

For Valour

Members of the Queen's Own Rifles awarded the Victoria Cross

Captain (afterwards Major) Thain Wendell McDowell, V.C., D.S.O.
38th Battalion, C.E.F.

"For most conspicuous bravery and indomitable resolution in the face of heavy machine gun and shell fire (April 9th-13th, 1917, at Vimy Ridge).

"By his initiative and courage this officer with the assistance of two runners was enabled in the face of great difficulties to capture two machine guns, besides two officers and seventy-five men. Although wounded in the hand, he continued for five days to hold the position gained, in spite of heavy shell fire until relieved by his battalion. By his bravery and prompt action he undoubtedly succeeded in rounding up a very strong enemy machine gun post."—Official Record.

Lieutenant Wallace Lloyd Algie, V.C.
20th Battalion, C.E.F.
(Killed in action, 11th October, 1918)

"For most conspicuous bravery and self sacrifice on the 11th October, 1918, north-east of Cambrai, when with attacking troops which came under heavy enfilade machine gun fire from a neighbouring village. Rushing forward with nine volunteers, he shot the crew of an enemy machine gun, and turning it on the enemy enabled his party to reach the village. He then rushed another machine gun, killed the crew, captured an officer and ten of the enemy and thereby cleared the end of the village. Lieutenant Algie having established his party, went back for reinforcements, but was killed when leading them forward. His valour and personal initiative in the face of the intense fire saved many lives and enabled the position to be held."—Official Record.