

T./2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) Edwin Ronald Lobb, 7th Bn. D.C.L.I.

At Acheville on September 27th in command of his company, when the enemy delivered a strong counter attack he displayed great coolness and presence of mind. Although wounded he immediately reorganised the resistance and personally directed very effective Lewis gun fire to assist the right company where the attack was most serious. He refused to leave his men until ordered to do so. His gallant conduct and devotion to duty maintained the moral of his men under most trying conditions.

Lt. Garstang Bradstock Lockett, Ches. Yeo., attd. 1st Bn. Ches. R.

In the attack on Beaucamp, south-west of Cambrai, on September 27th, 1918, he displayed marked gallantry in command of a company. He mopped up the valley west of Beaucamp, and part of the village itself, taking about eighty prisoners. Later he organised a section to deal with a machine-gun post in the village which was causing trouble, and under his guidance they captured the gun and killed four of the enemy with it. Throughout the operations, September 27/30th, his determined courage, energy and leadership were a fine example to all.

2nd Lt. William Lockett, 7th Bn. Ches. R., T.F., attd. 16th Bn. R. Suss. R.

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Quennemont Farm, Somme sector, on September 21st, 1918. With a handful of men and a Lewis gun during the attack he engaged an enemy party of one officer and a large number of men and four machine guns, and rendered invaluable service to the attacking troops by preventing the enemy completely surrounding them. The battalion was eventually almost completely surrounded, but though continually threatened by enemy's superior numbers he held on for over five hours and only withdrew when his own party consisted only of himself and two other ranks, both wounded and his ammunition was completely exhausted; he then fought his way out with the bayonet. By his action he undoubtedly very greatly assisted the attack and withdrawal of the battalion.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Francis Peter Longton, A./74th Bde., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and ability at Noyelles on September 29th, 1918. After our infantry had crossed the canal, he rode into Noyelles and reconnoitred the bridges along the canal under heavy fire. He selected a position for his battery, and then galloped back and personally led his battery at the gallop into action on the river bank. His fine leadership and example brought his battery down a heavily shelled road quickly into action.

Lt. Cecil Dalmage Lovering, 1st Bn. Hereford R., sec. 41st Bn. M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and ability during the operations south-west of Gheluwe on October 2nd, 1918. He was in charge of a section of machine guns attached to an infantry battalion. Working in the closest co-operation with the battalion com-

mander, he was of the greatest assistance under heavy fire during the attack on the enemy's position. When the enemy counter-attack developed, he brought his section into action at once, and the fire which he directed on the advancing enemy materially assisted the repulse of the attack.

T./Lt. Walter Wolf Lubelski, 37th Bn., M. G. Corps.

For marked gallantry and able handling of his section and fighting limbers on the morning of October 6th, 1918, in the attack on Briséux Wood. The instant that the Masnieres-Beauvevoir line was taken, he rushed his section and limbers up in front of the advancing infantry, got his guns into action under heavy machine-gun fire, and directing his fire on to the enemy in the vicinity of Hurtebise Farm East, caused heavy casualties. Later a hostile artillery limber was seen retiring towards Hurtebise Farm. He engaged it at once, and after the advance the limber was found abandoned, and the horses with it dead.

T./Lt. Arthur Littlejohns Lucas, 93rd Fld. Coy., R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the night of October 11/12th, 1918, at Neuville. He was in charge of a section detailed to construct four infantry bridges across the Selle river before dawn, at which hour the division was to attack. At dawn he doubled forward with improvised bridges with the attacking infantry, and in spite of heavy enemy barrage at very close range, the bridges were so quickly installed that the whole attacking battalion crossed by them. He displayed great coolness and resolution, and set a fine example to his men.

Lt. Percy James Lynch, 5th Bn. Notts and Derby R., T.F., attd. 10th Bn.

For most conspicuous gallantry in command of a company during the attack at Neuville on October 20th, 1918. He led his men forward under heavy fire with such skill that the first objective was captured with only four casualties. Later, he again led his men forward to attack at ridge 1,000 yards in front, and this he secured with only two casualties, capturing sixty prisoners and killing many more. He kept in close touch with both flanks during the whole day and it was owing to his fine leadership and utter disregard of danger, that the objectives were captured with such great success.

2nd Lt. Ewen Cattanach Macdonald, 6th Bn., attd. 6/7th Bn. Gord. Highrs., T.F.

For marked gallantry and devotion to duty north of Avesnes-le-Sec on October 13th, 1918. He was commanding a platoon of a support company; and when the company in front was held up, and its commander wounded, he went forward through the enemy barrage to reconnoitre. He returned with information, and his platoon was ordered forward to fill a gap between the front companies. He led it forward, and, although wounded, occupied the position under heavy shell and machine-gun fire.