

T./2nd Lt. George Varley, 7th Bn. D.C.L.I.

At Fresnoy on October 3rd, 1918, he displayed marked gallantry and disregard of danger during the attack on the enemy trenches. He twice attacked a machine gun which had been giving considerable trouble and causing a number of casualties and finally captured the gun team numbering five. Afterwards, on seeing the company on his right suffering heavy losses from machine-gun fire he promptly organised and led a party along the enemy trench and placed a Lewis gun in position. The machine gun was silenced and forced to withdraw and the troops on flank came forward and effected liaison. His ability and leadership restored a doubtful situation between the battalions.

Capt. Edward William Drummond Vaughan, 2nd Lancers, I.A. (Egypt).

For conspicuous gallantry during the attack on El Afuleh on September 20th, 1918, when the advance squadron of the 2nd Lancers was held up by half a battalion of Turkish infantry with three machine guns. Capt. Vaughan was ordered to turn the flank of the position with his squadron. This operation he carried out with admirable coolness and judgment, with the result that the whole Turkish force was killed or captured, thus rendering the rapid capture of El Afuleh.

Capt. (A./Maj.) John Venning, 1st Bn. Lond. R., attd. 6th Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and ability throughout the operations from August 25th to 31st, 1918, when commanding a battalion, especially on August 28th, south-east of Maricourt, when he led a small party of men with a Lewis gun and dislodged two enemy machine guns which enabled the battalion to exploit its success. He did splendid work.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Amos John Vereker, 11th Bn. M.G. Corps.

On the night of October 1st/2nd, 1918, he was ordered to take his section to support the infantry on the high ground east of the Douai-Cambrai road to the north-east of Epinoy. The position at the time was obscure. The infantry guide led them into the enemy lines at dawn, where a strong party of the enemy surprised and attacked the section with rifle and machine-gun fire and bombs. He and his batman, who were in front, shot down four of the enemy, meanwhile, bringing two guns into action at point-blank range, and knocking out two enemy machine guns and twelve men. Although wounded, he held his ground and dug in on the spot, holding this position throughout the day. During this period he was completely isolated and under continuous heavy fire. He only withdrew when ordered to do so the following night. His coolness and courage set a splendid example to his section.

T./2nd Lt. Percy Waite, attd. E. Lanc. R., 11th Bn.

During operations east of Ploegsteert Wood on September 28th, 1918, he led his platoon to its objective through intense machine-gun fire. He established posts near his objective and then went forward to reconnoitre; whilst doing so he was wounded in the stomach.

Though suffering great pain he brought his platoon information that an enemy counter-attack was likely, and gave all necessary instructions to his platoon sergeant before going to the dressing station. Throughout the engagement he set a very fine example of pluck and cheerfulness.

T./2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) Albert Henry Wakefield, 1st Bn. Bedf. R.

During the operations on September 27/30th, 1918, south-west of Cambrai, he commanded his company with great gallantry, and its success in the operation was largely owing to his skilful leadership. When held up temporarily, he personally attacked round a flank with a few men in face of heavy machine-gun fire and succeeded in carrying the position and capturing seventy-five men. He showed marked courage and ability throughout, and set a splendid example to his men.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Sidney Hamilton Walker, 1/24th Bn. Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the night September 1st/2nd, 1918, at St. Pierre Vaast Wood. When ordered to attack at short notice he volunteered to guide the battalion under most difficult conditions to the assembly position. No guides were available and by his skilful leadership the battalion was able to assemble although having to pass through a heavy enemy barrage. His skilfulness and total disregard of danger inspired all ranks.

2nd/Lt. (T./Capt.) Charles Lindsay Wallace, Intell. Off., I.A.R.O., G.S.O. III. (India).

For gallantry and determined devotion to duty on the night October 27th/28th, 1918. He executed a daring reconnaissance of the route from Borasjen to Lardeh Valley, and on October 31st, the column to which he was attached being surrounded and unable to withdraw, he carried information of the fact to the main body, having to traverse many miles of difficult country and at the outset to cross open ground swept by enemy's close range fire.

T./2nd Lt. Henry Wallace, S.W. Bord., attd. 14th Bn. Welsh R.

For conspicuous gallantry and leadership during the attack on Malincourt on October 8th, 1918. On moving up to its assembly position the battalion was met by heavy machine-gun fire; he quickly rallied his company and led them against strong opposition in the fighting at Mortha Wood and the Beaufort-Masnieres line. In the later advance on Malincourt he was in command of the two reserve companies which he handled with skill during the mopping up of the village. He then led them on and established a line east of the village.

2nd Lt. Herbert Onslow Waller, 4th Bn. Sea. Highrs., attd. 1st Bn. (Egypt).

For great gallantry and coolness at Beit Lidd on September 20th, 1918. He led his platoon with great skill and boldness under a very heavy fire from rifles and machine guns, displaying great initiative and resource. He showed himself to be a most capable and gallant platoon commander.