

determination to his battalion, which had suffered heavy casualties.

Lt. Francis Alfred Cook, M.C., 4th Bn. Y. and L. Regt., T.F., attd 6th Bn.

On September 27th, 1918, near Epinoy, he was responsible for driving off an enemy machine gun from a bridgehead which was holding up the advance of the division. He pressed on to the bank of the Canal du Nord with his men under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, crossed the canal and drove the enemy into the wood, where they were captured. On October 1st he led his men to the final objective across two belts of wire in face of heavy opposition. Later, when isolated and surrounded by large numbers of the enemy, he inflicted many casualties, himself accounting for a number. He was wounded in the thigh, his leg being badly broken, and throughout the whole operations set a splendid example of gallantry and determination.

Capt. Douglas Stewart Davison, 2nd Lancers, Indian Army (Egypt.)

For conspicuous skill and gallantry and fine work. Between Lejjun and Afule on September 20th, 1918, the 2nd Lancers and one sub-section of the 17th Machine Gun Squadron and 11th Light Armoured Motor Battery were ordered to advance on Afule. Capt. Davison was placed in command of this force. About two miles from Lejjun, the force met with some 500 enemy and 3 machine guns, who endeavoured to bar the road. A well-planned charge, rapidly executed, resulted in the total destruction of this enemy force, some 47 of them being killed and wounded and 470 taken prisoners. The regiment was very quickly reorganised, and the rapidity and skill with which the final approach to Afule was made resulted in a further capture of prisoners who would otherwise have escaped.

Capt. (A./Maj.) Guy de Hoghton, M.C., 1st Bn. York. L.I.

For most conspicuous gallantry and good leadership in command of his battalion during the attack on Le Catelet, on October 3rd, 1918. This officer, five minutes before zero, had to move up his battalion to take the place of another. He doubled his men up to the barrage, and the battalion went forward with great dash, captured their objective, over 300 prisoners, and several machine guns. He was wounded early in the attack, but continued to command.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Piers Duncan William Dunn, M.C., 1st Bn. Lanc. Fus.

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Ledeghem on October 14th, 1918. He was detailed with his company to mop up the village, and went over with the first wave. With one N.C.O. and two men, and under heavy shell fire and gas, he proceeded down the main street and captured 40 of the enemy out of a pill-box; and later took another 26 prisoners. In all, he and his little party accounted for 74 prisoners. The dense fog made his conduct all the more praiseworthy. He did splendid work.

Capt. (T./Maj.) Kendal Ferguson Franks, 1st Bn 117th Mahrattas (India).

In operations at Zardes on October 30th/November 1st, 1918, he commanded a small column which became separated from the main column and was surrounded by the enemy. Being unable to bring away his wounded, he took up a defensive position and held it until relieved the following day, being all the time under fire from surrounding hills. He acted with great resourcefulness, skill and courage throughout, and the success of the operations was mainly due to the troops under his command.

Capt. (A./Maj.) Cecil Rayner Freeman, M.C., 2nd Bn. North'd Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and skill when commanding a battalion at Le Catelet on October 5th, 1918. He encountered a strong enemy post among the ruins in the north of the village. After making a very difficult reconnaissance he led two companies to the attack. By fine courage and leadership he overcame strong opposition, capturing 250 enemy, with 5 heavy machine guns, 13 light machine guns and 2 trench mortars, besides inflicting very heavy casualties. He did splendid work.

T./Maj. (A./Lt. Col.) William French, M.C. 8th Bn. R. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and continuous good services during operations in Flanders from September 28th/October 4th, 1918. During the whole of this period he set a high standard of leadership. He handled his battalion with marked ability, and always kept in a position from whence he could take advantage of opportunities to advance his line. During the attack on October 1st his battalion formed the defensive flank on the left of the brigade, and it was due to his quick, skilful dispositions, which could only have been effected by personal observations and reconnaissance, that the attack against our left flank was beaten off. Subsequently he was of the greatest assistance in reorganising the line after the attack had come to a standstill.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Richard Spencer Gain, 11th, attd. 1/20th Bn. Lond. R.

On September 1st, 1918, during operations near Bouchavesnes, he showed most conspicuous gallantry and resource. Though his company was held up on several occasions by machine-gun nests, he organised local attacks on each, and himself alone rushed one nest of seven guns and five gunners, all firing, capturing the whole and so allowing his company to advance. Finally, when the objective was reached on the outskirts of Moislans Wood, he took command of the elements of four companies which had reached the objective and consolidated the position, though being fired on over open sights by two 77 mm. guns, and shot the gunners, thus enabling the consolidation to be continued. He behaved splendidly.

T./Maj. Harold Gooch, M.C., 121st Fld. Co., R.E.

For courage and great devotion to duty on the night of October 19-20th, 1918, when under