

Lt. (A./Capt.) Norman Samuel Flint, Bucks Bn. Ox. and Bucks L.I., T.F. (ITALY).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the attack north of Asiago on 1st November, 1918, when he commanded his company with the greatest ability and success. By his fearlessness and total disregard of danger in the face of heavy rifle and machine-gun fire he set a fine example to all ranks which greatly inspired the men of his company, and enabled them to advance against very strong opposition. His fine leadership contributed materially to the capture of Mt. Caty and the success of the whole operation.

Lt. Herbert James Forbes, 1/7th Bn. Sco. Rif., T.F.

In the operations involving the capture of Erbaut on the night of 10th November, 1918, he was detailed to advance along the northern flank which was quite exposed. Under very difficult circumstances he brought his company intact to his final objective. This performance showed remarkable control and leadership on his part, and contributed largely to the success of the operation.

Lt. William Overed Forder, 1/4th Bn. R. Berks R., T.F. (ITALY.)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the attack on enemy positions north of Asiago, on 1st November, 1918. His platoon was held up at Bosco and the other platoons of his company driven back. He at once switched his platoon to the right, put one party forward with the company advancing there, and brought enfilade fire to bear on the left. He carried this out under heavy machine-gun fire, showing great gallantry and fine leadership. His initiative not only helped the attack, but kept down casualties. A very gallant and devoted leader.

T./Capt. Howard Forrest, 7th Bn. S. Staff. R.

On the night of 6th October, 1918, near Fressies, information was received that the enemy had withdrawn from the railway. He was ordered to send out a strong patrol at once to take up a position commanding the railway. This he succeeded in accomplishing under heavy fire. On 9th October, during the advance through Abancourt, he led his company with marked skill and dash, and eventually took up a forward position under difficult circumstances.

Capt. the Hon. Denzil George Fortescue, R.N. Devon Yeo. (Bde. Maj., 54th Inf. Bde.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations at Forest and Preux-au-Bois on 25th October and 4th November, 1918. He rode forward amongst the attacking troops for the purpose of gaining first-hand knowledge of the situation at a critical period of the battle, and sent back information of the greatest value. He has done consistent good work.

T./2nd Lt. Joseph Thomasin Foster, Ox. and Bucks L.I., attd. 1/4th Bn., T.F. (ITALY.)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as Battalion Scout Officer during attack on enemy positions north of Asiago, 1st and 2nd November, 1918. By his scouts and by

personal reconnaissance he obtained accurate and valuable information as to the ground and the movements of the enemy and kept his battalion in touch with the situation. During the advance beyond Mte. Mosciagh he carried out all the reconnaissance and advance guard work of his unit, displaying great initiative and dash and complete disregard of danger. His reconnaissances were carried out under heavy enemy rifle and machine-gun fire.

2nd Lt. Sydney Edward Lancelot Foster, 2nd Bn. H.A.C. (ITALY.)

For conspicuous courage and determination during the attack carried out by the battalion on the Grave di Papadopoli on the night 23/24th October, 1918. He was in charge of the two leading platoons to land on the island. With great dash he captured nearly 300 yards of trench, bayonetting the occupants and bringing in about twenty prisoners before the enemy realised that an attack was in progress. By his prompt action he made possible the landing of the remainder of the attacking force.

2nd Lt. Clifford Fox, 5th Bn. Lincs. R. (T.F.), attd. 8th Bn.

In the neighbourhood of Ghissignies he went out every night from 27th October to 3rd November, 1918, on patrol. The information he gained was most valuable prior to an attack. On the night 3rd/4th he laid out successfully a jumping-off tape, and in addition, led three patrols to keep touch with the enemy. During the last patrol he was wounded, but continued with his patrol and brought back the information required. He showed great gallantry and keenness.

Lt. Charles James Stewart Fraser, 54th Sikhs I.A., attd. 1st Corps Signal Coy. (MESOPOTAMIA.)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, near Huwais, on 27th and 28th October, 1918. He was in command of a cable section and maintained communication over very broken country with great skill and resource. During the operations he had to keep touch with a column operating practically in rear of the enemy, but in spite of all difficulties and heavy fire, he never once failed in keeping the line intact. His assistance throughout proved invaluable.

T./2nd Lt. John Fraser, R. Highrs., attd. 13th Bn., T.F.

Near Fontaine au Bois on 4th November, 1918, he was in command of a platoon. Though early wounded he continued to lead his men with great gallantry through heavy fire for about three hours, although hardly able to walk. Finally, on his way back to the dressing station he afforded most valuable service in reorganising and sending forward two platoons which had become scattered in the mist.

T./2nd Lt. John Penny Fraser, 2nd Bn. York. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the attack on and capture of Harpegarbes, on 4th November, 1918. Several houses were strongly held with machine guns, but, with the greatest courage, he rushed