

command of a company. During the first attack he was wounded in the leg, but remained at duty and encouraged his men by his gallant example. Later, when the brigade had been held up at the Scarpe deviation, he carried out a bold reconnaissance in daylight, as a result of which he was able to drive the enemy from the railway bridge and establish a post there himself. Finally, one of his platoons was the first to enter Douai.

(M.C. gazetted 4th March, 1918.)

Lt. (A./Capt.) Edward Fairhurst, M.C., 1/8th Bn., Lan. Fus., T.F.

During a night attack on 23rd October, 1918, near Vertigneul, he showed great courage and devotion to duty in obtaining information of the greatest importance. At a time when communication could not be maintained, he fearlessly pushed forward from battalion headquarters to ascertain the dispositions of the battalion. He not only accurately ascertained that his battalion was on its final objective, but also was able to report the position of the battalion on the right. He rendered very valuable service.

(M.C. gazetted 26th July, 1918.)

2nd Lt. Harold Oatridge Farmer, M.C., R.F.A. (Spec. Res.), attd. D/83rd Bde.

On 23rd October, 1918, near Le Cateau, immediately the attack commenced the battery came under very heavy hostile fire. Exactly half the gunners were made casualties in the first five minutes, but the two detachments left were able to continue firing throughout the whole bombardment. The gallant way in which he went from one detachment to another, giving his orders and checking the laying, was only another example of the continual gallantry and devotion to duty shown by him throughout the whole of the recent operations.

(M.C. gazetted 1st February, 1919.)

T./Capt. Norman Douglas Fawcner, M.C., R.A.S.C., attd. 15th Bn., Hamps. R.

For gallantry and fearless leadership on the ridge overlooking the canal at Knokke on the 22nd October, 1918. His company had to attack a formidable position with both flanks exposed, and under severe machine-gun fire. He reconnoitred the position on both flanks several times, and finally by his fine example, which gained the confidence of all ranks, led his men with consummate skill to a successful attack.

(M.C. gazetted in this Gazette.)

Lt. (T./Capt.) William Haig Ferguson, M.C., M.B., R.A.M.C., attd. 8th Bn., R. Berks. R.

For marked gallantry and devotion to duty. On the 23rd October, 1918, during the attack in front of Le Cateau, he was wounded in the left leg whilst attending to casualties. In spite of the wound he carried on attending to the wounded under a heavy enemy barrage. Later, when his temporary dressing station was blown in by a gas shell, he assisted to extricate the wounded, who were in danger of suffocation.

(M.C. gazetted 16th September, 1918.)

T./Lt. Walter Fielden, M.C., 13th Bn., W. Rid. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty south of Wez Macquart on the 14th October, 1918. When a strong daylight fighting patrol was counter-attacked three times, and in danger of being cut off, he threw back defensive flanks, and by his coolness and ability succeeded in driving the enemy back. Later, when all the other officers were killed, he took command and extricated his men from a critical situation.

(M.C. gazetted 15th February, 1919.)

Lt. (A./Maj.) James Milroy Frew, M.C., 7th Bn., Sco. Rif., T.F., attd. 1/6th Bn., S. Staffs. R., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and ability at Bellenglise on 29th September, 1918. He was sent to ascertain the position of the attacking troops as a thick fog prevented anything being seen from the rear. Besides sending useful information back to battalion headquarters, he collected some men who had temporarily lost direction, and led them forward, and was thus able to push the enemy back and capture a body of 50. His action greatly encouraged the men round him. His work just previous to the attack was invaluable to his commanding officer.

(M.C. gazetted 20th October, 1916.)

2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) Albert John Frost, M.C., North'n R., attd. 6th Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative in operations from 18th/21st September, 1918, near Ronsoy. On the morning of the 18th, when the battalion attacked, they were held up by 12 machine guns and a field gun firing over open sights. He managed to get his company to within 60 yards of two machine guns and rushed the position, then bringing enfilade Lewis-gun fire to bear on the enemy line. The machine guns were captured and the advance was enabled to proceed.

(M.C. gazetted 7th November, 1918.)

2nd Lt. Edward James Fuller, M.C., M.M., R.G.A., attd. 1/1st (E. Anglian) Hvy. Bty., R.G.A., T.F.

South-west of La Vallee Mulatre, on the 17th October, 1918, he was acting as F.O.O. When the infantry were hung up by hostile machine-gun fire he, who had located the spot from where the fire was coming, volunteered to assist the infantry to destroy them. Taking half the platoon, while an infantry subaltern took the other half, they worked round behind the machine-gun nest. His party were able to bayonet the machine gunners, and the infantry immediately captured the village. He showed great courage and determination.

(M.C. gazetted 19th November, 1917.)

T./Capt. Thomas Smith Gibson, M.C., 10th Bn., Argyll & Suth'd Highrs.

At Joncourt, on 29th September, 1918, he was ordered to push on to the summit of a commanding ridge, thus creating a most pronounced salient for future operations. He manœuvred his company with conspicuous gallantry and ability under very heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, reached his objective, and was then wounded. He never-