

killed at the outset, he led his company to the attack and captured his objective. Later, when nearly all the officers had become casualties, he reorganised two companies and consolidated the position. Throughout the day his gallant example and energy proved most inspiring to his men.

Lt. Robert Matheson, 4th Bn., North'n R., T.F., attd. 5th Bn.

During the attack near Epehy, on 19th September, 1918, he displayed marked gallantry and ability in the leading and handling of his platoon, and succeeded in gaining his objective. Shortly afterwards the enemy counter-attacked, but he held on until he was forced to retire, having no bombs left. He himself remained to the last.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Gerald Beverley Matthewman, Unattd. List, I.A., attd. 3rd Bn., 154th Infy. (EGYPT)

For conspicuous gallantry in action in the attack on Akrahah and Kh. el Kerum on the 21st September, 1918. He guided the battalion in the attack, and under heavy fire showed great courage. It was largely due to his dash and resource in collecting men and capturing ridge after ridge that the position was so speedily taken.

Lt. Frederick Thomas Matthews, Bedf. R., attd. 6th Bn., North'n R.

For cool courage and initiative in the attack on the 24th October, 1918, during operations north-east of Bousies, particularly when the enemy counter-attacked. The skilful handling of his platoon undoubtedly prevented his company being surrounded, and consequently enabled the line to be held.

T./Lt. Percy John Matthews, "E" Bn., M.G. Corps.

For marked gallantry and good work. At Rue Lasson, on 21st October, 1918, he, with his patrol, and supported by a Hotchkiss gun section, came in touch with the hostile rearguard. He at once attacked and killed a number of the enemy, and located five machine guns before he was forced to retire. The results of his work and the information sent back were of the utmost importance to the units who were in the rear.

T./2nd Lt. Lionel George Maudling, 11th Bn., R.W. Surr. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative 18/19th October, 1918, at Courtrai. He was ordered to find a boat and cross the River Lys with six patrols to find out the enemy dispositions. This he did. The patrols were taken back after remaining on the enemy side the best part of two hours, bringing back information of the utmost importance. Next morning, under heavy fire, he brought the boat some 400 yards upstream, enabling the battalion to cross.

T./2nd Lt. Claude Maxwell, 2nd Bn., Dur. L.I.

For great gallantry and good leadership in the operations on the 17th October and 23rd October, 1918, near Vaux-Andigny. He assisted in the capture of his objective, together with forty prisoners and ten machine guns, and reorganised the remains of his company on the objective. Later he pushed on

with his company successfully, and carried out very good patrol work.

Lt. John Hugh Maxwell, K.O.S.B., Spec. Res., attd. 1st Bn.

During an attack on the enemy positions on the 22nd October, 1918, between St. Louis and Ooteghem, his platoon came under very heavy machine-gun fire from a farm some two or three hundred yards in front of the general line reached by the battalion. With great skill and courage he manoeuvred his platoon to close quarters and rushed the position, capturing four machine guns and thirty prisoners. He was severely wounded in the leg.

Rev. John Bardsley Mayall, T./C.F., 4th Class, R.A.C.D., attd. 1st Bn., Bedf. R.

During the operations in the neighbourhood of Beaurain, north of Le Cateau, on 23rd October, 1918, he showed cool courage and marked devotion to duty under heavy enemy barrage. He was himself severely wounded in leg and foot while attending to the wounded. He behaved admirably.

2nd Lt. Eric James McAnsh, Bucks. Bn., O. & B. L.I., attd. 2/4th Bn., T.F.

For marked courage and dash north of Maresches on 2nd November, 1918. At the beginning of the attack his platoon came under heavy machine-gun fire. He rushed forward with a rifle section and engaged the enemy, himself killing three, and eventually capturing three machine guns and 40 prisoners. His good leadership was a great help to the battalion.

T./2nd Lt. Malcolm Julian McArthur, D.C.M., R. Highrs., attd. 1/7th Bn., T.F.

During operations from 21st-25th October, 1918, in an advance from Iwuy to Maing, he led his platoon to the successful assault over the River Ecaillon, despite heavy enemy fire on the bridges thrown across the river. Later, when his company commander was wounded, he took command of the company. His resource and personal gallantry enabled him to hold the ground won against very severe opposition.

T./2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) John McCaw, 2nd Bn., R. Innis. Fus.

Throughout the whole operations from 28th September to 27th October, 1918, he did excellent work as regimental transport officer. On 23rd October, 1918, when passing through Vichte, the pack animals came under very heavy gas shelling, but by personal example of coolness he eventually reached battalion headquarters with animals and loads intact. Thanks to his able management and devotion to duty the battalion never once went short of supplies of water, rations and ammunition.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Ernfaunce Woodhouse McClelland, R. Innis. Fus., Spec. Res., attd. 1st Bn.

For marked gallantry and devotion to duty. On 14th October, 1918, near Ledeghem, during an attack on the enemy's position he was in command of one of the leading companies. After all his officers and 50 per cent. of his men became casualties in the early stages of the attack he reached his