

silenced two .77 mm. guns, which were firing on the troops at about 1,500 yards range. His intrepid behaviour set a fine example.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Neal William Matheson, M.C., R.E., T.F., attd. 54th Fd. Coy., R.E. (ITALY)

At Salettuel throughout the bridging operations of 26th/28th October, 1918, his services stood out pre-eminently. He took part in the preliminary reconnaissances across channels of unknown depth to determine the site of the bridge, and when this had been done was entrusted with the task of co-ordinating the work of the different units engaged on the work. When shelling and bombing interrupted the work he displayed the greatest coolness and disregard of danger. Though wounded he refused to leave the work. He did much to ensure the success of the operations.

T./Capt. John Hay Moir, M.C., M.D., R.A.M.C., attd. 17th Bn., R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 27th, 28th, and 29th September, 1918, near Noyelles. On the 27th, while a stretcher-party moving to the rear received a direct hit, he rushed out to its assistance and attended to the survivors under intense shell fire, carrying them to a place of safety. On the 28th he worked his aid-post under concentrated fire, dressing the wounded in the open after the cellar was full. He was very badly shaken by a shell burst, but carried on his work into the night, and assisted to pick up wounded in a counter-attack. Although utterly exhausted on the 29th he continued attending the wounded with energy and determination.

Capt. (A./Lt.-Col.) Alfred Law Mowat, M.C., 1/4th Bn., W. Rid. R., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion during operations east of Naues, lasting from the 11th to the 17th October, 1918. Always regardless of personal danger, he continually moved about his battalion area by day and night during every phase of the action, and on one occasion, when the enemy attacked with tanks and the line withdrew, he rallied the men, and led them forward again. Throughout the whole operations his gallantry and coolness set a magnificent example to all ranks under his command.

T./Capt. (A./Maj.) Arthur William Muir, M.C., 2nd Bn., North'd Fus.

During the phase of operations on the 4th, 5th, and 6th November, 1918, he was in command of his battalion. Throughout the operations he displayed great skill and gallantry in the leading of his men, especially on the evening of the 6th. It was due to his untiring efforts and personal reconnaissances under heavy fire that he was able to report his battalion on their objective that night.

T./Capt. Frank Nicholls, M.C., 20th Bn., Manch. R.

On the 6th November, 1918, the battalion was detailed as advanced guard during the advance from Maroilles to Dompierre; he was placed in command of the two companies forming the point and vanguard. He

carried out his duties in a most masterly and efficient manner, outflanking an enemy position, inflicting casualties, and taking several prisoners. Throughout he did excellent work.

Capt. (A./Maj.) William Paget-Tomlinson, 7th Hrs. (MESOPOTAMIA.)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Huwaish on 28th October, 1918. When his regiment was attacking superior enemy numbers he showed most marked coolness and disregard of danger under fire. Though early wounded he remained at duty, and by his leadership and fine example in a brilliant attack, which caused heavy casualties on the enemy and was only checked within point blank range of their guns, he inspired all ranks near him. Later, in spite of his wounds, he again went into action. He behaved most pluckily.

Maj. Bernard Edward Thomas Parsons, 2/4th Bn., Hamps. R., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and valuable services. On 4th November, 1918, near Le Quesnoy, he went forward through the open fire-swept zone to co-ordinate the attack of his battalion, and went forward with the leading waves to the final objectives, capturing 250 prisoners and many machine guns and trench mortars. Again, on 6th November, 1918, near Le Timon, when the left flank was in the air and being heavily enfiladed, he went forward and cleared up the situation, reorganising the attack and enabling the companies to reach their objectives.

T./Capt. Harold Charles Pemberton, 20th Bn., Lan. Fus., attd. 16th Bn.

During the attack on the Oise-Sambre Canal on 4th November, 1918, he attempted to cross the bridge as soon as it was ready. As he was crossing, the floats at the enemy's end of the bridge broke loose. Under heavy machine-gun fire he succeeded in repairing it, thus enabling one officer and three men to cross before it was again broken by shell fire. In the advance he rendered excellent service.

Lt. (T./Maj.) Christopher Pepys, M.C., Devon R., attd. 8th Bn. (ITALY.)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in the attack on the left bank of the Piave on 27th October, 1918. In command of the battalion, which was in brigade support, he led his troops across the Piave under very heavy fire, and hearing there was a gap between the front line battalion and troops on the right, he at once pushed forward to fill the gap, and pushed his advance until held up in front of C. Palaclin, a formidable strong point. Hearing that the troops on his left were held up and the commanding officer killed, he went to them under heavy fire, reorganised them, and supervised consolidation until reinforcements arrived. During the further advance next day into villages occupied by the enemy he showed great initiative and courage in directing attacks on strong positions.

T./Capt. (A./Maj.) Frederick William Richards, M.C., 105th Field Coy., R.E.

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