

their teams. He personally crawled forward and bombed a machine-gun team, killing the occupants and capturing the gun.

Lt. Percy George Bales, 1/4th W. Rid. R., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and resource throughout operations east of Naves from 11th to 14th October, 1918, as battalion scout officer. During the enemy withdrawal he managed to keep touch, and the information he sent back from time to time greatly assisted in the capture of a position. On one occasion he made a daring night patrol along the bank of the Selle and obtained valuable information as regards the river crossings.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Thomas Harold Ball, 5th Bn., Leic. R., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership during the advance near Etroengt on 7th November, 1918. He led his company forward with such dash that he surprised an enemy field battery. The company captured over 20 prisoners, killed 6 of the enemy and captured or killed all the horses.

Lt. Wilfred Barnard, 5th Bn., Durh. L.I., T.F., attd. 50th (North'bn) Div. Sig. Coy., R.E., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry as brigade signalling officer on the 5th and 6th November, 1918, during the advance on Noyelles and Monceau. When the brigade was advancing very rapidly he always kept communication with the advanced brigade headquarters and the three battalions, himself reconnoitring the line of advance, often under heavy machine-gun fire, and his work very materially assisting in the success of the operations.

2nd Lt. David Barr, 5th Bn., R. Sco. Fus. (T.F.), attd. 12th Bn.

On the 31st October, 1918, during an attack south-west of Audenarde, after early losing his company commander, he continued the advance, and when checked by machine-gun fire from an enemy post he worked round the flanks of the position and rushed the post, capturing two machine guns. Throughout the operations he set a fine example of courage and initiative to his men.

Capt. Gerald Barry, 1st Bn., C. Gds.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the attack on Villers Pol on the night of November 3rd/4th, 1918. When his company was held up at a stream west of the village he and a corporal crossed to reconnoitre in the face of intense machine-gun fire. The information he gained enabled his company to advance and capture a machine gun with but few casualties. In the succeeding operations his adroit handling of difficult situations on several occasions prevented the attack being held up. He also personally led a party of men to the attack and capture of two field guns.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Stephen Bartlett, 4th Bn., M.G. Corps.

For gallantry and ability in operations near Verchain from 20th October to 2nd November, 1918, during which he commanded a company in all attacks. In two of these his company was detailed to follow

the attacking infantry, and it was largely due to his energy and personal example both in previous reconnaissances and during the attacks that his company succeeded in their tasks. On 1st November, 1918, he exposed himself fearlessly throughout the day and rendered good service.

2nd Lt. Charles Percival Basnett, B/168th Bde., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Wassigny, on the night of 22nd/23rd October, 1918. A barrage had to be fired in support of an important minor operation; as soon as it opened the enemy put down a very heavy neutralising fire on his battery, blowing up one of the guns, causing several casualties, and badly shaking many of the gunners. He collected the remainder of the gunners, and kept his undamaged guns in action till the end of the barrage.

2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) William Leopold Bass, 5th Bn., attd. 1/4th Bn., Leic. R., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action, from 27th September, to 17th October, 1918. As Intelligence Officer he made several daring reconnaissances under heavy fire. On the 29th September, when the C.O. and Adjutant were wounded early in the day, he took command of the battalion, issued operation orders for an attack on the Yellow Line, and not until all the battalion's objectives had been taken and consolidated did he hand over the command. On other occasions he led patrols under heavy fire when the situation was obscure, and on the 10th October, when the Adjutant was wounded, he took over the duties, and performed admirable work.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Frank Bassett, 1/6th Bn., N. Staffs. R., T.F., attd. 182nd Coy., R.E.

During the attack on Le Cateau, on 18th October, 1918, he personally reconnoitred and located an enemy anti-tank minefield. This he rendered harmless, although exposed to gas and severe machine-gun fire. On 4th November, 1918, during the attack on Landrecies, when a party of his men were detailed to make an attempt to save the bridge and locks at the canal from demolition, he made a thorough search of the bridge and locks, and satisfied himself that everything possible was done to prevent any further demolition.

Lt. Herbert Roland Bate, 6th Bn., Manch. R., T.F., attd. 19th Bn., R. Suss. R.

He took over command of his company on the 2nd November, 1918, and led it with great gallantry and judgment throughout the attack on Wargnies on 4th November. It was due to his fine leadership through heavy enemy barrage that such great success was won.

2nd Lt. Stephen Thomas Bateman, M.M., 7th Bn., Worc. R., attd. 1/8th Bn., T.F.

During operations of 23rd and 24th October, 1918, near Pommereuil, he showed marked gallantry and ability to command. His guide was wounded soon after the attack started, but he pushed on through