

Lt. (A./Capt.) Frederic Frank Worthington, M.C., M.M., 1st Motor Bde., Can. M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and leadership north of Valenciennes on 22nd October, 1918. With a battery of motor machine guns and a section of armoured cars he pushed forward to the Canal de L'Escaut in front of the infantry. Here he found the enemy attempting to blow up the bridge. After an intense duel lasting half an hour, during which the enemy three times attempted to rush his guns, he secured superiority of force and drove the enemy from the bridgehead, enabling the infantry to cross unmolested.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Capt. Norman Charles Aldridge, M.C., 14th Bn., Aust. Infy.

Near Ascension Wood, on 18th September, 1918, he led his company with great courage and dash throughout the operation. He organised his company into two parties and bombed along for 1,800 yards of enemy trench, taking many machine guns and accounting for at least 35 of the enemy. He then with one man carried out a daring patrol over the tops of the trenches and established connection with the battalion on his right.

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Lt. Reginald Howard Farndon, M.C., 21st Bn., Aust. Infy.

During the attack on Montbrehain, east of Peronne, on 5th October, 1918, he, as signalling officer, established communication forward to the jumping-off tape at zero. Shortly afterwards he personally reconnoitred a route under heavy fire and laid wires right up to the forward line of posts. He then established two report centres, and, by the effective communication thus obtained, got back information of the utmost importance to his commanding officer. Throughout he showed great gallantry and energy.

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Lt. Joseph Patrick Greene, M.C., 22nd Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and daring in an attack near Geneve on 4th October, 1918. When the advance was checked by heavy machine-gun fire, he dashed ahead, and, emplacing a Lewis gun, engaged the enemy, enabling the advance to continue. He then led a mopping-up party and cleared the enemy post, and pushed on to the final objective, where he held on in face of determined resistance until the remainder of the company came up.

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AWARDED THE MILITARY CROSS.

2nd Lt. Neville Camden Abrams, Essex R., Spec. Res., attd. 1st Bn.

At Jolimetz, on 4th November, 1918, he volunteered to take out a small reconnoitring party of one of the front companies.

He was personally responsible for the capture of over 40 of the enemy, and, with two men, cleared the whole of one area. Later he took prisoners a further large party of the enemy, including a battalion commander. It was largely due to his great courage and dashing leadership that the battalion was able to arrive on its final objective to time. He did splendid work.

T./2nd Lt. Edward Newbould Ackroyd, 13th Bn., Rif. Bde.

On 4th November, 1918, near Louvignies, he showed great skill and initiative in handling his platoon. Being held up by machine-gun fire he manœuvred his platoon to a flank under heavy fire, the advance continuing. Later he rushed three trench mortars with his runner and three other riflemen, capturing the guns and killing the gunners, again enabling his platoon to advance. His leadership and courage were exemplary.

T./Lt. Cecil Adamson, 176th Tunn'lg Coy., R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative on the 17th October, 1918, east of Hergnies, when he found and removed a dangerous delay-action mine from under important cross roads. The entrance to the mine gallery was from the cellar of a demolished house, and it was chiefly due to his courage and perseverance that the mine was found and removed. On many previous occasions he displayed great gallantry in searching for mines and traps.

T./2nd Lt. Herbert St. Vincent Addenbrooke, R.E., attd. 49th (W. Rid.) Divl. Sig. Coy., R.E., T.F., attd. Hdqrs. 147th Inf. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as brigade signalling officer from 11th to 14th October, 1918, east of Naves, when he worked continuously with great energy and courage in establishing brigade forward stations. On the 11th October he and his party pushed through the hostile barrage to the first objective, and, although closely approached by enemy tanks, established communication which never failed, in spite of heavy shell fire. Throughout the whole operations he was continually away from brigade headquarters directing the forward parties.

T./2nd Lt. Sampson Adler, 10th Bn., Cheshire R., attd. 9th Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership during operations near Jenlain on the 3rd November, 1918, on the occasion of an enemy withdrawal. After his company commander and the other officers had become casualties, he reorganised the company and pushed forward under intense shell fire, though out of touch on both flanks, making ground and capturing prisoners. He remained in command of his company for a considerable time after being wounded.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Maurice Sinclair Adshead, 2nd Bn., Ches. R. (SALONIKA)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations on 18th September, 1918. Whilst the battalion was advancing from the railway line to Kodyakdria Wood