

possible for our troops to advance. Later, he, with a few men, beat off an enemy attack on the right flank, inflicting heavy casualties and securing several prisoners. He set a magnificent example to those under him.

T./2nd Lt. Llewellyn Purdom, 2nd Bn. R. Lanc. R., attd. 8th Bn.

For most conspicuous gallantry during operations round Flesquieres on September 27th, 1918. He led his platoon through an extremely heavy hostile barrage, and it was entirely owing to his leadership that they reached their objective. He was badly wounded whilst organising an attack on a strong point, but insisted on carrying on with the advance, reached his objective, and was again wounded whilst consolidating. Throughout his fine courage and example inspired his men.

T./2nd Lt. William Hubert Purdy, 9th Bn. R. Innis. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry in the Dadizele sector on September 28th, 1918, whilst in command of half of his company. In the sector allotted to his company were several enemy machine guns, which he dealt with in a most masterly manner, causing the enemy to retire with the minimum of casualties to his own troops. Throughout the advance he displayed marked ability and disregard of his own personal safety, and his bearing throughout the whole operation was admirable.

Lt. Alexander James Lamb Purves, R. Scots, attd. 12th Bn.

During operations at Ledeghem on October 1st, 1918, owing to very heavy enemy fire from an exposed flank, and consequent casualties, the battalion line had to be slightly withdrawn. He covered the withdrawal and hung on till all was complete, beating off the enemy attack, and, although severely wounded in the head himself, refused to go back till the new line had been established. He showed great courage and devotion to duty.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Robert Purvis, Dur. L.I., attd. 15th Bn.

On October 8th, 1918, at Angle's Chateau, W. of Walincourt, he handled his company in the attack with exceptional gallantry and skill. Early in the operation he was wounded by a bullet, which embedded itself in his shoulder. In spite of this he personally led a part of his company round the flank of the Chateau Wood and attacked from the rear, completely surprising the enemy and capturing many prisoners. He refused to go down until his company were settled in their objective and reorganised. The fine example of courage and devotion to duty set by this officer was of the highest value.

T./2nd Lt. (T./Lt.) Ernest William Putland, 16th Bn. Middx. R., attd. 86th T.M. Bty.

On September 28th, near Hooze, and October 1st, 1918, near Gheluwe, he was in charge of trench mortars. He commanded his two guns with marked skill and courage, and on two occasions in particular personally brought his trench mortars into action under heavy rifle

and machine-gun fire. His gallantry and determination enabled the attacking infantry to advance.

Capt. James Maudsley Rawcliffe, 1/5th Bn. E. Lanc. R., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative near Miraumont on August 24th, 1918, in command of a support company. Three of his platoons having been detached, he obtained permission to lead the remaining platoon into Miraumont, from which the enemy were retiring. He led this platoon with such dash that he caught up with and made prisoners of a large number of the enemy. Later he took command of his own and another company. He made a night advance of three miles and by determined assaults added a further fifty to the prisoners taken that day by his company. He was severely wounded on August 30th near Riencourt, at a time when he was leading his company forward in face of heavy enemy opposition.

Lt. (T./Capt.) James Wilfrid Rawle, D.C.L.I. (Spec. Res.), attd. 7th Bn.

At Fresnoy on October 4th, 1918, when the enemy had entered our front line, this officer, who was then acting as second in command of the battalion, led forward two platoons under heavy shell and machine-gun fire, and promptly counter-attacked, driving the enemy back, inflicting severe casualties and capturing two prisoners. He then reorganised the whole of the front system, taking advantage of every opportunity of assisting the junior officers in command of companies. He displayed great gallantry and devotion to duty during the whole of the operations.

Lt. Reginald Sparrow Pynsent Rawlins, S.W. Bord. (Spec. Res.), attd. 2nd Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative during the attack on Oultersteene on August 18th, 1918. He led his platoon forward without artillery support after the capture of the first objective, and, quickly overcoming opposition, he reached his furthest objective, capturing several enemy machine guns. Later, owing to casualties, he took command of the company, and obtained touch on his flanks and organised consolidation. Throughout the operation he showed marked courage and ability to command.

T./2nd Lt. Alfred Ernest Read, 1st Bn. R. Fus.

At Rieux, on October 11th, 1918, during the attack, his company was held up by heavy machine-gun fire. This fire was supposed to be coming from an isolated house. He volunteered and went across the open under heavy fire and reconnoitred same. He successfully located the machine gun, and later was able to bring fire to bear upon it. Throughout the operations he displayed great gallantry and initiative.

T./Lt. Humphrey Mabyn Read, 64th Fd. Coy. R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the night of October 16th/17th, 1918, at the River Lys at Cuerne, when in charge of a bridging party throwing a temporary bridge across a canal to enable the