

34588 Pte. L. Williams, 2/4th Bn., W. Rid. R. (T.F.) (Paignton).

For conspicuous gallantry in operations near Havrincourt between 12th and 15th September, 1918. This man, who was the only Lewis gunner left of his team, went forward with his gun down a trench and fired on a party of the enemy who were attacking another part of our line. He killed two and the remainder surrendered.

50223 Cpl. C. J. Wilson, M.M., 4th Bn., L'pool R. (Masham, York).

On the 29th September, 1918, this N.C.O. displayed great gallantry in advancing through and mopping up Villers-Guislain. He was in charge of a Lewis gun section which captured 30 prisoners after a severe fight, when heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy.

39540 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) S. J. Wilson, M.M., 52nd By., 15th Bde., R.F.A. (Lewisham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Metz, on 18th September, 1918, while the battery position was under heavy shell fire, all the men being withdrawn to a flank for over two hours, this N.C.O. remained outside the telephone pit endeavouring to obtain visual communication with Group H. 2, all lines being cut. He managed to get through a warning of an impending attack on the left flank, which enabled the guns to direct their barrage on receiving the S.O.S. During four weeks' offensive this N.C.O. has invariably set a splendid example to those serving with him.

6393 C./S./M. W. Wilson, 1st Bn., Sea. Highrs. (Roths). (MESOPOTAMIA)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack at Tekrit on the 5th November, 1917. After his company commander had been wounded, he led forward a number of men under heavy fire to the assault. He displayed the utmost coolness and ability. He was wounded after the first enemy trench had been captured.

CZ/6919 Ldg. Sea. J. Young, M.M., Drake Bn., R.N.V.R., attd. 189th T.M. By. (Methil).

His gallant conduct during an attack through Logeast Wood on 21st August, 1918, was very conspicuous, and he helped to rush enemy positions, capturing machine guns and a large field gun. When a group of machine guns was causing the withdrawal of our troops near a wood, he shattered the position with T.M. shells, and drove out the enemy, who were caught by Lewis-gun fire as they retired, and the local counter-attack restored the situation. He handled his guns with great initiative and cool judgment under heavy artillery and machine-gun fire.

44657 Sjt. W. Young, 5th Bn., M.G. Corps (Kirkcaldy).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty south-west of Cambrai, on 27th September, 1918. On two occasions he took his guns forward unsuccessfully to a trench which the infantry had failed to take. A third time he went forward alone, but was bombed out of the trench. In the afternoon the enemy counter-attacked, driving in the infantry, and got within twenty yards of his guns, but he succeeded in withdrawing them, being the

last man to leave. He continued to do excellent work until he was wounded while firing his gun from the parapet of a trench.

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748082 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) W. P. Adams, M.M., 14th Bn., Can. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack near Cagnicourt on 1st/2nd September, 1918. His platoon commander and senior N.C.O.s becoming casualties, he assumed command and successfully led the platoon to its final objective with consummate skill and daring. Held up by an enemy machine-gun post, he boldly rushed forward, with absolute contempt of danger, and personally bayoneted and killed two of his adversaries, and by his fearless demeanour and gallantry compelled the remainder to surrender. His marked gallantry and initiative throughout undoubtedly was instrumental in no small degree to the success of the operation and the saving of many of our men's lives.

308700 Serj. W. V. Agnew, 9th Bde., Can. F.A.

For courage and devotion to duty during the offensive operations south-east of Arras on 27th August, 1918. He was in charge of communications of the forward section, and it was absolutely necessary to lay 1,500 yards of wire to an observation post. He had the line complete in thirty minutes, using mostly enemy wire. This work was done under heavy machine-gun fire, and the last 500 yards in full view of the enemy machine-guns. When this was done, he rendered valuable assistance observing enemy machine guns and other targets. Although knocked down twice by concussion of enemy shells, he kept this line in working order during our attack, thereby allowing us to neutralise an enemy machine-gun nest. His example was an inspiration to all.

799372 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) R. Alexander, 15th Bn., Can. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative in the attack on Drocourt-Queant line on the 2nd September, 1918. When one of the companies was held up by a strong machine-gun post, he led his platoon forward and bombed the occupants, over sixty of whom surrendered. He showed conspicuous ability in handling his platoon and keeping the men under control in the face of machine-gun fire from both flanks and point-blank artillery fire.

703661 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) H. Alway, 102nd Bn., Can. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry during the attack near Beaucourt-en-Santerre, 8th August, 1918. After his platoon commander had become a casualty he took command, steadied the men, and led them in a charge against a strongly held position on the edge of Beaucourt Wood. On reaching the wood he rushed round the flank of an enemy section, and, by cutting off the retreat, forced twenty of the garrison to surrender. This he did single-handed. He set a fine example of fearlessness to his men.