns and shelling, he succeeded in reaching Noyelle-Godaul and clearing the village of the enemy, and having done so, took up a defensive position beyond, and although exposed on both flanks he maintained his position throughout the day.

2nd Lt. Albert Charles Elliott, 1/5th Bn., E. Lanc. R., T.F.

For marked gallantry and initiative.

Near Riencourt, on 30th August, 1918, when his company was held up by close range cross machine-gun fire, he led his platoon against one of the machine-gun nests, capturing both guns and crews, and enabling the advance to continue. Later, he led the way under heavy machine-gun fire to the final objective. He also led a patrol into Riencourt, and obtained accurate information that greatly assisted the subsequent attack on the village.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Charles George Howson Ellis, D.S.O., 5th Bn., W. Rid. R., T.F.

For marked gallantry and resource during an attack on St. Python and Le Pigeon Blanc Farm on 20th October, 1918. Throughout the operation he personally led his men, overcoming every obstacle, and on reaching Le Pigeon Blanc Farm after fifteen minutes' stiff fighting, he himself captured an enemy artillery observing officer and his four men. His inspiring example was admirable.

Lt. Frederick James Emson, Notts. Yeo., sec. 100th Bn., M.G. Corps.

On 5th October, 1918, at Mushroom Quarry, near Grandcourt, after making a personal reconnaissance, he moved his eight guns 2,500 yards and fired his barrage most effectively. Again, on 7th October, he was in charge of three sections at Ponchaux for barrage work, and was heavily shelled while digging in. By his cool courage he set a fine example to his men. He has done consistent good work.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Francis Philip Enright, S.W. Bord., attd. 10th Bn.

On the 4th November, 1918, at Mormal Forest, he was in command of the support company. The leading company was early left without an officer, also the advance was temporarily held up by heavy machine-gun fire. He immediately pushed forward, took command, and with the two companies forced the enemy to retire in disorder. It was mainly owing to his fine efforts that the left of the battalion reached its objective. His conduct has been of a very high order constantly.

T./Lt. Evan Howells Evans, 2nd Bn., R.W. Fus.

During the attack on the south-eastern outskirts of Englefontaine and Forêt de Mormal, on the 4th November, 1918, he was commanding a company, and showed marked gallantry and skill throughout those operations. Under the heaviest machine-gun and trench-mortar fire he led his company successfully from the kicking-off point to the final objective, capturing many machine guns.

T./Lt. George Emlyn Thomas Hulse Evans, 11th Bn., R. Fus.

During operations near Ronssoy, The Knoll and Vendhuile, on the 29th/30th September, 1918, he never failed to get in communication with both the forward companies and brigade. His work under most trying circumstances enabled communication to be maintained, which assisted in the successful result of the operations. He showed great keenness and coolness under fire.