

805072 Cpl. J. Winfield, A/231st (N. Mid.) Bde., R.F.A., T.F. (Gnosall Heath).

At Bellenglise, on 29th September, 1918, during the attack, a shell wounded or killed the whole of the detachment except one gunner. Though wounded himself in four places, he continued to serve his gun with the one unwounded man, and had to be ordered to leave his gun to have his wounds dressed. He resumed charge of his gun till the barrage was completed. He showed fine courage and determination.

331780 Cpl. J. B. Wishart, 2nd Bn., H.L.I. (Glasgow).

During the operations just north of Vertain on 23rd October, 1918, he displayed magnificent courage and dash. On crossing the River Harpies, he saw an enemy post ahead doing much damage. He rushed single-handed through our barrage, killing one and capturing the remainder of the garrison. Later, when his section was held up by an enemy machine-gun post, he left his section to draw the enemy's fire and try and snipe them while he in dead ground crawled up to their flank. He rushed them with bayonet and bomb by himself, capturing eighteen prisoners, one heavy and one light machine gun.

41232 Pte. T. W. Woodhouse, 1st Bn., Worc. R. (Coventry).

He acted as a company headquarter runner on the night of the 13th/14th October, 1918, on the bank of the Haute-Deule Canal east of Flers. He volunteered to take back a message regarding the situation to battalion headquarters. He ran for about 800 yards across a flat piece of country, taking no cover at all, being the whole while under intense machine-gun fire. It was due to the orders he carried that the support company of the battalion were enabled to lend all possible aid with covering fire, which helped the remaining 20 per cent. of the advanced company to withdraw. He did most gallant work.

27206 Pte. (L./C.) C. Woods, M.M., 2/7th Bn., R. War. R., T.F. (Spalding).

For most conspicuous gallantry near Maresches on 1st November, 1918. During the attack upon the enemy positions he led his section with the greatest coolness under extremely heavy machine-gun fire, and succeeded in silencing and capturing four enemy machine guns and prisoners. Later, during an enemy counter-attack, he handled his section with the greatest ability, delaying enemy advance, and inflicting heavy casualties. He maintained his position until all ammunition was expended.

95605 Pte. R. J. Wootton, 1/5th Bn., Notts. & Derby. R., T.F. (Wolverhampton).

For conspicuous gallantry in the operations near Montbrehain on 3rd October, 1918. He showed the utmost coolness and gallantry, and when the line was held up by machine-gun fire, with utter disregard for his own safety, he rushed forward, killed or captured the entire crew single-handed, and put the gun out of action. He did splendid work.

25322 Spr. B. R. Wright, 122nd Fd. Coy., R.E. (Crosshaven).

During the bridging operations at Coutraï on 16th October, 1918, he helped to ferry the infantry across the canal in the first boat, standing all the time under direct machine-gun fire. Whilst so employed he was hit by one of our "P" Grenades, which fell short, and though severely burned he jumped into the river and remained on the enemy side, and later took part in the fighting with the infantry. Throughout his gallantry and devotion to duty were most marked.

200106 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) W. T. Wright, 1/6th Bn., S. Staffs. R., T.F. (Birmingham).

In the attack north of Sequehart on 3rd October, 1918, when about 300 yards of our line was being held up by an enemy machine gun, he on his own initiative made his way round the flank, which was covered by another enemy machine gun, and succeeded in getting up to the post. The enemy saw him approaching, but, followed by two men, he rushed the post, taking eighteen prisoners and capturing the machine gun. He showed conspicuous courage and did splendid work.

42112 Sjt. A. Wyer, 1st Bn., R. Innis. Fus. (Nottingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative in the attack near Spriete on the 19th October, 1918. He behaved in a most inspiring manner throughout the day's operations. His company was left with only one officer, and he took over command of the left half company and ably led his men to their objective in the face of many obstacles and under heavy machine-gun fire. The services rendered by him at a critical period of the operations were of great value, and he showed marked courage and powers of organisation.

260124 Pte. J. D. Wylie, 6/7th Bn., Gord. Highrs., T.F. (Glasgow).

For marked gallantry and initiative at Famars between 25th and 27th October, 1918. While acting as company runner he was carrying a message through the village of Famars, when he came upon an enemy party of two officers and nine men. He opened fire on the party with his rifle, and when they threw down their arms and surrendered, he brought the party back unaided. He did fine work.

19970 Pte. E. W. Yardley, 1st Bn., W. York. R. (Tingley, near Wakefield).

At Salency, on 24/25th September, 1918, he rendered invaluable service as a linesman in maintaining communications between Battalion Headquarters and front-line companies. Throughout these operations his untiring efforts, general cheerfulness and cool courage at all times were a splendid example to all his comrades. During the course of his work he was blown up by a high explosive shell, but after a short rest he resumed his work upon the line, showing total disregard to all danger.