

Maricourt Road. When the attack was held up by machine-gun fire, he with his Stokes' mortar team crawled up an old trench, which was enfiladed by machine-gun fire and also heavily shelled. He succeeded in getting his gun into action at 340 yards range, and silenced the machine gun, thereby enabling the advance to continue. During the whole operation he showed great gallantry and initiative.

2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) Hubert Selwyn Pink, 1/6th Bn. Notts and Derby R., T.F.

For great gallantry and skill in leading his company in the attack on the St. Quentin Canal on September 29th, 1918. In spite of the very thick fog and gas shelling, he kept his company up to time, and under enfilade machine-gun fire and artillery barrage took his men over in fine style. His company took their objective splendidly, swinging round on the way to charge a field gun battery still in action. Having arrived at his objective, he pushed his advanced platoons into Lehaucourt, taking several prisoners.

Lt. (A./Capt.) George Francis Pitt-Lewis, 3rd Devon R., attd. 1/5th Bn., T.F.

At Havrincourt on September 13th, 1918, his company was sent forward to restore the situation. It was due to his fine leadership and great gallantry under heavy fire that the enemy were driven out of the north-east corner of the village and the position restored. During the night he worked his way forward and bombed the enemy out of Kimber Avenue and the Cemetery, capturing fourteen prisoners and three machine guns. Throughout the operations he showed determined courage and leadership.

Lt. George Bede Hornby Plant, Norf. Yeo., attd. 7th Bn. Norf. R.

For conspicuous gallantry on August 25th, 1918, north-east of Mametz. On nearing the objective the advance was held up by machine-gun fire from a strong point. He at once organised and led an attack on the strong point, which was beaten off by the enemy. Undismayed, he rallied his men and again attacked and captured the position, killing many of the enemy. His fine courage and determined leadership enabled the advance to be continued and the objective gained.

2nd Lt. George Eric Pledger, 6th, attd. 20th. Bn. Midd'x R.

During the attack on the Ypres-Comines Canal Sector, on September 28th, 1918, he succeeded in capturing the south bank of the canal. By his gallantry and prompt action in pushing out Lewis guns on the canal bank during consolidation, he greatly assisted the battalion on the north bank in gaining their first objective. He crossed the canal under heavy fire and informed the battalion on the left of the position of a machine gun behind them on the bank, which they immediately scuppered, and saved many casualties during consolidation.

T./2nd Lt. Alec Frederic Plummer, 21st Sig. Coy., R.E.

For gallantry and devotion to duty on September 29th, 1918. He was ordered to lay two lines by cable wagon to a quarry just

east of Gouzeaucourt by a certain hour. Operations did not go according to programme, and at the hour when the cable wagon arrived, our front line was only 500 yards in front of the quarry. In spite of heavy high explosive and gas shelling, both lines were laid by the time ordered.

Lt. Dudley Erskine Poll, 1/24th Bn. Lond. R.

For most conspicuous gallantry and initiative at St. Pierre Vaast Wood on September 2nd, 1918. Whilst on the ridge in front of Vaux Wood he crawled over the open to the rear to bring up reinforcements, although absolutely exposed to intense rifle and machine-gun fire. He personally posted the reinforcements on the exposed flank and thus relieved the danger of a flank attack against the position on the ridge. Throughout the operations he set a fine example to all ranks.

T./Lieut. Gordon Clifford Pollett, Y. and Lan. R. and M.G.C. (Egypt).

For gallantry and devotion to duty on September 20th, 1918. He was ordered to support the attack on Beit Lidd from a very exposed position. He personally chose all his gun positions and exposed himself continuously to the enemy fire in the look out for fresh targets. He was eventually wounded, but his fearless example greatly encouraged his men and thereby contributed effectively to the success of the infantry attacks.

Lt. (A./Capt.) William Stewart Ponsford R.F.A., Spec. Res., attd. 10th Bn. Tank Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Achiet-le-Grand on August 21st, 1918. While in command of a section of tanks, he showed great initiative and resource at a difficult period in the fight. The tanks of his section had proceeded into action when he learned that the infantry were held up by heavy fire from the cemetery. At great personal risk he reconnoitred the area, and collected some whippet tanks, and with these and the last tank of his section which had not been into action, launched an attack on the enemy strong point at the cemetery, dislodging the enemy and enabling the infantry to gain their objective. His total disregard of personal danger and coolness throughout were an example to all ranks.

Lt. Bertram Pontefract, 3rd Bn., attd. 1st Bn. York. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry during the taking of Le Catalet on October 3rd, 1918, and Villers Farm near Villers Outreaux, on the night of October 8th. He acted as liaison officer between brigade and his battalion, and took frequent messages under heavy shelling and machine gun fire. He also voluntarily reconnoitred the position of his battalion on each occasion, and brought back valuable and correct information.

Capt. Arthur John Porter, Kent Cyclist Bn. (T.F.), attd. 8th Bn. R. W. Kent R.

At Haussy on October 16th, 1918, in a battalion attack, he was in command of the left attacking company. His company suffered heavy casualties from enfilade machine-gun fire in crossing a railway, all his platoon commanders being killed. He succeeded in