

T./Lt. Harris Rendall Oke, M.C., 11th Bn., R. Scots., attd. 45th Bn., R. Fus.

His skilful handling of his platoon was largely responsible for the gaining of all objectives. By opening fire on the enemy's river craft he saved the column a large number of casualties. Two steamers and one gunboat put up the white flag. Subsequently, in conjunction with an officer, he formed a defensive line at a critical time. He did excellent work.

(M.C. gazetted 26th July, 1918.)

Capt. Alister Cullen Pearse, M.C., Middlesex Regt., attd. 45th Bn., Royal Fus.

He was in charge of the raid carried out on Kodema on 8th September, 1919, which was a success. His cool handling of his platoon in outflanking the enemy in the counter-attack was the principal cause of the heavy casualties inflicted on the enemy. He led his men with the greatest dash on both occasions. During the whole operations he set a fine example.

(M.C. gazetted 2nd December, 1918.)

Lt. John Hubert Penson, M.C., R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the 10th August, 1919. He guided the Sludka-Lipovets Column for three days, and brought it to within 400 yards of the enemy's position unobserved. Again, on the 10th August, the column, having decided to withdraw from Lipovets owing to shortage of ammunition, he guided it out under heavy fire.

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Lt. Robert Ramsay, M.C., 1st Bn., R. Highrs., attd. 45th Bn., R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership. He, as adjutant to the column, when his commanding officer was killed took command until the next senior officer could be informed. He was practically cut off with the whole of Column Headquarters, when the enemy landed a party of sailors. He managed to extricate headquarters and keep up constant communication with the forward attacking companies. He has again later done excellent work.

(M.C. gazetted 22nd April, 1918.)

Lt. Harry Arthur Spencer, M.C., 421st Bn., R.F.A.

For gallantry and devotion to duty on many occasions between 15th June and 30th August, 1919, near Shred Mekrenga. He has carried out all his own patrol work to ensure accurate shooting, and has accounted for 148 of the enemy. On the 24th and 25th July, 1919, during hostile attack, he was responsible for warding it off.

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Capt. Walter Spencer, M.C., Durh. L.I.

On the 22nd July, 1919, he was liaison officer with two companies. The enemy made a heavy attack on the blockhouses from the rear and captured eight blockhouses with all their garrison, thus completely cutting off him and the remaining forces. The enemy then reorganised and attempted to carry the remaining blockhouses. His men, animated by his coolness and determination, successfully

drove off all attacks and even recaptured two of the lost blockhouses, which they held for seventeen hours until relieved.

(M.C. gazetted 16th September, 1918.)

Lt. (A./Capt.) Sidney Hamilton Walker, M.C., 1/24th Bn., Lond. R., attd. 45th Bn., R. Fus.

He led his platoon with conspicuous gallantry and skill under severe machine-gun fire, successfully charging two machine guns. Subsequently, after the final objective had been taken, the rear of the column was subjected to severe fire by a strong enemy force. He immediately turned about his platoon and formed a line, thus helping to save a dangerous situation.

(M.C. gazetted 15th February, 1919.)

Lt. (A./Capt.) Vashon James Wheeler, M.C., Rif. Brig., attd. 45th Bn., R. Fus.

He did excellent work with his patrols on the 7th, 8th and 9th September, 1919, always gaining touch with the enemy. He also led his platoon with great gallantry and dash in the raid on Kodema on 8th September, and six hours later led them in a most successful counter-attack.

(M.C. gazetted in this Gazette.)

AWARDED THE MILITARY CROSS.

Lt. Charles Douglas Armstrong, E. Surr. R., attd. 201st Bn., M.G. Corps.

For gallantry and devotion to duty during operations of 10th-11th August, 1919. At Sludka, on 10th August, he formed a rear-guard defence with his two guns against a party of sailors which had landed and cut off the main body from reserves. He handled his guns with great skill. At the crossing of the Sheika also he did excellent work with his guns.

Capt. Alfred Mouat Barrett, R. Berks. R., Spec. Res.

He was the commander of one of the companies of Dyer's battalion during the mutiny occurring in that battalion at Troitsa on 7th July, 1919. He was instrumental in stopping the mutiny, and maintained his company steadily on parade during heavy fire absolutely owing to his courage and determination. He entirely prevented a disaster.

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T./2nd-Lt. Alan Boatswain, R.A.S.C.

During the attack on Pocha on 1st June, 1919, he was with Advanced Headquarters as Supply Officer. Owing to shortage of officers, he volunteered to take command of an artillery battery, and in this capacity was continuously in action with the battery under fire for forty-eight hours. He thus rendered gallant and valuable service.