

being enfiladed, he rushed forward with a few men and formed a defensive flank under very heavy machine-gun fire directed at him as he advanced. He handled his company with such skill that his example of coolness and courage saved the situation.

Risaldar Nur Ahmed Khan, I.O.M., 9th Hodson's Horse, Ind. Army. (EGYPT)

On the 19th September, 1918, he was in charge of the advance troop and acted with the greatest dash and gallantry. He made several personal reconnaissances and sent back clear information. When checked by fire from the orchard just north of Wadi Falik he collected his troop and cleared the place, securing 2 guns, 1 machine gun, some transport, 3 officers and about 40 other ranks. He did splendid work.

T./2nd Lt. Arthur Harold Oakley, R.W. Kent R., attd. 7th Bn.

During the attack on Corbeau on 23rd October, 1918, he showed marked gallantry, initiative and leadership. On 26th October he commanded his company in the operations at Englefontaine and reached his objective in difficult circumstances, and by daring patrols gained touch with a flank company, thereby straightening the line and making consolidation of the position much simpler.

2nd Lt. William O'Connor, Conn. Rang., attd. 5th Bn.

For marked gallantry on the night 10th/11th October, 1918, during the attack on Le Cateau. He led his platoon with great dash and determination through the town. When a large party of the enemy, numbering about 400, offered to surrender, he went forward personally to take them, when they scattered, and machine guns opened fire from behind. He shot the officer in charge of the enemy and fought his way back under heavy fire, although his platoon was completely surrounded.

Lt. James Joseph O'Grady, R.F.A. (S.R.), attd. B/51st Bde.

He was in charge of forward guns from 14th October, 1918, and rendered very efficient and gallant service in knocking out enemy machine guns. In particular, when the infantry was held up on 15th October near Gemeenhof, he got into action with two guns under heavy direct machine-gun fire, 500 yards from the houses, and did great execution, and finally silenced the machine guns and made the advance of the infantry possible.

T./2nd Lt. Thomas Oldershaw, M.M., 126th Fd. Coy., R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during bridging operations on the River Sambre at Berlaimont on 6th November, 1918. Under heavy shell fire, which caused many casualties to his party, he successfully constructed two bridges, working continuously for 23 hours until they were completed. In order to get his bridging material to the site he had to pass a road crater. This difficulty he overcame by making a bridge across the crater.

2nd Lt. Bertram Morgan Oliver, W. Kent Yeoc., attd. 7th Bn., R.W. Kent R.

In the attack near Le Cateau on the 23rd October, 1918, he led his platoon with marked courage and ability, and having reached his final objective attacked and captured a strong point, killing many of the enemy and capturing a large number of prisoners and several machine guns. He set a splendid example of dash, which greatly facilitated the success of the operation.

Lt. Thomas Joseph O'Meara, R. Mun. Fus., Spec. Res., sec'd. 19th Bn.

On the 4th November, 1918, during the attack on the village of Eth, his section, following up the infantry, suffered very heavily, two gun teams being wiped out. He superintended the bandaging of the wounded and helped to place them in safety. He then collected the remainder of his men and led them forward under very heavy shell fire. Throughout the operations he has rendered valuable assistance by his example of courage and energy.

T./2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) John Joseph O'Neill, 1st Bn., S. Wales Bord.

On 18th October, 1918, near Wassigny, when all the other officers became casualties, he assumed command and led the company most gallantly, setting a splendid example to his men. Having gained his objective, he consolidated his position. Throughout the day he showed great energy and ability.

T./Capt. John Carmichael Orchardson, 8th Bn., R.W. Kent R.

For marked gallantry and fine leadership during an attack on the enemy position north of Haussy, on the 16th October, 1918. Owing to heavy casualties he took command of two companies and carried through the attack successfully and consolidated the position; 200 prisoners and many machine guns were captured. Later in the day the companies were counter-attacked, but beat the enemy off with heavy loss.

Capt. Herbert Edward Osborne, 2nd Res. Regt. of Cav., K. Edwards' Horse.

(MESOPOTAMIA)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a retirement from Tikmedash to Mianeh on 5th-7th September, 1918. He conducted the withdrawal of his small command in face of strong enemy forces over a distance of 55 miles in a most skilful and cool manner. He caused the enemy many casualties, and eventually brought his force through to safety with comparatively few losses.

T./Lt. John Edward Osborne, Essex R., attd. 33rd Bn., Lond. R.

On the night 3rd/4th November, 1918, at Helchin, his company was ordered to establish posts across the river, and organised the consolidation of posts under heavy machine-gun fire. At the farthest post, which was some 1,000 yards from the only available bridge, strong opposition was met with, and an enemy post was driven in and occupied. Throughout the whole operation he showed great gallantry and ability.