

and reach its objective. In the attack on the enemy's trench system south of Pike Copse on 27th September he showed great gallantry in leading bombing attacks to regain part of the line which had been occupied by the enemy.

Lt. Francis Marsland Passmore, Bucks. Bn., Oxf. & Bucks. L.I., attd. 2/4th Bn., T.F.

North of Maresohes, during the attack on the 2nd November, 1918, the right of the battalion was held up by heavy machine-gun fire. Seeing this, he led his platoon forward, and succeeded in rushing the enemy position, knocking out some of the gunners, and eventually capturing seven machine guns and fifty prisoners. During the whole of the operations he led his platoon most ably, and it was mainly due to his fine example of courage that the operations were so successful.

Lt. Norval Rowellan Paxton, 8th Bn., attd. 5th Bn., Sco. Rif., T.F.

For most conspicuous gallantry and good work. On 24th October, 1918, near Poix-du-Nord, when the advance was held up, he charged forward at the head of his platoon and rushed a nest of six enemy machine guns which had been holding up the whole line. With his platoon he killed thirty of the enemy and captured ten. He also did valuable work in keeping touch with the division on the left.

Lt. (A./Capt.) James Cecil Warren Payne, Conn. Rang., Spec. Res., attd. 5th Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In the attack on Le Cateau on the night of 10th/11th October, 1918, his company was detailed to mop up the town. He organised his parties and personally led the most dangerous enterprises, continuing his task right through the night and till several hours after dawn, when he had thoroughly satisfied himself that the enemy could give no further trouble to the remainder of the battalion.

Lt. George Ormsby Pearce, R.F.A. (Spec. Res.), attd. "G" A.A. Coy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, particularly when on the 26th October, 1918, east of Le Cateau, both gun lorries of the section under his command were ditched. After two hours' heavy work under shell fire, which caused several casualties in the immediate vicinity, both lorries were extricated undamaged from a very difficult position. Upon several occasions when the section came under heavy fire it was handled by this officer with marked coolness and ability.

Rev. Joseph Herbert Pearce, T./C.F., 4th Class, R.A.C.D., attd. 17th Fld. Amb., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near St. Quentin on 18th September, 1918. He left the advanced dressing station at night with the ambulance bearer officer and assisted for three hours in searching for wounded under very heavy shell fire, and then returned to the advanced dressing station, where he continued to work. Later, when the A.D.S. was heavily shelled, he assisted to get the wounded to safety successfully.

2nd Lt. Thomas Dent Elliot Pendered, R.F.A. (S.R.), attd. D/242nd (S. Mid.) Bde., R.F.A. (T.F.).

At Espain, on 26th October, 1918, he was sent as F.O.O. to carry out an observed shoot on enemy machine guns which were holding up the infantry. In spite of heavy fire, which several times cut his wire, he carried out the shoot with complete success. He has previously shown contempt for danger, especially at Haute Deule Canal on 16th October, when he helped to cut through three thick belts of enemy wire to make a passage for the battery.

2nd Lt. William Pennington, Bedf. R., Spec. Res., attd. 2nd Bn.

He took command of a company in action east of Ronsoy on 21st September, 1918. When no immediate advance could be made against an enemy position, he proceeded to outflank the enemy's strong point by marching through the next division and attacking from the flank. Owing to his fearless and able leadership the point was taken, together with many prisoners.

T./Capt. Charles Arthur Petherbridge, 2nd Bn., R. Scots, attd. 17th Bn.

For continuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a month's fighting, from 28th September to 20th October, 1918, from Zillebeke to east of Courtrai. He was acting as adjutant, and was at all times in the fighting zone. He carried out his work at all times with zeal and energy. He was invaluable to his battalion commander, and by his actions and courage inspired all ranks.

Lt. Robert Foden Petschler, R.E., T.F., attd. 201st Fd. Coy., R.E.

On the night of 7th/8th November, 1918, at Avelghem, he reconnoitred and constructed a footbridge across Den Rijtgracht under bombing and heavy machine-gun fire. It was due to his enterprise and courage that an advance across the stream was made. He has on previous occasions shown great courage under difficult circumstances.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Alfred William Pewtress, R.F.A., attd. X/41st Med. T.M. Coy.

On 6th October, 1918, and succeeding days near Gheluwe, he placed his 6-inch trench-mortar battery in position within 300 yards of the enemy line for wire-cutting. The guns were heavily shelled, and two guns were knocked out, but he carried on with the remainder and performed his task. It was largely owing to his gallantry and the fine example he set to all ranks that the wire was successfully dealt with.

T./2nd Lt. Tudor Owen Phillips, 1st Bn., S. Wales Bord.

In the advance on Rejet de Beaulieu on 19th October, 1918, he displayed great courage and ability. After leading the two flank platoons directly on to their objective, in spite of a thick mist, he organised parties to work through the village. He took a prominent part in the capture of 12 of the enemy and two machine guns, and, having mopped up the whole village, he pushed out posts in face of strong machine-gun and shell fire, himself selecting the best fire positions and reconnoitring all the ground.