

a forward post to reconnoitre the River Du Moulin, which was known to be held by the enemy. On arrival at the river he found the enemy between him and the river at three points, but eventually worked round them, and got the information required. Later, he led down a party to bridge the river, thus enabling an attack to be carried out next morning.

Lt. James Percy Tufnell Burchell, W. Gds. (Spec. Res.), attd. Gds. Div. Sig. Coy., R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 5th and 6th November, 1918, at and around Arnfroipret. As Brigade Signalling Officer he maintained communications with the battalions throughout. The enemy continuously shelled the road down which his main line of communications ran, and, although they were frequently broken by shell fire, he immediately got them relaid and restored.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Frederick Burke, 104th Bn., 22nd Bde., R.F.A. (ITALY)

For conspicuous gallantry and ability while in command of a battery, 22nd October/4th November, 1918, in support of the leading infantry brigade as far as the Livenza river. On one occasion, when machine-gun fire from a house had held up the infantry, he brought up a section of guns himself to within 800 yards, and with a few rounds dispersed the enemy. Later, when machine-gun fire from a bridge prevented the advance, he organised a short bombardment by trench mortars, and then led forward a party of gunners, who rushed the bridge. Throughout the operations he did splendid work, and showed a fine example to all ranks.

2nd Lt. Rowland Edmund Burke, 5th Bn., Essex R., T.F., attd. 10th Bn.

For consistent good work and great gallantry. While the battalion was waiting in the assembly positions near Petit Planty, prior to the attack on 4th November, 1918, he was buried by a shell and had to be dug out. He was badly shaken, but continued to command his platoon. Later, he made a daring reconnoissance, locating enemy machine guns, and, though severely wounded, encouraged his men to advance.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Edward Percival Sevier Burnett, S. Staffs. R., Spec. Res., sec'd. 11th Bn., Tank Corps.

On 8th October, 1918, at Villers Outreaux he effected liaison with the infantry when they seemed hesitating to follow the tanks. By his personal direction on that occasion the formidable series of trenches and defences were captured at small cost to the infantry. His courage and leadership inspired all the crews of his section, and was the means of bringing the infantry on to their correct objectives at a minimum of cost.

T./Lt. (A./Maj.) William Burns, 18th Bn., M.G. Corps.

Whilst commanding a machine-gun company during the attack through the Forêt de Mormal, on the 4th November, 1918, he

showed great coolness, determination, and ability to command. On several occasions he made bold reconnaissances, which materially assisted the success of the operation, until he was wounded later in the day. He set a fine example to his men.

T./Capt. John Burrell, 8th Bn., R.W. Surr. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and ability in handling his company on 5th November, 1918, in pursuit of the enemy from Wargnies-le-Petit to St. Waast, when he was able to gain a 1,000 yards' advance with few casualties, although under heavy machine-gun fire. On the 6th November he cleared the village of St. Waast, after his company had been caught in a gas barrage. In these operations he showed a courage and power of leadership of a high order, and the cheerful manner in which his men performed their tasks under heavy fire and bad weather was entirely due to their implicit confidence in him.

Capt. Eric John Burrows, 5th Bn., Manch. R., T.F., attd. 9th Bn., R. Suss. R.

For marked gallantry and good leadership of his company in the attack on Wargnies-le-Grand, on 4th November, 1918. He received orders in the middle of the night to attack at 6 a.m. with his company on a front previously allotted to a whole battalion. He advanced in the leading line, and kept perfect control throughout the attack, dealing with each enemy post in a most able manner. His company captured seven machine guns (three heavy), sixty prisoners, and three trench mortars.

Lt. William Francis Bushe, R. Highrs., Spec. Res., attd. 1st Bn.

During the forcing of the Sambre-Oise Canal, on 4th November, 1918, and the subsequent operations which resulted in the capture of La Groise and Mezieres, he played a conspicuous part, leading his men from house to house and taking many prisoners. By his fearless and able leadership the village of Mezieres was captured at the cost of a very few casualties.

2nd Lt. Harold Butler, R.G.A., Spec. Res., attd. 204th Siege Bty.

For gallantry at Loos, on 18th September, 1918. Whilst in charge of a forward observation party, the observation post was intensely shelled at intervals for eighteen hours. Despite casualties, he maintained communication with brigade headquarters, sending back most valuable information. On several dates during the advance he has done admirable work in establishing forward observation posts.

2nd Lt. William George Butler, Bucks. Bn., Ox. & Bucks. L.I., T.F. (ITALY)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the attack north of Asiago on November 1, 1918, when he led his platoon with the greatest resolution and success in face of heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, and set a very fine example to all about him. He contributed materially to the success of the operation.