

While doing this, the remainder of the company headquarters became casualties, from a shell. Although himself suffering badly from gas, he remained on duty, setting a very fine example to his men.

2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) Aleck Elder Meadows Welsford, 2nd Bn., Wilts. R.

For courage and devotion to duty during operations near the River Selle on 19th October, 1918. He led a patrol across the river and pushed forward to the railway embankment in the face of heavy enemy machine-gun fire. He succeeded in dislodging the enemy and establishing his party on the embankment, in spite of the fact that a previous patrol had all become casualties. This resulted in much valuable information being obtained and a permanent footing being established on the enemy side of the river.

Capt. (A./Maj.) Michael White, M.B., No. 1 Fld. Amb., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of brigade stretcher bearers on 17th/18th October, 1918, near La Vallée Mulatre. Undeterred by enemy fire he kept in close touch with the battalions, frequently visited their aid-posts and maintained the steady and rapid evacuation of all casualties. His coolness and resource inspired his men and his skilful leading undoubtedly saved many lives.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Arthur Percy Whitehead, S. Staff. R., Spec. Res., attd. 1/6th Bn., T.F.

East of Bohain, on 12th October, 1918, he was ordered to take his company to assist a company of another battalion, which was being held up on the edge of a wood. He led his company through heavy machine-gun and artillery fire, and succeeded in entering the wood. Here he was subjected to very heavy fire, hung on to the position as long as possible, and when ordered to retire he got away all his wounded men, and was himself the last to leave.

T./Capt. Arthur John Whitmarsh, D.S.O., E. Kent R., attd. 7th Bn.

During the operations east of Le Cateau on the 23rd October, 1918, when the leading company had lost its commander and had become disorganised, he took charge of it and his own company, and led them forward under heavy fire. His coolness and courage throughout were most marked. By the skilful way he handled his troops a battery of enemy guns was captured and the objectives made.

T./Lt. Robert George Whittaker, R.A.S.C., attd. 1/5th Bn., Notts. & Derby. R., T.F.

At Ramicourt, on 3rd October, 1918, he led his platoon to its final objective through heavy machine-gun fire. When the enemy counter-attacked he collected men from three different battalions, organised them and held off the enemy till darkness. Although suffering severely from shell shock he remained at duty until the battalion came out of action. He showed great courage and determination.

T./2nd Lt. Ivor Lancelot Whittingham, 2nd Bn., Bedf. R.

During the attack on Preux-au-Bois, on the 4th November, 1918, he took command of his company after his company commander had become a casualty, and by his gallant leadership led them to their final objective, although the company on either flank had been held up. Assisted by a couple of men he was himself personally responsible for the capture of upwards of a hundred prisoners during the clearing of the village and succeeded in forcing to surrender a number of the enemy who were holding up the advance on the flank. He did splendid work.

Capt. Henry Parks Whitworth, R.A.M.C., Spec. R., attd. 6th Bn., K.O.S.B.

For marked gallantry and devotion to duty near Cuerne on 16th/17th October, 1918. In spite of heavy shell-fire he showed utter disregard of his personal safety in tending the wounded. Twice his aid-post was hit by a shell, but he carried on and performed most valuable work in dressing the wounded until he was seriously wounded.

T./2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) Cyril John Whyntie, 8th Bn., E. Surr. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and leadership near Ronssoy on the 18th September, 1918. He held his company well together in the dense mist and kept them straight on their objective. Owing to the failure of troops in front to take the Green Line the company soon found itself in the front line and met with heavy machine-gun fire. He at once extended his company and pushed on, thereby gaining two thousand yards of ground and reaching the Green Line.

Lt. Lancelot Law Whyte, R.F.A.; S.R., attd. D/51st Bde.

He did excellent work from 14th to 22nd October, 1918, in charge of forward sections and single guns. In particular, on 22nd, near Vichte, he took forward a section of howitzers into a gap between the 29th and 9th Divisions and did great execution on enemy machine guns. He reconnoitred forward, and finding some enemy in a house, he went back for his gun and turned it on to the house, completely destroying it.

2nd Lt. Harold Wilde, 4th Bn., S. Lan. R., attd. 12th Bn., Som. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At Marquain, on 21st October, 1918, when the advanced guard battalion was held up, he was sent out on an officer's patrol to establish communication with the division on the right. He succeeded in getting touch under heavy fire and established a liaison post. He then made a reconnaissance of Oreq and located two enemy machine-gun posts, which, with ten men, he volunteered to try and capture. He sent in most valuable reports.

T./Lt. Osborn David Wiles, 7th Bn., Shrope. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the operations on the 23rd October, 1918, which resulted in the cap-