

getting behind time. He was in front the whole time, personally reconnoitring a machine-gun position and organising its capture. He was wounded while working forward with a few men against a machine-gun nest in the Sugar Factory.

T./Lt. Charles Aldworth Oliver, Gen. List, attd. 25th Divl. Sig. Coy., R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of a forward mobile wireless station in front of Morlancourt on 22nd/23rd August, 1918. As the enemy were pressed back he advanced his station under great difficulties, through shell-swept areas, on a handcart of his own invention, and established communication between the F.O.O. and divisional headquarters.

T./2nd Lt. Charles Thomas O'Neill, R.A.S.C., attd. 5th L.T.M. Bn.

During an attack, on the 11th September, 1918, on hostile trenches in the Canal du Nord sector, near Hermies, in charge of two guns, he, acting on his own initiative, took the guns forward to the canal bank, and, combining with the infantry in a bombing attack, did very gallant work. He silenced a trench mortar, and remained in his position throughout the night, keeping up a harassing fire on the enemy lines.

T./2nd Lt. Alfred Orange, M.M., North'd Fus., attd. 22nd Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and ability near Gambrin, on 2nd September, 1918, when in charge of a fighting patrol sent out to establish a post in the enemy's lines. He had just reached his objective when twenty of the enemy, led by an officer, came down the trench. He shot the officer and a man behind him with his revolver, and, during a sharp fight with bombs, another enemy party attacked from the rear. Finding himself outnumbered, he fought his way through with his patrol, and successfully regained his lines, without a casualty, after killing and wounding several of the enemy and obtaining valuable information. He did fine work.

2nd Lt. Alfred Otterburn, 2/5th Bn., Glouc. R., T.F.

For gallantry and devotion to duty southwest of Fleurbaix, on 30th September, 1918. He commanded his platoon, and subsequently his company, with great skill and gallantry. When he reached his objective he found himself unsupported, and, being surrounded, he withdrew from the enemy lines after capturing twelve prisoners and inflicting casualties and clearing up an orchard which was holding up the troops on his flank. He displayed great gallantry under fire, and by his coolness and fine leadership extricated his platoon from a dangerous position with slight casualties.

T./Lt. (A./Maj.) Leonard Padfield, 9th Bn., Tank Corps.

During the operations near Joncourt on 1st September, 1918, this officer commanded a composite company of Tanks with great skill. Although under heavy artillery and machine-gun fire, he led the Tanks on foot and directed them to their objectives. It

was in great measure due to his courage that they secured their final objectives.

T./2nd Lt. Frederick Charles Palmer, 5th Bn., R. Berks. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership on 22nd August, 1918, near Dernacourt, while in command of a company. Under severe gas shelling he kept his men well in hand during the forming up for attack, and succeeded in taking his objectives after clearing Meauth under heavy machine-gun fire. Later, at Becordel, he again gained his objective, personally leading a party and capturing a machine gun and gunner. The silencing of this gun made possible the consolidation of the newly won position.

2nd Lt. Henry Pannell, E. Kent R. (Spec. Res.), attd. 6th Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Maurepas on 29th August, 1918. Touch had been lost with troops on the right, and this officer, who was Intelligence Officer, went forward and carried out a reconnaissance for over a mile in the enemy's country to obtain touch. This he succeeded in doing. By his action a very doubtful situation was cleared up, and very valuable information gained, which was of great use to his commanding officer in arranging for further operations.

T./2nd Lt. William Taylor Parkes, 7th Bn., Tank Co.

For conspicuous gallantry and ability on 28th September, 1918, near Cambrai. He overcame very heavy resistance at the Marcoing Line, thereby enabling the infantry to capture the position. During this fighting he was wounded in several places, and all his guns were put out of action by the machine-gun fire that was concentrated on him. He behaved splendidly.

2nd Lt. Roy Parsons, R.G.A., Spec. Res., attd. 160th Siege Bn.

At Barleux on 29th/30th August, 1918, his courage under heavy fire and his devotion to duty were very largely instrumental in keeping the battery in action during a trying period. He rendered particularly valuable service in rallying the men and clearing the road, where heavy shelling had put one of his guns out of action on the way to a forward position, and a block at that spot would have been the cause of severe casualties.

2nd Lt. Robert Ronald Denis Paton, Welsh Gds., Spec. Res., attd. 1st Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Flesquieres on 27th September, 1918. When all his N.C.Os. had become casualties and his platoon was reduced to ten other ranks, he still pushed forward, in the face of intense machine-gun fire, inspiring his men to further efforts by his fine example of determination.

T./Capt. (A./Maj.) Donovan Blaise Pascall, M.B., No. 11 Fld. Amb., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the operations astride the Arras-Cambrai road on 2nd September, 1918. He was in charge of the evacuation of casualties