

handed, but by his personal courage and devotion to duty he animated all ranks and successfully evacuated the wounded under very heavy shell fire.

T./2nd Lt. Ernest Sully, Shrops. L.I., attd. 1/1st Hereford R.

At Menin, on 16th October, 1918, he was in charge of a patrol which succeeded in crossing the River Lys and patrolled for a distance of 2,000 yards into Halluin. He captured an enemy machine gun and brought back valuable information. In returning he discovered an enemy pontoon bridge, and in spite of heavy shelling he succeeded in swinging it across the river. By his courage and resource he was mainly responsible for the passage of troops over the pontoon the following morning.

T./2nd Lt. Walter George Thomas Summers, D.C.M., M.M., 12th Bn., E. Surr. R.

During operations on 26th October, 1918, he showed marked gallantry and initiative in leading forward three separate fighting patrols. His patrol was the first to occupy the village of Avelghem. He then pushed on and seized a post on the River Scheldt which he held until the arrival of our troops. Later in the day he led other patrols forward and established posts in the villages of Rugge and Waffelstraat. On one of these occasions he met, and drove back, a hostile patrol, killing three of them personally.

T./2nd Lt. Charles William Sumner, Lanc. Fus., attd. 1/8th Bn., T.F.

During a night attack on the enemy's positions on 23rd October, 1918, near Vertigneul, he had charge of the assaulting wave. He led his men forward, and charged a hostile machine-gun nest, knocking out the crew and capturing the gun. Despite heavy mist and darkness he, under heavy fire, led the company to the final objective. Throughout he showed marked courage and able leadership, and was personally responsible for killing several enemy.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Oliver Dudley Sutcliffe, U.L., attd. 1st Bn., 153rd Infy., I.A.

(EGYPT)

For conspicuous gallantry on the night of 18th/19th September, 1918, on Bidston Hill, near Kh. Abu Felah. Immediately he heard that all the four company commanders had been wounded he went forward and rallied disorganised groups of men and led them most gallantly, capturing the enemy's position.

2nd Lt. Claud Ian Sutherland, Arg. & Suth'd Highrs., attd. 1st Bn., R. Highrs.

On the 30th September, 1918, east of Pontruet, he did splendid work, and ably led his platoon, which was first to reach the final objective, in spite of heavy machine-gun fire. His contempt of danger inspired the greatest confidence in his men. On reaching the final objective he ably assisted the advance of other platoons by bringing fire to bear on the enemy, who were still holding out on his flanks.

T./2nd Lt. George William Sutcliffe, 9th Bn., Yorks. R.

At Beaufevor, on 5th October, 1918,

when his company commander was killed, he assumed command and handled his company with the greatest skill and gallantry, consolidating his line under very heavy machine-gun fire.

T./2nd Lt. Robert Frederick Switzer, R. Ir. Regt., attd. 7th Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and able leadership. During the night 21st/22nd October, 1918, previous to the attack on Bossuyt Chateau Wood, east of St. Genois, under heavy machine-gun fire, he made three reconnaissances of the ground to be covered in the advance, bringing back valuable information. In the attack he penetrated the enemy's lines to the furthest point reached near the village, and when surrounded by the enemy counter-attacked, inflicting losses, and held his position for ten hours, finally getting into touch with his company.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Alfred Theodore Knowles Sykes, 7th Bn., W. Rid. R., T.F., sec'd. 38th Labour Coy.

On the night of 30th/31st October, 1918, at Bisseghem Ammunition Depot, west of Courtrai, during a heavy hostile air raid, which had already succeeded in setting fire to an ammunition train, he displayed marked gallantry in assisting to uncouple the burning trucks of ammunition, all the time being subjected to heavy bombing and also in danger from the exploding ammunition in the burning trucks. These operations lasted about one and a half hours. By his fine conduct many thousands of rounds of ammunition were saved.

T./Lt. John Hudson Steed Sykes, Gen. List, attd. R.E.

He did fine work during the operations, including the capture of Hill 60 on 28th September, 1918; the advance on Zandvoorde and Wervicq—the attack on 14th October; the crossing of the Lys on 18th/19th October; and the attack on 19th/20th October, 1918. The success of the brigade was partly due to his fearless conduct in laying out lines to battalions under heavy shell fire, notably at Blaeguert Farm and Petuvin Wood, when the vicinity of brigade headquarters was subjected to several intense bombardments.

T./Lt. Edward Lawrence Taggart, 2nd Bn., Midd'x R.

For conspicuous gallantry and ability. Under his capable supervision as signalling officer in the attacks, both on the Fresnes-Rouvroy (7th/8th October, 1918), and the Queant-Drocourt lines (10th/11th October, 1918), signalling communication was established right at the commencement and maintained throughout the operations between companies and battalion headquarters. On both occasions he carried out daring reconnaissances previous to the battles, particularly before the former, when he laid his cable a large part of the way before the attack was launched.

Lt. (A./Capt.) John Francis Tallack, R.F.A. (S.R.), attd. D./71st Bde., attd. 73rd Fld. Coy., R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while on a reconnaissance of the ap-