

in the Moorseele sector. He led his company with the greatest skill through a very thick mist, being largely responsible for the excellent direction kept. His skilful leading was largely responsible for the capture of Commerstraat and Moorseele with very few casualties, although these places had numerous machine guns in them. On one occasion he rushed a pill-box, capturing single-handed a machine gun and 10 men, who were putting up a stiff fight. His company captured over 150 prisoners and numerous machine guns. He did fine work.

(M.C. gazetted 18th October, 1917.)

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Charles Frederick Dutton, M.C., 2nd Bn. S.W. Bord.

At Heule on October 15th, 1918, for conspicuous courage and leadership while commanding a company in the attack. He kept complete control though hostile shell fire was very heavy. Always present when the line was checked, he used his support platoons with the greatest skill, and by his initiative, example and tactical handling broke down all opposition and took his company through to the final objective. His example inspired his men with confidence and determination.

(M.C. gazetted 22nd September, 1916)

T./Capt. Louis Alfred Ekins, M.C., 24th Bn. R. Fus.

During the operations of September 30th and October 1st, 1918, he showed conspicuous resource and gallantry in handling and leading his company. When his company had passed through the company allotted to the first objective on October 1st, he successfully captured and cleared a wide tract of country beyond, taking prisoners and machine guns. During the two following days, while the new line was continuously shelled, he remained in a shallow trench, encouraging his men, and set a splendid example to all.

(M.C. gazetted 3rd June, 1918.)

T./Lt. Thomas Evander Evans, M.C., R. Welsh Fus., attd. 16th Bn.

At Mortho Wood, near Villers Outreaux, on October 8th, 1918, he showed great gallantry and devotion to duty during the attack. On reaching the enemy wire he went forward to try and find gaps, and though badly wounded while doing so, remained at duty till daylight, when he organised his platoon and continued the advance until obliged by his wound to go back. He set a fine example of courage and determination.

(M.C. gazetted 17th December, 1917.)

T./Capt. John Ewing, M.C., 6th Bn. K.O.S.B.

For conspicuous gallantry on October 1st, 1918, near Ledeghem. When neighbouring troops were pressed back, completely exposing our right flank, our men wavered. Capt. Ewing at once rushed to the front, and, walking up and down the line under the fiercest machine-gun fire, steadied the men and led them forward again. His coolness and absolute disregard of danger undoubtedly saved a most critical situation.

(M.C. gazetted 27th October, 1917.)

Lt. (A./Capt.) John Ernest Ferrario, M.C., King Edward's Horse, Spec. Res. Secd., 11th Bn. Tank Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Mortho Wood, Villers Outreaux on October 8th, 1918, when he assisted his company reconnaissance officer in successfully laying tape under heavy shell fire, through enemy posts to enemy main line. Later he tried to get into a burning tank, to rescue some of the crew. The tank was being heavily shelled. Again, later, he went forward under heavy shell and machine-gun fire to make sure that the last tank of his section had got into action. During the whole action he displayed total disregard to his personal safety.

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T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Eric Gilson Fisk, M.C., 8th Bn. R. Lan. R.

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations at Plesquieres on September 27th, 1918. He led his company forward to the attack with great skill and determination. When the Hindenburg Line was reached, he personally led forward bombing parties and overcame several machine-gun nests. In doing this he was severely wounded, but did not leave his men until they were almost on their objective, when he collapsed through weakness and loss of blood. It was greatly due to his fearless leadership that the operations were so successful.

(M.C. gazetted 2nd December, 1918.)

Lt. (A./Capt.) Charles Ronald Fryer, M.C., 6th attd. 2nd Bn. K.R.R.C.

For gallantry and devotion to duty as adjutant on September 18th, 1918, east of Maissemy, and on September 24th. On the 18th, when the C.O. was hit, he went and reorganised the battalion on the first objective and directed the attack on Berthaucourt. He was the first man into the village, and was able to direct the companies to their second and final objective, and reorganise again before the counter-attack took place. On the 24th and 25th he was conspicuous for his utter disregard of danger during the attack, and under heavy fire carried out his duties with great coolness and ability, setting a splendid example to all.

(M.C. gazetted 16th September, 1918.)

Lt. Christopher John Gwynne Fryer, M.C., 1st Bn. Herts R.

For marked gallantry and devotion to duty on October 8th, 1918, during the attack on Briseux Wood. He was the only officer left with his company just before reaching the outskirts of the wood. The company in their eagerness had got into the standing barrage. He gallantly rushed forward and withdrew his men behind it, reorganised them and took them forward when the barrage lifted, and attacked the wood, and by fearless leading reached the objective at the other side of the wood. Subsequently for three days he led his company, and reorganised it for subsequent advances. He set a very fine example indeed.

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