

ward to clear up the situation, and in spite of very heavy fire worked his way to the most advanced positions reached by our troops and returned with accurate reports of the positions held. This daring reconnaissance proved of the utmost value to his commander, and throughout the whole of the operations he kept in the closest personal touch with the attacking troops, visiting each unit and inspiring all by his courage and example.

T./Capt. (A./Maj.) Ronald Campbell Cooke, M.C., 134 Field Amb., R.A.M.C.

He was always equal to the occasion when, owing to considerable advances made by our troops, fresh organisation and alteration of schemes of evacuation were demanded to meet the conditions, and his unit was short-handed. His skill and fine devotion to duty over a difficult period were admirable.

T./Maj. James Crampton, M.C., 8th Bn., York and Lanc. R., attd. 9th Bn. (ITALY.)

For conspicuous ability and gallantry on 31st October, 1918, during the Piave battle in organising a crossing of the River Lavenza into Sacile. After several unsuccessful attempts had been made to improvise a bridge and effect a crossing owing to intense enemy machine-gun fire, he organised a party of pioneers, constructed a bridge, and bringing up 6in. mortars, Stokes mortars, and machine guns, succeeded in getting three companies across the river. This result was entirely due to his remarkably clear grip of the situation, and the skilful manner in which he superintended the work. Throughout the bridging, the organisation of the mortar and machine-gun fire and the crossing of the infantry, he was moving about exposed to heavy machine-gun and rifle fire from the houses. His determination, resource, and complete disregard of his personal safety were admirable.

T./Capt. (A./Ma.) Percy Crow, M.C., A/161st Bde., R.F.A.

He was in command of the battery, which closely supported the advance of the infantry on 7th and 8th November, 1918, near Avesnes. During these two days he acted with the greatest vigour and determination, kept his guns close up behind the infantry, and fired at many machine guns with open sights. He showed great courage and initiative, and materially assisted the advance.

Maj. William Brown Curell, 2nd Bn., Lanc. Fus.

For gallantry and capable leadership of a battalion during operations east of Verchain, near Artres, on 26th October, 1918. At zero hour he followed the support companies to the attack with an orderly, and established a battle headquarter in a chateau on the outskirts of Artres, from which, under heavy fire, he observed magnificent targets for the artillery, and twice spotted and informed them of an impending counter-attack by the enemy, which was immediately engaged. His excellent dispositions and initiative throughout were greatly responsible for the success obtained.

T./Capt. (A./Maj.) Francis Richard Dale, M.C., 19th Bn., Welsh R., attd. 16th Bn., R.W. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion in command of his battalion at the crossing of the River Selle, near Le Cateau, on the 20th October, 1918. The operation was extremely difficult, but, after daring reconnaissances, his orders, combined with his splendid leadership and example, were responsible for the complete success of the operation. On two occasions later he led his battalion through heavy barrages and intricate country, with the greatest courage, gaining the objectives, and capturing four .77 guns.

Lt. (T./Maj. and A./Lt.-Col.) Arthur Driver, M.C., 6th Bn., W. Rid. R., T.F., attd. 9th Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and able leadership when in command of his battalion during active operations, especially on the 12th October, 1918, in the attack on Neuville, when he very ably led his battalion, and, although himself wounded, reorganised it under heavy shell and machine-gun fire at a critical stage of the battle. He also distinguished himself on 4th November, 1918, at the capture of Futoy.

Lt. (A./Maj.) Charles Humble Dudley-Ward, M.C., 1st Bn., W. Gds.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of his battalion in the attack south of Bavia, 8th November, 1918. By his untiring efforts the battalion advanced, step by step, for nearly two miles with an exposed flank. He took risks at the right place and time, and showed himself to be a real leader of men.

T./Capt. John Bruce Dunn, M.C., 15th Bn., High. L.I.

In the attack on the Oise-Sambre Canal, on the 4th November, 1918, when the C.O. was killed, he took command of the remnants of the battalion. In face of heavy fire, he led them across the canal, causing the enemy heavy casualties, and gaining his objective. It was due to his example of courage and initiative that the battalion succeeded in capturing six field guns, 16 machine guns, and many prisoners.

T./Lt. Hugh Mortimer Eddowes, 185th Tun. Coy., R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Flines Station on 20th November, 1918. Information having been received from the enemy that a delay action mine had been laid, and was timed to explode five days before, he located and fired it. The work was exceptionally dangerous, as the mine might have exploded at any moment.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Lionel Frederic Ellis, M.C., W. Gds., Spec. Res., attd. 1st Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in the advance south of Bavai on 6th November, 1918. When the whole battalion was held up at the railway, he brought his company headquarters up to reinforce his company, and, calling on his men to follow him, rushed across the railway bank, surprising and routing the enemy, whom he followed up a spur, until held up by a fresh machine-gun position. His