

leading his men in the advance. When the front line, depleted of officers, came under heavy fire, he, by his personal coolness and disregard of danger, held the line, reorganised, and later put the whole position in a state of defence. Throughout the operations, from the 8th to the 13th, he has had a company in the line. He has been unfailingly cheerful in adverse circumstances, and has himself been directly responsible for the capture of about 200 prisoners and 15 machine guns, located in various strong points.

T./Capt. William Gordon Simmons, M.C., 7th Bn., R. W. Surr. R.

On 1st September, 1918, during his company's attack on Fregicourt, he rendered most gallant and valuable service. A daring personal reconnaissance gave him the location of the enemy. As he was forming up his company to attack the enemy attacked him, but by clever handling of his company he succeeded in completely mastering them and captured the village with 300 prisoners, several machine guns and 4 trench mortars. He did fine work.

T./Maj. Cyril Edgar Sladden, M.C., 9th Bn., Worc. R. (MESOPOTAMIA)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Baku on 14th September, 1918. He handled his battalion with marked ability and daring throughout the day under most difficult circumstances. When the troops on his left flank had withdrawn he skilfully extricated his command from an awkward position, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy, who greatly outnumbered him. His conduct was admirable.

T./Maj. Charles Frampton Stallard, M.C., 23rd Bn., Mdx. R., attd. 15th Bn., Hamps. R.

For marked gallantry and leadership during operations east of Courtrai from 20th/26th October, 1918, whilst temporarily commanding a battalion. When the whole battalion was held up on the canal bank at Knokke on the 21st October by direct and enfilade machine-gun fire from the opposite bank, he personally went forward and reorganised the position, and led his battalion across the canal. After reforming the battalion on the other side of the canal he led the advance up the slope and established a commanding position. Throughout the operations he did excellent work.

Capt. (A./Maj.) Arthur Windle Sutcliffe, M.C., 3rd Bn., Border R., attd. 1st Bn.

On 14th/15th October, 1918, as C.O. during the fighting from Ledeghem to Cuerne, his untiring energy and fine example of gallantry, together with his marked tactical ability, ensured the success of the operations, and greatly inspired his battalion in carrying out a difficult task under heavy machine-gun fire with their right flank in the air. He did excellent work.

Maj. Francis Lionel Tayler, Deoli R., I.A. (EGYPT)

For conspicuous gallantry on the 20th September, 1918, while in command of the leading three companies in the attack on Ras Aish, when, unsupported by artillery fire, he

gained his objective after heavy casualties under very heavy shell and machine-gun fire. He personally conducted the attack, being cut off for some time from all communication with battalion headquarters. His splendid devotion to duty inspired all ranks with that fortitude and endurance which eventually enabled them to reach their objective.

Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) Reginald Thompson, 1/1st Yorks. Dgns.

During the advance to the Lys, after the capture of Steenbeek Hill on 15th October, 1918, he handled his command of cyclists and motor machine guns with conspicuous ability. When the left flank of the brigade was dangerously exposed owing to the enemy counter-attack further north, he made it possible for the brigade to gain ground, though under heavy machine-gun fire, and by hustling the enemy broke down their opposition in Cuerne. Throughout he displayed great gallantry and ability.

2nd Lt. James Lyell Tombazis, M.C., 2nd Bn., N. & Derby. R.

On the morning of 18th September, 1918, in front of St. Quentin, while in command of a platoon, he displayed conspicuous gallantry, initiative, and power of leadership, organising an attack on a hostile strong point and capturing three machine guns. Later, while in command of a patrol on the night of the 28th September, 1918, coming upon a hostile patrol in the dark, he rushed forward, seized and brought in a prisoner, at the same time ordering his men to fire. The remainder fled, leaving one dead.

T./Maj. Alfred Ernest Yates Trestrail, Ches. R., attd. 15th Bn.

During the operations east of Terhand on the 14th October, 1918, he led his men to the attack in a most determined way, and when heavy hostile machine-gun fire was encountered from numerous strong points he got his men to surround them, and either killed or captured the occupants. His marked gallantry, cheeriness, and initiative were largely responsible for the objective being carried promptly.

Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) Robert Villiers Turner, 2nd Bn., Dur. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and able leadership. During the operations on 23rd October, 1918, near Catillon, owing to the enclosed nature of the ground the barrage was lost before the final objective overlooking the canal was reached. All further advance was carried out by means of fighting patrols. The success of the D.L.I. in reaching positions commanding the canal was due to his personal leadership and initiative in the forward area, where he reorganised and personally directed the whole of the operations.

Maj. Mervyn Doyne Vigors, M.C., 9th Hodson's Horse, I.A. (EGYPT)

On the 30th September, 1918, at Kiswe, when vanguard commander, with only one squadron and two machine guns, he attacked a column of 1,500 of the enemy, capturing 650 prisoners and four guns. It was greatly due to his resolution, quick decision, dash and gallantry that the advance of the whole Corps was so rapid and successful.