

22nd September he again did good service by holding on to positions in spite of continual determined attacks by the enemy.

T./2nd Lt. Kelvin Tallent Spencer, 61st Fd. Coy., R.E.

During a period from 26th October to 6th November, 1918, he performed excellent and gallant work in bridging the Scheldt. He carried out a valuable reconnaissance under heavy fire. On the 26th and 29th October he was in charge of bridging parties near Espierres; and, again, on the 4th November, he succeeded in throwing a bridge 85 feet long across the Scheldt in close proximity to an enemy post, thus enabling the infantry to establish themselves on the east bank.

T./2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) Ernest Bernard Spicer, M.M., 9th Bn., Norf. R.

Near Holnon, on 18th September, 1918, when acting adjutant, he did excellent work in collecting and helping to reorganise, under heavy shell fire, companies that had become disorganised in the thick mist, and whose officers had become casualties. His total disregard of personal danger was a fine example to all.

Lt. (T./Capt. and A./Maj.) Gerald Evan Spicer, 107th Fld. Amb., R.A.M.C.

He was in charge of a detachment of bearers during the operations around Moorseele from 14th to 17th October, 1918. He worked unremittingly throughout, establishing posts for the collection of wounded and going up to the regimental aid posts, and on occasions forward of these posts, frequently under heavy shell and machine-gun fire. Owing to his gallantry and tireless devotion to duty the wounded were rapidly and successfully evacuated.

2nd Lt. William Fergus Spriggs, R.F.A., T.F., attd. A/77th Bde., R.F.A.

On 13th October, 1918, near Iwuy, he went forward as forward observation officer under a very heavy enemy barrage, and remained in an advanced position where he could observe the whole situation for many hours. He kept communication with brigade headquarters, sending back much valuable information, whereby effective fire was brought to bear on many important targets. He showed great gallantry and initiative.

T./Capt. Hereward George Springfield, 7th Bn., R.W. Surr. R.

On 20th September, 1918, round Lempire, he did excellent work in establishing lines of forward posts under fire. On 4th September he showed great powers of leadership and initiative by pushing his company forward across the Canal du Nord and the Tortille, establishing a line of strong posts, an operation which proved invaluable in the subsequent fighting.

T./2nd Lt. Francis Stafford Stafford, Shrops. L.I., attd. 1/4th Bn., Ches. R., T.F.

In the operations near Menin on 17th October, 1918, he led his platoon and others round him with great gallantry up to the farthest point reached by the battalion on

the north side of the Gheluwe-Menin road. He maintained himself there for about six hours with a small party under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire. He shot two enemy machine-gunners who were mounting a gun. Throughout he showed splendid determination and endurance.

T./2nd Lt. Leslie Stagg, Norf. R., attd. 25th Bn., L'pool R.

On the 21st October, 1918, during the crossing of the River Escault, for conspicuous gallantry and initiative. As patrols were being ferried across by the pontoon ferry, heavy machine-gun and rifle fire opened from an enemy post. He got hold of a Lewis gun, and, proceeding some way up the western bank, opened fire on the enemy, forcing him to withdraw, and thus enabling the remainder of the company to get across the river.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Archibald George Clabon Stainforth, East Kent R.

In the attack on the 17th October, 1918, near Vaux Andigny, in command of a company, he showed great skill and courage. He led his men straight to their objective in thick fog, personally rounding up many prisoners en route. On reaching the objective he carried out a series of valuable reconnaissances. Finding his right flank exposed he collected a few men belonging to another division and established a post, remaining in charge himself until reinforced.

T./2nd Lt. Alfred Ernest Stammers, 2nd Bn., Tank Corps.

During operations east of St. Emilie, on the morning of the 18th September, 1918, he was commanding a Tank. Despite extreme darkness he managed to get off soon after the barrage and did excellent work. He and his crew were all wounded, and the Tank was damaged by anti-Tank gunfire, so that it could not be moved. He showed great gallantry and devotion to duty, and did work of great value to the infantry.

2nd Lt. Edward James Stanford, 4th Bn., Wilts. R., T.F., attd. 7th Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership of a platoon during operations south of Le Cateau on 19th October, 1918. When the company on the right was held up by machine-gun fire in a farm he led his platoon forward and rushed the farm, and put the machine guns out of action, capturing several prisoners, thus enabling the line to move forward. On another occasion he again rushed a machine gun singlehanded and put it out of action. His coolness and courage throughout were admirable.

Capt. John Stanley. Hunts. Cyclist Bn., attd. 2/4th Bn., O. & B.L.I., T.F.

During the operations north of Maresches, on the 2nd November, 1918, he commanded his company with marked skill and gallantry. He went forward through a heavy barrage and personally led forward the leading platoon of his company, thereby gaining its objective, capturing some hundreds of prisoners, two field guns and several machine guns. His fine conduct materially helped the success of the operation.