

captured over 100 prisoners, and their success was mainly due to the fine example set by this officer. Later, on the 5th September, he was wounded leading an attack on Neuville.

2nd Lt. David Gordon Horace Bruce Morison, 2nd Bn., Wellington R.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative on 29th September, 1918, near La Vacquerie. When his company was held up by machine guns from very close range he went along a sap and threw bombs into the post, which enabled his platoon to advance above ground and capture gun, crew, and objective. He was wounded while throwing bombs.

2nd Lt. Royden Lydiard Okey, 1st Bn., Wellington Reg.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in Snap Trench, near Beauchamp, on the 13th/14th September, 1918. He was in command of a platoon which for forty-eight hours was in constant conflict with the enemy, who occupied a part of the same system of trenches. He and his platoon were repeatedly bombed and continuously under fire from enemy machine guns and snipers. By skilful handling of his men he was able to extend his front quite 200 yards, and, although, while consolidating his position, he was driven out, he immediately counter-attacked and reoccupied his posts, and then for thirty hours successfully resisted all attacks. He set a splendid example to his men.

2nd Lt. Harry Pettitt, 2nd Bn., Wellington R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on morning of 1st October, 1918, near Crevecoeur, in handling his platoon under heavy shelling and machine-gun fire. Just before reaching his final objective he pursued a large party of the enemy along a sunken road, and, overtaking them, captured thirty-five with an empty revolver. Later, when his company was left in an exposed position, he went round his posts encouraging his men to hold on.

2nd Lt. Gideon Frederick Pott, 2nd Bn., Wellington R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 1st October, 1918, near Crevecoeur. His platoon maintained its position under his direction when it was quite isolated by a counter-attack. Later, when his company commander became a casualty, he took command at a critical period.

2nd Lt. Claude Oswald Pratt, Canterbury Reg., attd. 2nd N.Z. Light T.M. Bty.

During the attack on Bapaume on 24th August, 1918, he was in command of two sections of a light trench mortar battery supporting the infantry, and, when the infantry had reached the outskirts of the town, he went forward to the most advanced posts to reconnoitre the position; and found the enemy threatening to cut off the forward line. He immediately returned, and rushed up two guns on each flank and brought fire to bear on the most threatened part of the line. Later, when withdrawal was necessary, he attached himself to the infantry and ren-

dered most valuable assistance during the consolidation of the new line. His gallant conduct throughout inspired confidence in all under him.

2nd Lt. Leonard Rhodes Pulham, 6th (How.) Bty., 2nd Bde., N.Z. Fld Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry near Gourjeancourt Wood on 12th September, 1918, as battalion liaison officer. The battalion was held up by heavy machine-gun fire, and he went forward to the front line, laying a wire as he went, which, despite heavy shelling, he succeeded in keeping up during the day, his reports enabling fire to be brought on machine-gun positions, and thus clearing the way for the advance. By his courage and resource he was of the greatest assistance during a period of heavy fighting.

Lt. Cecil George Haselden Robinson, 2nd Bn., Well. R., attd. Hdqrs., 1st N. Zeal. Infy. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the operations near Crevecoeur from 29th September to 3rd October, 1918. As intelligence officer, he daily went round the front line visiting all the posts and locating enemy points of resistance. All the time he and his observers were under the most intense machine-gun fire, but his reports were sent in with accuracy and rapidity.

Lt. Acland Withiel Thomas, 1st Fd. Coy., N.Z. Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and good work during a morning attack on 1st October, 1918, on Crevecoeur. He threw a footbridge over the canal for the infantry to cross, personally carrying out work which he considered too dangerous and important to leave to the men. The task was accomplished under machine-gun fire, and, after completing it, he made a useful reconnaissance, also under heavy fire.

2nd Lt. William Bramwell Tremewan, 1st Bn., Canterbury R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations east of Bapaume on 3rd September, 1918. In command of the vanguard he pushed forward towards the Bettincourt Ridge, reconnoitring the ground over which the battalion was to advance, and establishing liaison with the flanks. On 6th September, when again in command of the covering troops, he pushed forward his posts under heavy machine-gun fire to obtain touch with the flanking troops. Throughout the operations he displayed great coolness and daring, and constantly supplied useful information.

2nd Lt. Harry Vause, 1st Bn., Auck. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 29th September, 1918, during the advance on Bonavist Ridge. He led a section on the left flank across the open, encountering strong opposition, two of his men being killed and one wounded. He established his party in a shell hole, and, after two hours' ding-dong fighting, captured thirty prisoners and three machine-guns, making the left flank secure.