

killed or wounded, and the front line somewhat shaken. He at once took over the leading wave, reorganised and led it forward to its final objective. Unaided by artillery fire he advanced 800 yards and captured Hurtebise Farm with some hundred prisoners and ten machine guns. Throughout the operation he showed marked courage and able leadership. (M.C. gazetted 26th November, 1917.)

2nd Lt. Jack Darling, M.C., 4th Bn., attd. 9th Bn., R. Irish Fus.

At Hill 41 near Dadizeele on October 11th, 1918, he was in charge of two platoons which attacked a strongly held farm. With great skill and courage he led the party, captured the farm with 14 prisoners, three machine guns, and killed about 10 of the enemy. He rushed a post that was giving trouble, thus averting many casualties. His cheerfulness and coolness throughout the day inspired all ranks. When the enemy counter-attacked he kept the garrison under complete control firing point blank into the enemy who attacked in mass. He held on until nearly surrounded and then skilfully withdrew his party still fighting. (M.C. gazetted 16th September, 1918.)

T./Lt. Elwyn Thomas Davies, M.C., 67th Fd. Coy., R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and ability during the attack over the Canal du Nord, near Marquion, on September 27th, 1918. He was in charge of a party reconnoitring the enemy in occupation of the canal bank and holding up parties trying to push forward. He went forward himself with two of his men and after they had killed three of the enemy and captured a light machine gun the rest withdrew thus enabling parties to push forward. Later, after the Major commanding the company was wounded, he took charge and successfully carried out the construction of bridges over the canal which he supervised most skilfully in spite of heavy shell and machine-gun fire. (M.C. gazetted 26th September, 1917.)

T./Capt. (A./Maj.) John Edgar Davies, M.C., 131st Fd. Amb., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Englefontaine on October 26th, 1918. Hearing that there were over 1,000 civilians in the captured town, he volunteered to go into it, interview the Mayor and make the necessary arrangements for the distribution of smoke helmets. He entered the town under heavy bombardment and made his way to the cellar occupied by the Mayor through streets swept by enemy machine-gun fire. Several casualties occurred on the way up to a support battalion, and these he attended to and removed to safety. (M.C. gazetted 16th September 1918.)

T./Lt. William Henry Denne, 7th Bn. Wilts R.

He led his company near Gouy forward to the attack on October 4th, 1918, with the greatest gallantry and skill through heavy fire and gained his objective, capturing many prisoners. When subsequently heavily counter-attacked he succeeded by skilful dispositions and cool leadership in driving off the enemy, inflicting many casualties on him and maintaining his own line intact. His disregard of

danger and energy throughout the four days fighting were a splendid example to his men.

(M.C. gazetted 1st January, 1918.)

T./2nd Lt. Edwin Victor Deverall, M.C., 89th Fd. Coy., R.E.

He was in charge of a bridging detachment which had orders to attempt the forcing of a passage across the River Lys, west of the town of Comines. After working almost continuously for three days he succeeded in building his bridge despite enemy machine-gun fire and snipers. He had first reconnoitred the area several times under machine-gun fire. By his gallantry, efficiency and skill he rendered very valuable service.

(M.C. gazetted 13th May, 1918.)

T./Capt. John Robert Dickinson, M.C., 8th Bn. R. Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations at Flesquieres and Rumilly, September 27th and October 1st, 1918. During the attack on Flesquieres, he was in command of the left support company. When all the officers of the leading company had become casualties, he immediately went forward and organised the advance, successfully taking the objective. At Rumilly he led forward his company in the first wave with great gallantry and skill, and although badly wounded, remained with his company until the objective had been consolidated. He set a splendid example to those under him.

(M.C. gazetted 4th June, 1917.)

Lt. (T./Capt.) John Shire Duff, M.C., E. Lanc. R., Spec. Res., attd. 11th Bn.

During the operations east of Ploegsteert on September 28th, 1918, he showed the greatest gallantry and determination under heavy shell and machine-gun fire. He seized all his objectives, and seeing that he could exploit success, he ordered a further attack on La Douve Farm, which he took, capturing one machine gun. He was then heavily counter-attacked from the direction of Messines. This he drove off. He held a front of nearly 1,000 yards with one company, showing marked courage in moving from post to post, encouraging his men under heavy machine-gun fire. (M.C. gazetted 16th September, 1918.)

T./Capt. John Duggan, M.C., D.C.M., 8th Bn., attd. 1st Bn. Bord. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on October 14th, 1918, near Courtrai. He commanded the left flank company in the attack, and when held up by machine-gun fire he went forward and reconnoitred the position and then led an attack and captured the machine guns, killing several of the crews and taking the remainder prisoners. He pressed the attack with the utmost vigour, in spite of very strong opposition, and on reaching the final objective reorganised and consolidated. He set a splendid example to those under him.

(M.C. gazetted 16th September, 1918.)

T./Capt. Lowry Sinclair Duncan, M.C., 15th Bn. R. I. Rifles.

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in the attack on October 14th, 1918,