

him. He was finally wounded, but attempted to command his section when unable to stand, and generally carried on splendidly.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Stanley Neale, Midd'x R., attd. 36th L.T.M. Bty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Epehy on 18th September, 1918. When the situation on the north of Epehy was critical, he took forward an enemy light trench mortar under heavy machine-gun and artillery fire, and by his skilful handling of the gun and his coolness under fire rendered invaluable assistance to the infantry who were held up until the effective fire of his gun enabled them to advance.

2nd Lt. Edwin Meakin Neill, G. Gds., Spec. Res., attd. 2nd Bn.

For great gallantry and good leadership between St. Python and Vertain. On 20th October, 1918, when the platoon on his right flank was held up, he pushed forward, captured his objective, formed a defensive flank to his platoon, and then taking one section with him went to the assistance of the platoon on his right, and enabled them to surround two enemy machine guns, and to push forward and join up again with his own platoon at their objective.

2nd Lt. John Elliott Nelson, R. Innis. Fus., attd. Leins. R. (EGYPT)

On the night of the 19th/20th September, 1918, west of Funkah, he was severely wounded, but nevertheless continued to lead his platoon until his company had reached its final objective. His gallant conduct in continuing the fight when he was weak from loss of blood set a great example to all, and at a critical stage inspired his men to greater efforts.

Lt. Ernest Reginald Newcomb 2nd Bn., attd. 4th Bn., Worc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as battalion intelligent officer. During the attack east of Ledeghem on the 14th October, 1918, he continuously visited the front line under heavy machine-gun fire to obtain the disposition of the front line troops. Again during the attack east of Courtrai on the 20th October he did exceptionally fine work, continuously bringing back information from the front.

T./2nd Lt. Cecil Bertram Newell, Notts. & Derbv. R., attd. 1/6th Bn., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Wiancourt on 3rd October, 1918. Finding his platoon held up and suffering casualties from heavy machine-gun fire he handled his men with great energy and initiative and with absolute contempt for danger, eventually capturing the gun. After organising his own platoon he reorganised another platoon and continued the advance.

Lt. Alexander Albert Nicholas, 27th Punjabis, I.A. (EGYPT)

For conspicuously gallant leading in the attack on the Sabieh position on the 19th September, 1918. When going through the enemy barrage he was knocked senseless by a shell splinter. On coming to, he immediately rejoined his company and continued to lead it, capturing all objectives allotted to him.

He handled his company with skill and judgment in the subsequent advance, capturing four guns. Later in the day he was blown up by a shell, but continued to command his company, and by his fine example gave all ranks an excellent lead.

T./Capt. Frank Nicholls, 20th Bn., Manch. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and leadership. On 4th October, 1918, in the attack on Beurevoir, his company was the only one to reach its objective. Finding both flanks in the air he effected, under heavy fire, a skilful withdrawal, and maintained his new position until ordered to retire. During the attack on 8th October on the Premont-Serain line, he also handled his company with great skill, filling up a gap that had occurred in the front line and capturing two guns.

Capt. John Sebastian Nichols, 1.5th Bn., Linc. R., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and able leadership on 17th October, 1918, when the enemy position south-east of Vaux Andigny was attacked. He led his company under severe fire from Bellevue Ridge on the left flank, and later collected scattered parties of men and reorganised the line until the left flank had been cleared. He was largely responsible for organising a second attack on the village of Andigny les Fermes, which was strongly held. This attack was successful.

T./Lt. John Michael Nolan, M.G. Corps, attd. 2nd Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and good work during the attack near Escarmain on the 23rd October, 1918. He led his section forward close behind the infantry, and on arrival at the objective, finding the left flank exposed, put two of his guns in position to protect this. He then with his other guns and two captured enemy guns silenced a number of hostile machine guns and a field gun, besides capturing over 40 prisoners.

2nd Lt. Peter Nolan, 2nd Bn., S. Lan. R.

For conspicuous gallantry on night 22nd/23rd October, 1918, near Helchin. He led his platoon with great skill during an attempt to get a footing on the east bank of the river Escaut. When held up by machine-gun fire he went forward alone to reconnoitre. After locating the machine-gun post he led his men forward and forced the enemy to retire, capturing two prisoners. Later, when his platoon was forced to withdraw he remained until all his men were away.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Cyril North, 6th Bn., Tank Corps.

During the operations of 4th/6th November, 1918, near Bavai he showed marked initiative and daring as reconnaissance officer to a company of Whippet Tanks. He twice worked his way forward under heavy fire beyond our front line to ascertain the nature of the crossings of two rivers. This enabled the Tanks to be moved forward quickly and take advantage of the situation.

T./Lt. William Alexander North, 1st Bn., R.W. Surr. R.

Near Eclouin on 7th November, 1918, when the company in front was in danger of