

Pommereuil, which was still held, and achieved his objective, a mile behind the enemy main line, and held on to it after capturing many prisoners. On the 24th, during operation through Fontaine au Bois, he gained his objective after being wounded, again doing excellent work.

2nd Lt. William Henry Bateman, M.M., 1st Bn., Essex R.

For conspicuous courage and powers of leadership at Jolimetz, on 4th November, 1918. He was in command of a platoon of a flank company. Seeing that troops of a platoon on his left were held up, he immediately organised an attack on a nest of machine guns, under heavy fire. With the help of his orderly and a few men he skilfully turned the position, and captured over seventy of the enemy.

Lt. Edgar Richard Batho, R.A.M.C. (Spec. Res.), attd. 16th Bn., Lan. Fus.

As Medical Officer to the battalion during the attack on the Oise-Sambre Canal, on 4th November, 1918, he displayed conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in dressing wounded under heavy shell fire. To enable the rapid evacuation of wounded he had established his aid post in close proximity to the line, and in this exposed position he dealt with a great number of cases, working for many hours under very great pressure.

T./2nd Lt. Frederick George Beard, 32nd Bn., M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and good work on the 4th November, 1918, during the crossing of the Oise-Sambre Canal, near Ors. He led his section across the canal, and engaged the enemy, who were firing on the bridgehead, with machine-gun fire. He inflicted heavy casualties on them, and caused them to retire, thus assisting the infantry to cross the bridge and follow up the enemy.

2nd Lt. John Beaumont Beck, C. Gds. (Spec. Res.), attd. 2nd Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and leadership at Villiers Pol, on 4th November, 1918. He commanded the leading platoon in the advance through the village, and, pushing on with boldness and resolution, sent back excellent information. During consolidation, under heavy shell fire, he organised his men with ability, and got them dug in without delay.

Lt. Arthur William Bell, B/246th (West Riding) Bde., R.F.A. (T.F.).

During the attack on 1st November, 1918, south-east of Valenciennes, he was in command of an 18-pounder section, keeping in close support to the infantry. He displayed boldness and initiative, and successfully crossed the river Rhonelle early in the day at Artres, and kept up with the infantry, and had a gun near the front line ready to assist a further advance or to repel a hostile counter-attack.

2nd Lt. Herbert Kirkough Bell, R.F.A., Spec. Res., attd. 107th Bty., 23rd Army Bde.

On 4th November, 1918, the battery was

subjected to heavy shelling in the open near Catillon while covering the attack of the 1st Division. After being wounded himself, together with several others he maintained three guns in action for three and a half hours, and continued at duty until relieved. He set a fine example of gallantry and devotion to duty.

T./2nd Lt. William Bell, W. York. R., attd. 1/7th Bn.

For great gallantry in command of a company during the attack on Avesnes-le-Sec, on the 11th October, 1918. During the early stages of the attack he led his company successfully through heavy fire. When the enemy counter-attacked with tanks, he and his company became detached from his battalion. He then attached himself to the unit on his left, rendering valuable assistance.

T./2nd Lt. Henry Berghoff, 12th Bn., York. R., attd. 1/5th Bn., W. York. R., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry on the night of the 12th/13th October, 1918, at Avesnes-le-Sec in charge of a patrol sent out to secure a crossing over the River Selle. He made two gallant and desperate attempts to carry out his orders, but owing to heavy shelling and machine-gun fire and gas, it was impossible to get near the river. He displayed a fine devotion to duty, and by his example kept his men well in hand at all times.

T./2nd Lt. David Alfred Best, 21st Bn., Manch. R.

For conspicuous courage displayed during operations from 18th/27th October, 1918, whilst in charge of battalion signals. Almost continuously from 18th to 27th October, 1918, he was working personally on the repair and maintenance of signal wires which were broken by enemy shell fire. His whole conduct throughout the operations and his devotion to duty made a very inspiring example to all ranks with whom he came in contact.

Temp. Lt. (A./Capt.) Vincent Bingham Bingham-Hall, 8th Bn., Glou. R., attd. 1/5th Bn., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry near Bazuel on 19th October, 1918. He led his company on to the attack, though the unit on his right was held up and his flank was exposed. He also led his company 250 yards beyond the objective to outflank the enemy on his right, who were subjecting him to heavy fire. His fine conduct helped the advance of the flanking unit, so that the whole objective was taken.

2nd Lt. Leslie Alfred Bird, R.F.A., Spec. Res., attd. A./187th Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the 4th November, 1918, the battery being ordered to cut wire on the bank of the Scheldt, he made a daylight reconnaissance under direct rifle and machine-gun fire, and established an observation post close to the river, where, in spite of continuous sniping by field and machine guns, he maintained his position for two days, only leaving to repair the wire, which was repeatedly cut. The observation post received three direct hits from field guns,