

T./2nd Lt. John Knight, M.M., 41st Bn. M.G. Corps.

On September 30th, 1918, near Comines, whilst acting as liaison officer during the advance he found the infantry held up. He went boldly forward alone and located the enemy machine gun which was holding up the advance. He returned and obtained a machine gun, carried it out himself, and engaged the enemy at close range, killing two and causing the other three to surrender. His gallantry and fearlessness were of the greatest value.

Lt. (A./Capt.) William Herbert Knox, 4th Bn Conn. Rang., attd. 2nd Bn. R. Innis. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and fine leadership. During the advance on Moorseele on October 14th, 1918, he led his company under heavy fire into a gap on the flank and continued the advance. Again, during the attack on Gulleghem on October 15th, he handled his company with great skill. His energy and courage were a fine example to all round him and the success of the operation was greatly due to his leadership.

2nd Lt. George Herbert Lacey, 9th Bn. Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry in the operations against Kildare Post near Epehy, on September 22nd/23rd, 1918. When the first objective was taken this officer worked up Holts trench with a party of bombers and personally put a machine gun out of action, killing the gunner. He then worked along the trench and took the final objective. On the morning of the 23rd the enemy counter-attacked and gained an entry into the trench. He displayed great gallantry in bombing the enemy, finally driving them out and gaining touch with the company on his flank.

T./2nd Lt. Bertram Mitchell Laing, 8th Bn. R. Highrs.

In the advance on October 1st, 1918, north of Ledeghem, when the enemy launched a heavy counter-attack against the left flank, he not only extricated his platoon from a very exposed position inflicting considerable casualties on the enemy, but gave time to platoons in support to deploy and hold the attack. The withdrawal was carried out under heavy machine-gun fire, and its success was largely due to his determined example and leadership. Throughout the operations from September 28th to October 4th he displayed great courage and ability.

T./2nd Lt. Frank Lamont, 18th, attd. 1st Bn. R. Ir. Rif.

During heavy fighting south of Dadizeele on October 4th, 1918, he commanded his platoon with great gallantry, and when his platoon with the exception of three men had become casualties, he was heavily counter-attacked. It was owing to his fine courage and determined fighting that the enemy were beaten off with heavy loss. He himself used a rifle and bayonet, killing six of the enemy. He did splendidly.

T./2nd Lt. Edward James Lancaster, 9th Bn. R. Innis. Fus.

During the operations on October 19th/20th, 1918, in the Beveren-Deselghem area, he commanded a platoon with marked gallantry. In front of Driesch he led half his company forward when his company front was swept with heavy machine-gun fire, and continued his advance, taking his objective. Later, he led forward patrols and occupied ground and farms in front of his company. Throughout the attack he set a very fine example to those under him.

T./2nd Lt. Albert Norman Lane, 11th Bn. M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and determination. On September 27th, 1918, he was in command of a forward section of machine guns in the advance from the Canal du Nord towards Epinoy. By his bold leadership, although losing one gun and team by shell fire in the early stages, he brought his guns into action in front of the most advanced infantry, and put out of action a 10 cm. howitzer. Advancing still further, he engaged two enemy field guns in action and put these out of action. Advancing again, he came into action against enemy guns and limbers retiring, and shot down the horses of three of these. Shortly afterwards, he put out of action an enemy machine gun.

Lt. Herbert George Lane, 6th Bn. Hamps. R., T.F., sced. 62nd Bn. M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of a section on October 20th, 1918, east of Solesmes. Under heavy fire he pushed his section rapidly through strange country after dark. Later, he carried out a bold reconnaissance and selected other gun positions to which he guided the teams. Though suffering from gas poisoning throughout the day he remained with his section until it was withdrawn twenty-four hours later.

Capt. Francis William Lascelles, Sussex Yeo. attd. 16th Bn. R. Suss. R.

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Quennemont Farm, September 21st, 1918. He displayed the greatest coolness and gallantry in attacking and holding for six hours, under heavy fire, the position captured by the battalion. During this period he, personally organised and led several counter-attacks with the bayonet. Eventually, the position being almost completely surrounded and no reinforcements being available, he though wounded in three places, organised the withdrawal of the remnants of the battalion through an extremely heavy barrage, being himself the last to leave the position. Previously, at Templeux le Guerard, he, with six men, personally attacked and made prisoners twenty-five of the enemy. Throughout the operations he showed a fine example of courage, coolness and resolution.

2nd Lt. George Leslie Lavis, R.F.A. (Spec. Res.), attd. B/62nd Bde.

For gallantry on September 18th, 1918, at Epehy, as brigade forward intelligence officer for the attack on Epehy. He carried out his