

to silence the enemy machine guns. He killed two of the enemy and took twenty-four prisoners himself from a fortified house in which the enemy were firing a machine gun into the backs of our advancing infantry.

23784 Sjt. A. A. Whyte, 17th Bn., R. Scots (Frickheim).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Zillebeke. During the whole operations he was in command of the platoon, and when the enemy counter-attacked he went forward under heavy machine-gun fire to reconnoitre. In the enemy assault he was wounded, but carried on, and covered the withdrawal of the platoons on either flank and reorganised his platoon.

G/9196 Sjt. W. G. Wicks, 13th Bn., Midd'x R. (Bromley-by-Bow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 10th-11th October, 1918, in Rieux. He commanded his platoon throughout the operations, and displayed an exceptional disregard of danger. On the morning of the 11th, when the enemy counter-attacked, and troops on the flank fell back, he held his platoon steady on its position under terrific machine-gun fire and heavy shell fire.

200967 Sjt. L. R. Wild, 1/8th Bn., Lan. Fus., T.F. (Bury).

For conspicuous gallantry and leadership east of Trescault on 27th September, 1918. When his company was held up by machine-gun fire and all his officers had become casualties, he steadied and reorganised the men. Later in the day he rushed a machine-gun post with five men, killing the crew and capturing the gun.

22530 Pte. D. Williams, 2nd Bn., S.W. Bord. (Pontypool).

For conspicuous gallantry and determined courage at Outtersteene on 18th August, 1918. He with another man located a machine-gun post, shot down the gunner, and called on the rest to surrender. This they did, but treacherously fired on the two as they advanced to take them prisoners. They rushed the post, shot down the leaders, and captured twelve of the enemy.

8783 Cpl. H. Williams, 2nd Bn., O. & B. L.I. (S. Kensington).

In an attack near Hermies on the night of the 11th-12th September, 1918, he led his platoon forward with conspicuous gallantry and skill under heavy machine-gun fire, rushing three of these guns and killing the crews. Later he took command of the remnants of two companies and organised a defensive position under great difficulties.

53057 Pte. (L./Cpl.) T. Williams, 42nd Bn., M.G. Corps (Saltney).

On the 27th September, 1918, near Ribecourt, although under direct fire from machine guns protecting two hostile field guns he went out with his gun, and succeeded in silencing both field and machine guns, thus preventing the enemy from using them against our tanks.

S/7638 Sjt. R. Williamson, 2nd Bn., Sea. Highrs. (Falkirk).

At Preseau on 2nd November, 1918, he was in command of the supporting platoon of his company. Heavy fire caused many casualties, the company commander and his company serjeant-major both being killed. He drove home the attack on his sector of the front, materially contributing to the capture of large numbers of the enemy, five trench mortars and several heavy machine guns.

15583 Cpl. C. C. Willis, Welsh Regt. (Cardiff). (SALONIKA)

For conspicuous gallantry and able leadership. On 18th September, 1918, with a party of 20 men, he attacked some seventy of the enemy on Sugar Loaf, and maintained a position on the hill by rifle and machine-gun fire. His party was attacked from three sides and subjected to very heavy enemy barrage, but his platoon inflicted casualties on the enemy until his party was reduced to three men.

238386 Gnr. J. Willis, D/211th (E. Lancs.) Bde., R.F.A., T.F. (Binley Hill).

Near Beaudignies on 4th November, 1918, the battery was subjected to concentrated shelling, and all the other guns of the battery were knocked out. The No. 1 of his gun was wounded, and he and one other gunner kept the gun firing until it was finally put out of action by a direct hit. His courage and coolness were admirable.

9716 Sjt. A. Wilson, 1st Bn. (attd. 2nd Bn.), A. & S. Highrs. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the attack on 29th September, 1918, near Villers Guislain. He took command of a platoon when his company commander became a casualty. When the advance was held up by machine guns in a sunken road, he collected two or three men and rushed the position, killing the crews and putting the machine guns out of action.

21818 Sjt. W. Wilson, M.M., 11th Bn., Essex R. (Canning Town).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at St. Quentin Wood on 17th September, 1918. He was with a support platoon but volunteered for an assault platoon which had lost all its senior N.C.Os. He worked his men forward close to the objective, when his officers and all but four other ranks were killed or wounded, but he held on until severely wounded, when he and the four survivors were forced to withdraw.

79318 L./Sjt. C. Witherwick, 2nd Bn., Durh. L.I. (Hull).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the operations of 19th-20th September, 1918, at Holnon. He took charge of the advanced posts for 48 hours after his platoon officer had become a casualty, visiting them continually and encouraging the men under heavy shell and machine-gun fire. On three occasions the posts were shelled out, but he immediately reorganised them in their positions, setting a fine example throughout.