

front line with complete success, though the line was being heavily shelled, so that the batteries moved forward with the least possible delay. On the second occasion he personally reconnoitred under continuous fire the position forward after the advance and brought back very valuable information. He showed great coolness and courage.

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T./Lt. (A./Maj.) Sidney Snell, M.C., 89th Fld. Coy., R.E.

He made several personal reconnaissances which led to the successful bridging of the Lys. He worked almost continuously for thirty hours, and it was through his personal energy and determination that the work was done. On the 15th October on at least two occasions when work was delayed by heavy machine-gun fire he helped and encouraged the bridge parties. His energy and devotion to duty were most marked.

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T./Capt. Arthur Spottiswoode, M.C., Midd'x R., attd. 26th Bn., R. Fus.

On 14th October, 1918, during the advance north of Menin he, finding that owing to a thick fog it was impossible to supervise his company, took command of a mixed party of ten men and pushed on to the final objective in advance of all troops on his right and left, capturing two guns which were firing over open sights and holding up the advance. He established a post on the left of the divisional front, and after collecting fresh men succeeded in holding it until the rest of the line came up. He showed great courage, and rendered excellent service.

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T./2nd/Lt. Francis Stafford Stafford, M.C., Shrops. L.I., attd. 1/4th Bn., Ches. R., T.F.

During the action on 25th October, 1918, near Moen, after his company commander had been wounded, he led his company forward with fine courage and dash, although his left flank was exposed. It was entirely due to him that his company reached its final objective, some 7,000 yards from the start, and consolidated their exposed posts in the immediate presence of the enemy under heavy shell and machine-gun fire.

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Capt. Richard Henry Stallard, M.C., 2/8th Bn., Worc. R., T.F.

On the 1st November, 1918, at Maresches, he commanded the left support company. When the enemy counter-attacked with tanks on the left, he held on to his position until a tank was within a few yards of his headquarters, firing a machine gun at point-blank range. It was largely due to his gallant efforts that the enemy infantry in support of the tanks were repulsed. He subsequently reorganised and re-established himself on the high ground north of Maresches.

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Lt. (A./Capt.) Edwin Denton Stansfield, M.C., 1/6th Bn., W. York. R., T.F.

Throughout the period 11th/16th October, 1918, near Iwuy he showed cool courage and initiative. On the 11th October he was largely instrumental in reorganising the line after the hostile counter-attack with tanks, and he organised a composite company, which filled in a dangerous gap between ourselves and the right brigade. When the commanding officer was wounded he took over command of the battalion, and it was due to his energetic action that the hostile counter-attack did not completely develop. He again handled the battalion very skilfully during the advance on the 12th October.

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2nd Lt. Charles Henry Steele, M.C., 1st Bn., R. Irish Fus., attd. 9th Bn.

At Courtrai, on 16th October, 1918, he was in charge of a party of about fifty men who were to form a bridgehead to a pontoon bridge being thrown across the Lys Canal. When the bridge was constructed, he led his party across under heavy machine-gun fire. The bridge was destroyed by shell fire immediately afterwards. He rushed an enemy machine-gun post in a house commanding the bridge, and captured it with the team of six men. By his great courage and dash he rendered valuable service.

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T./Capt. Harold Graham Steele, M.C., North'd Fus., attd. 1st Bn.

On 8th October, 1918, during the operations near Seranvillers he was in charge of a company which he handled with great skill and gallantry. When they were held up by machine-gun fire, he rushed the enemy positions with a small party of men, killing the gunners and capturing three machine guns. Later he led two companies through the village, which he successfully cleared up, and established a position in front of the village, which he held on to, though his left flank was in the air for some considerable time. He did splendid work.

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Capt. Alexander Caldwell Stewart, M.C., 6th Bn., attd. 5th Bn., Sco. Rif., T.F.

During the operations north-east of the River Selle on 23rd/24th October, 1918, he did excellent work. All his platoon commanders becoming casualties when his company was forming up, he reorganised it, and at zero led it forward through the barrage. It was due to his marked gallantry and able leadership that, in face of very heavy machine-gun fire, his company captured both objectives allotted to it, advancing two miles.

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2nd Lt. Forrest Sunter, M.C., 4th Bn., attd. 5th Bn., Sco. Rif., T.F.

He led his platoon with great skill and gallantry during the operations north-east of the River Selle on 23rd-24th October, 1918. On 24th, in face of strong opposition from an enemy line behind two fences of wire, he led forward his Lewis gun section to a flank,