

A counter-attack and barrage launched by the enemy compelled the withdrawal of the infantry. In conjunction with a neighbouring machine-gun section, he pushed his section forward, and put down a covering machine-gun barrage, which assisted the infantry in a critical situation, and contributed to the defeat of the counter-attack.

2nd Lt. Norman Fee, R.G.A. (Spec. Res.), attd. 47th Bde.

During the recent operations in front of Le Cateau, he did most useful and gallant reconnaissance work, notably on 17th October, 1918, near Bazuel, when he went through a heavy hostile barrage to locate the forward positions of our infantry. On 4th November, at Mormal Forest, he again did excellent reconnaissance work. He also captured seven prisoners single-handed in Preux. Throughout his work was excellent.

Lt. George Henry Frederick Ferdinando, R.F.A., attd. X/5th Trench Mortar Bty.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative on 7th November, 1918, near Pon-sur-Sambre, when in command of a section of six inch Newton trench mortars, that advanced in immediate support of the attacking infantry. He went forward and found that the enemy were holding the bridgehead and were maintaining brisk machine-gun fire from it. He returned and brought his mortars into action, under heavy fire, and silenced these guns, materially assisting the infantry to continue their advance.

T./Capt. Dugald Ferguson, M.B., R.A.M.C., attd. H.Q., 168th Bde., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Bazuel, on 4th November, 1918. He visited batteries constantly under heavy shell fire, and attended to wounded under most trying circumstances. His cheerfulness and untiring energy kept up the spirits of the troops.

T./2nd Lt. Thomas Henry Fielding, 13th Bn., Rif. Brig.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 4th November, 1918, near Louvignies. He commanded a platoon of the support company, and was detailed to lead his men in mopping up a strong enemy machine-gun nest in the railway cutting. By his dashing leadership, he disconcerted the enemy and captured the position.

2nd Lt. George Moses Montefuri Finsberg, 3rd (Light) Bn., Tank Co.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Estrees, on 3rd October, 1918. When the infantry were held up by two hostile strong points, although wounded in five places, he continued to drive his whippet tank in the face of the attack on this strong point. After enemy machine-gun fire had been brought to bear on him at fifty yards range, his car became ditched, and he was taken prisoner. Later he escaped and got back, although wounded in seventeen places. It was largely due to his total disregard of personal safety that the enemy were forced to evacuate the strong points.

T./Lt. Harold Fisher, H.Q., 168th Bde., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when acting as Adjutant and Signal Officer of the brigade at Bazuel, on 3rd/4th November, 1918. He supervised the laying of telephone lines through areas which were continually under heavy shell fire, and, thanks to his perseverance and energy, communications were maintained between battalion headquarters and batteries during the fighting.

Lt. Edward Graham FitzHenry, 26th Fd. Coy., R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry on the night 3rd/4th November, 1918, when responsible for taping out the forming-up line for the attack on Catillon. When proceeding to his work, his party came under heavy shell fire and the N.C.O. and sapper composing it were both wounded, and he himself severely shaken; in spite of this he went forward alone and successfully completed his task single-handed. He has previously distinguished himself.

Capt. (T./Maj.) Cuthbert Collingwood Lloyd Fitzwilliams, W. Gds., secd. 1st Bn. M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and good work near Fresnoy le Petit on 18th September, 1918. During an enemy counter-attack at Villemay Trench and Essling Alley, he was commanding a machine-gun company and went forward with his guns under heavy fire, and got them into action, causing severe casualties to the enemy. He was largely instrumental in breaking up the counter-attack.

8736 S.M. Robert Fleming, D.C.M., 2nd Bn. Gord. Highrs. (ITALY.)

For conspicuous gallantry, fearlessness and devotion to duty. During the action of 27th October, 1918, near Cimadolmo, he was the first to cross the Piave with a pack train of ammunition, taking it up to his battalion in the front line. He returned, refilled, and was back again that night, having forded the river three times. At one period of the day the pontoon bridge at Salettul was consistently bombed and shelled, causing a good deal of confusion to take place. The conduct of the sergeant-major during this time was magnificent in rallying and keeping men in hand. He has proved himself of the highest class on many occasions under trying circumstances.

Capt. Harold John Fletcher, R. Wilts Yeo., attd. 2nd Bn. K.R.R.C.

For gallantry and devotion to duty near Molain on 17th October, 1918. He was transport officer to the battalion, and on the 17th instant was in command of transport and following close in rear of the battalion, and was wanted by the battalion commander early on in the attack. He went straight through Molain to him under machine-gun fire, capturing some prisoners on the way. Also in the battles of 18th and 25th September he did good work in getting up ammunition, etc.