

the hazardous reconnaissances made by him that it was possible to make such effective use of the machine guns on the succeeding days.

Lt. William Tod, R. Ir. Rgt. (Spec. Res.), attd. 2nd Bn.

In the attack on Niergnies on October 8th, 1918, he was commanding the left attacking company and led his men with the utmost dash and skill to their final objective. He was responsible by keeping good direction and as close as possible to the creeping barrage, for a large number of prisoners captured and comparatively few casualties in his company. During the two enemy counter-attacks he displayed marked courage.

T./2nd Lt. Charles Tolmie, 15th Bn. Tank Corps.

On September 27th, 1918, in the attack on Flesquieres, his tank was the only surviving one of the section. In face of heavy artillery fire he continued to fight his tank, engaging enemy field and machine guns until almost all his 6-pdr. ammunition was expended. When his tank received a direct hit he then occupied a trench, and with his machine guns covered the advance of the infantry. It was largely due to his great gallantry, initiative and powers of leadership that a successful advance was achieved.

T./Lt. William Toms, 2nd Bn. S. Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst in charge of a raiding party on the nights of October 10/11th and 11/12th, 1918, in the Wervieq Sector. He led his platoon against an enemy strong point and twice endeavoured to bomb his way forward in face of severe machine-gun fire. The following night he proceeded again with a fighting patrol, and though unable to establish a footing in the enemy post, he for two hours tried to envelop it before withdrawing his platoon.

2nd Lt. William Norman Tonkinson, A/104th Bde., R.F.A.

On September 29th, 1918, near Le Catelet, when a large number of machine-gun nests had been left behind the attacking infantry, he as forward observation officer not only made his way forward, but maintained his position throughout the day although fired upon from all directions. The information he collected was of the greatest use, and enabled effective fire to be brought on the enemy by the brigade. He did fine work.

2nd Lt. Frank Touch, D.C.M., 1/7th Bn., attd. 1/6th Bn., Notts and Derby R., T.F.

For splendid leadership and courage on September 29th, 1918, in the attack on Bellenglise and Lehaucourt. When the line was held up by machine-gun fire he worked his platoon to the flank and rushed the position, capturing two machine guns and many prisoners. When his own objective was reached he pushed on at once on the right into the village of Lehaucourt, as the supporting troops had not come up. He worked through the village with great skill, capturing many prisoners and subduing all opposition. He had established posts east of the village when the supporting troops came up. His

dash and initiative were most marked throughout.

Lt. (A./Maj.) Ernest Edward Tovee, 137th Hy. Bty. R.G.A.

At Joncourt on October 7th, 1918, when a shell hit the wall of a house, burying three men, he at once ran to their assistance and finally succeeded in getting them out, the whole time being under continuous shell fire, gas and high explosive. Two of the men were badly injured and had to be taken off in an ambulance. His action was performed at great personal risk owing to the intensity of shell fire, which he ignored entirely. He behaved most gallantly.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Percy Eric Townend, 6th Bn. Lan. Fus., T.F., attd. 15th Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of a company in the attack on Joncourt on September 30th, 1918. Though wounded he, seeing his leading platoon apparently held up, went forward over very exposed ground only to find that they had suffered heavy casualties. He at once went back and brought up supports, and led them forward till he was again twice hit in the leg and was unable to walk. He then crawled back to company headquarters and organised the reserves, and handed over his company before being carried down to the aid post. His great gallantry and unflinching devotion to duty were an inspiration to all ranks.

T./2nd Lt. Arthur Albert Tuffs, 15th Bn. Durh. L.I.

On October 8th, 1918, at Angles Chateau, west of Walincourt, when the advance was held up by heavy machine-gun fire and trench mortars, he reorganised his men and energetically attacked the chateau, thereby considerably assisting in the success of the operation and in the capture of a large number of prisoners. His fearlessness and disregard to personal danger encouraged his men and maintained their moral. He set a fine example of initiative and courage.

Lt. Herbert Frederic Lewen Tugwell, 137th Hy. Bty., R.G.A.

At Roisel on September 16th, 1918, under a hostile concentration of 8-in. howitzer fire on the battery position, he rendered splendid service in digging out some men who had been buried in a dugout. After an hour's work he succeeded in clearing the dugout, although he was under heavy shell fire the whole time. By artificial respiration he saved one particular man's life. He has done similar good work on a previous occasion.

2nd Lt. Henry Turner, M.M., 2nd Bn. R.W. Fus.

For ability, initiative and gallantry during the attack on Villers-Outreaux on the morning of October 8th, 1918. He led his company most resolutely to their objective and forced 21 of the enemy to surrender after killing and wounding several, with the result that the company on his flank was able to get forward. The success of the operation which was carried out under very heavy machine-gun fire was due to his gallant leadership.