

443581 Sjt. G. B. Andrews, M.M., 2nd Bn., Can. Infy.

On 2nd to 4th September, 1918, in the operations on the Canal du Nord, he was in command of a platoon, which he handled with conspicuous courage and skill throughout the operations, under intense fire. He executed several daring reconnaissances with complete success under very severe close range machine-gun fire and obtained information of the greatest value to his company commander. His devotion to duty and disregard of danger were a very fine example to those under his command.

678229 C.S.M. A. C. Baillie, 116th Bn., Can. Infy.

During an advance from Domart, on 8th August, 1918, he collected the details from three different battalions and formed them into a party, which he led against the high ground in front of Hamon Wood. A heavy machine-gun fire from a concealed trench was holding up his company. Acting on his own initiative he deployed his party over some dead ground and completely surprised the enemy in the trench. Later in the day, when his company officers had become casualties, he reorganised the company, advanced against, and captured the final objective. Throughout he showed fine power of leadership and knowledge of handling men.

663138 Pte. F. W. Battison, 116th Bn., Can. Infy.

During the attack on Hamon Wood, near Domart, on 8th August, 1918, he acted with great gallantry throughout the day. On his own initiative he advanced, and single-handed put out of action two enemy machine guns, which had been holding up his attack. He was the first man to enter Hamon Wood, and it was largely due to his work that his company were able to advance and capture five 5-9 guns. He set a fine example of fearlessness to the remainder of the men.

420375 Sjt. C. A. Bent, M.M., 16th Bn., Can. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of the company Lewis guns in an attack near Arras on the 2nd September, 1918, two of them were knocked out, and while repairing them in the open under heavy fire he was wounded in the right arm, but refused to go back, continuing to assist in directing the fire. He was again wounded, and on his way back, hearing that his company officer was wounded, he went to look for him and had him carried in by a party of prisoners.

100337 C.S.M. T. J. Bentley, 49th Bn., Can. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in the attack north of Parvillers on the night of 13/14th August, 1918. He displayed great qualities of leadership, and by his personal courage and organising powers contributed largely to the success of the operation. His coolness and cheerfulness under heavy fire was an inspiration to all ranks.

150034 Cpl. R. Billington, 1st Bn., Can. M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during seven days' fighting, which led

to the capture of Drocourt Queant line on 28th August to 2nd September, 1918. On the second day his officer became a casualty, and he took command of a section of four guns. On the last day he brought his guns successfully into action five times in support of the Infantry attack. On each occasion he went forward under heavy fire to select positions. He proved himself an able leader, and set a fine example.

401723 Cpl. M. L. Bishop, M.M., 58th Bn., Can. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry during the operations in front of Amiens on 8th August, 1918. As leader of the Battalion Scouts he rendered invaluable assistance throughout the whole attack, making daring reconnaissances and reporting as to the enemy's positions. On one occasion, when he observed an enemy machine-gun post, which was enfilading our advancing troops, he, without hesitation, crawled up in rear of the post and shot four gunners with his revolver, thus saving many casualties to our troops by his fearless action.

406247 L./Sjt. A. Blackburn, M.M., 18th Bn., Can. Infy.

On the 28th August, 1918, in front of Vis-en-Artois, he attacked single-handed a party who had emerged from a dug-out and were trying to bring a machine gun into action. He killed several of the crew and captured the gun and five prisoners. His gallant and prompt action saved many casualties, and his platoon was able to advance unimpeded.

400544 Cpl. O. Bland, M.M., 1st Bn., Can. Infy.

On 2nd September, 1918, at Bois de Bouche, when the advance was being delayed by heavy machine-gun fire, he went forward single-handed and attacked a machine gun and killed the man who was working it. He then turned the gun round and inflicted heavy casualties on the retreating enemy. His gallantry and initiative were worthy of high praise.

441014 Sjt. A. J. Bossenberry, M.M., 5th Bn., Can. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the 1st of September, 1918, E. of Hendecourt-Lez-Cagnicourt. When under heavy machine-gun fire the officer of his platoon became a casualty, he led it forward, and when it was held up he went on alone and jumped into a trench where there were two machine guns, putting one of the crews out of action and capturing the remainder. Later in the day, when the right flank was forced back, he brought a captured machine gun into action, and readjusted the situation.

61803 Sjt. A. Boucher, M.M., 22nd Bn., Can. Infy.

When his company commander and all the officers of the company had become casualties in the advance to east of Cherişsy on the 26th/27th of August, 1918, he took charge of the company and led them forward in the face of heavy artillery and machine-gun fire with great gallantry and determination, being seriously wounded at the head of his men. His splendid example inspired and encouraged all under his command.