

During the attack near Le Cateau he, with a few men, worked round the flank of a machine-gun post and by enfilade fire enabled the remainder of his platoon to advance and capture the gun and crew. During the operations on 26th October he was of great assistance to his platoon officer.

201238 Pte. W. J. Ridgeway, 1st Bn., Lond. R. (Chislehurst).

Near Harvengt on 10th November, 1918, he rendered gallant service as a scout, on several occasions volunteering to get information as to the position of the enemy under heavy machine-gun fire. On one occasion, when his platoon serjeant was killed, he finished his reconnaissances alone, and afterwards brought in the body of his serjeant.

375762 Cpl. R. Rigby, 1/10 Bn., Manch. R., T.F. (Oldham).

For great courage and endurance at Briastre on 20th October 1918. During an attack heavy hostile machine-gun fire was opened on the right company. He promptly took forward his Lewis-gun section and silenced two guns, killing the crews. Later, though wounded, he led his section to the final objective, capturing and killing 30 of the enemy.

8993 Cpl. D. Ritchie, 5/6th Bn., R. Scots, T.F. (Edinburgh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 4th November, 1918, during the crossing of the Oise-Sambre Canal at Ors. He led a party against a hostile machine gun, rushing the gun and capturing five of the enemy. Throughout the day he showed fine fighting qualities and leadership.

22239 Sjt. W. Ritchie, D/211th (E. Lancs.) Bde., R.F.A., T.F. (Ballysillan, nr. Belfast).

For conspicuous gallantry near Beaudignies on 4th November, 1918, when his battery was subjected to intense shell fire. All the guns except the one he was firing were knocked out. He continued firing his gun until he himself was wounded. He set a fine example of devotion to duty.

92299 2nd Cpl. H. E. Rixon, 68th Fd. Coy., R.E. (Bourne End).

During the attack near Marquion on 27th September, 1918, he was in charge of wagons bringing bridging material up to the canal. The wagons came under heavy machine-gun fire, several horses and drivers being hit. He was himself hit in the leg, but stuck to his job, when he was hit the second time in the arm, but remained with the teams until all had got away. He displayed the greatest gallantry and coolness.

14146 Sjt. O. Roberts, 11th Bn., R.W. Fus. (Saron). (SALONIKA)

During an attack on 06 on the morning of September 18, 1918. After reaching their objective he collected about 30 men and led them against an enemy counter-attack. By his prompt action the counter-attack was dispersed with severe loss to the enemy and 20 prisoners captured, thus enabling the captured trenches to be held. Throughout the following day he showed the utmost gallantry and disregard for danger.

240220 Cpl. W. Roberts, 1/8th Bn., Worc. R., T.F. (Birmingham).

In the attack on Landrecies on 4th November, 1918, he displayed marked courage and initiative in connection with the crossing of the canal. He assisted to bring up the rafts, and under heavy fire was the first to cross the canal. He then reformed his platoon on the other bank and led them towards their objective with great dash and skill.

30261 Pte. W. Roberts, 6th Bn., R. Innis. Fus. (Belfast).

For great gallantry and initiative during the attack through the Forêt de Normal. On 5th November, 1918, orders were received to establish a forward post at night on the railway. A platoon worked forward, but was dispersed by machine-gun fire. He thereupon took another man with him, crawled up to the house occupied by the enemy machine gun and bombed the gunners out of it.

295878 L./Sjt. W. Robinson, 12th Bn., R. Sco. Fus. (Dumfries).

On the 31st October, 1918, near Audenarde, for most conspicuous gallantry and good work. Early in the attack, his platoon officer having become a casualty, he assumed command, and led a Lewis-gun section round the flank, and opened such a heavy fire that the enemy gunners were either killed or surrendered. Later, with a few men, he assaulted a machine-gun post, capturing five machine guns and taking over twenty prisoners.

12310 Sjt. W. H. Robinson, 8th Bn., Linc. R. (Empringham).

For marked gallantry east of Ghissignies on the night 2nd/3rd November, 1918. During a raid on a very strong enemy position in a railway cutting he was the first man to enter the cutting. He personally accounted for many of the enemy, and did not leave the cutting until all his ammunition was expended, and only his platoon commander and one man was left besides himself.

295868 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) W. H. Robson, 12th Bn., R. Sco. Fus. (Irongray, Dumfries).

On 31st October, 1918, during an attack south-west of Audenarde, he noticed a gap between his company and the battalion on his right, caused by machine-gun fire. By personal reconnaissance he located the fire, returned and organised a small party, and attacked the enemy position and captured it, together with sixty prisoners and several machine guns.

48220 Cpl. J. S. Rodgers, 52nd Bn., M.G. Corps (Edinburgh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in the advance across the Canal du Nord on 27th September, 1918. He was severely wounded, but refused to go back. He went forward with his section, carrying a gun himself, and got two guns into action. He silenced the enemy machine guns and scattered the teams, enabling the infantry to advance. He remained with his guns until compelled to retire from the effects of his wound.