

Lieutenant Frederick Herbert Willasey WILSEY, 1/9th Gurkha Rifles,
attached 1/8th Gurkha Rifles.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative near ARSUF on the night of the 5/6th July, 1918. Having volunteered to reconnoitre, Lieutenant WILSEY moved out with a patrol of 18 Indian other ranks. About 200 yards from our wire and 100 yards from that of the enemy, a Turkish picquet was found posted on a knoll. With 10 men the advance was continued to within a few yards of the enemy's post when a shower of bombs disabled three of the patrol. Without hesitation, Lieutenant WILSEY led the remaining seven men in a charge, capturing one of the enemy and driving back the remainder, who were closely supported by some forty others. During the subsequent withdrawal, two of the patrol were found to be missing. Lieutenant WILSEY at once collected all available men and charged back about 100 yards, re-taking the same knoll and recovering the two men, who had been dangerously wounded by bombs. He subsequently covered the final withdrawal with a few men and brought his patrol back intact, although the enemy had been strongly reinforced and repeatedly attempted to cut off his small party. The tactical skill, courage and resource shown by this Officer were of a high order, and he furnished most valuable information regarding the enemy's disposition and the topography of "No Man's land".