

successful attack on Landrecies, the Field Coy., R.E., commanded by him, carried out the bridging operations, assisted by a pioneer company. He elaborated the design of a most practical petrol tin bridging equipment. He accompanied the advance, and supervised the bridging operations under fire. He materially assisted the exceptional success of the attack that day.

T./2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) William David Roderick, M.C., 14th Bn., R.W. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in the attack on Mormal Forest on 4th November, 1918. Whilst moving his company to the assembly position he was twice wounded by shell fire, and in the attack he was again wounded, but with indomitable pluck he led his men to their final objective. Later on, when all battalion headquarters officers had become casualties, he assumed command of the battalion, and made dispositions for a further advance before handing over and being evacuated to hospital.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Hugh Rowlands, M.C., 2nd Bn., Lond. R.

At the Bois de Beaufort, near Angreau, on 6th November, 1918, for determined courage and leadership. Having lost all his platoon commanders and being held up by heavy machine-gun fire, he reorganised his company and the remnants of another company and got his force across a swollen river up to within 500 yards of the first objective, under very heavy fire. Though surrounded on three sides by the enemy, he eventually succeeded in fighting his way back across the river, bringing back with him all his wounded.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) George Geoffrey Sale, M.C., 179th Tun. Coy., R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and good work in locating and removing acid-fused delay action and other mines from the railway at Waller's yard and Somain yard between 25th October and 17th November, 1918. During this period his section removed eight delay-action and 42 other mines, two of which were due to explode on the day they were removed. He showed remarkable energy and skill.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Joseph Taylor Shaw, York R., attd. 8th Bn. (ITALY.)

In the Piave battle October 27th/29th, 1918, he commanded his company with great skill and conspicuous gallantry during the entire operations. On the 27th his company led the attack of his battalion, and, in spite of darkness and the difficult crossings of the river, he led his company straight to the battalion objective, and captured it, although out of touch with troops on right and left. On the night of 28th his company was sent forward to seize the bridge over Monticano river. Although unable to reach his objective owing to much superior enemy forces, he established himself just south of the river, capturing two guns and prisoners. His action enabled his battalion to deploy successfully next morning. On the 29th, when sent up to support, his right flank was in the air, and was being enfiladed from the right rear; he, however, held on, and largely assisted in breaking off a counter-attack.

Maj. Thomas William Slingsby, 22nd Cav., I.A. (MESOPOTAMIA.)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Tuz Khurmatli on 29th April, 1918. He boldly led his squadron at a gallop against two guns, which he captured, and, going through them, charged to the top of the ridge and caused the enemy to surrender.

Lt. (A./Maj.) William George Smith, M.C., 23rd Field Coy., R.E.

For great gallantry and devotion to duty during the forcing of the Sambre-Oise Canal south of Catillon, on 4th November, 1918. He, with his company, was in charge of the bridging operations at the canal bend, including the preparation and assembly of all material; the rapidity of the crossing was largely due to his good organisation and example to those under him.

Lt. (T./Capt.) the Hon. Nigel Fitzroy Somerset, M.C., Glouc. R. and M.M.G. Co. (MESOPOTAMIA.)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Qaiyarah on 30th October, 1918. Owing to the bold and skilful handling of his armoured cars under heavy fire a retreating force of 500 of the enemy, with 10 machine-guns, were forced to halt, thus giving an opportunity for a successful attack by a cavalry regiment, to whom he had sent information. As a result of this encounter the entire hostile force was captured. He displayed marked coolness and initiative throughout the operations.

T./2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) John Spencer, M.M., 17th Bn., R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and leadership on 28th and 29th September, 1918, near Noyelles sur L'Escaut. He was acting adjutant and in charge of a report centre during an attack across the canal. During the night the enemy counter-attacked, and, realising the situation was critical, he went out under heavy shell fire and rallied the men, being twice wounded, but refusing to leave the line. The next day, when helping to establish the line, he was again twice wounded, and, after having his wounds dressed, reported at battalion headquarters to hand over all the papers.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Frank Fitzroy Fane Spicer, 12th Lrs.

On the 9th November, 1918, east of the Avesnes-Maubeuge Road, for brilliant and skilful leadership when in command of an advanced squadron. When the infantry had broken down the enemy resistance, he pushed boldly through to a depth of more than eight miles, capturing prisoners, guns and an immense amount of material and rolling stock, and clearing one large town and several villages. He continued pushing on until checked by a strongly held defensive line, which he reconnoitred, sending back an accurate report.

Lt.-Col. and Bt. Col. (T./Brig.-Gen.) Julian McCarty Steele, C.B., C.M.G., C.G. (G.O.C., 22nd Infy. Bde.) (ITALY.)

For marked ability and gallantry during the battle of the Piave, 24th October, 1918. During the second phase of the capture of