

de Hecq, for the passage of guns and to remove obstacles. He went forward under enemy shelling with the advanced infantry and removed three mines which would have probably caused considerable damage. He also rendered great assistance to the guns by his skilful handling of a movable bridge.

2nd Lt. Charles Robert Polhill-Drabble, C. Gds. (Spec. Res.), attd. 2nd Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and leadership at La Flaque Farm on 4th November, 1918. Seeing that there was a gap between the leading companies in the orchards near the farm, he led his platoon up to fill it, and enveloping the farm caused the surrender of five officers and forty-five men. Later, he organised his men and formed a defensive flank on the left, which was exposed. His prompt action materially assisted the general advance and saved many casualties.

Capt. (A./Maj.) Richard Payne Pollard, 2/3rd (Lond.) Fld. Amb., R.A.M.C.

He showed great gallantry and devotion to duty during the period 4th to 6th November, 1918, near Sebourg. He worked for long hours attending and operating under fire on wounded men. At the same time he organised the dressing station and the evacuation of serious cases in such a manner that he was undoubtedly instrumental in saving many men's lives.

T./2nd Lt. Ernest Legh Pope, 7th Bn., R. Fus.

On 27th September, 1918, near Bourlon Wood, he reorganised the men around him in conjunction with Lt. Driscoll, M.C., and under guidance of the C.O. led his command into action in a very gallant manner, thereby materially assisting the troops engaged in gaining their objective. The work done by him was most creditable.

Capt. (A./Maj.) Herbert Barrett Pope, 2/1st (W. Rid.) Fld. Amb., R.A.M.C., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the advance of the division from west of Le Quesnoy to east of Maubeuge between 4th and 10th November, 1918. During six successive days and nights he worked unceasingly as bearer officer in charge of evacuation from the divisional front. Adverse weather, and the blowing up of roads and bridges made evacuation extremely difficult, but he maintained a continuous liaison with regimental aid-posts, personally visiting them, and planning out fresh routes under heavy hostile fire.

T./2nd Lt. George Henry Potts, Lan. Fus., attd. 16th Bn.

During the attack on the Oise-Sambre Canal on 4th November, 1918, he was one of the first to attempt to make the crossing, under heavy fire, of the bridge constructed by the R.E.'s. When the advance was continued on the enemy's side of the canal, he led his company with great skill and courage, capturing all his objectives.

T./2nd Lt. Frank Joseph Powell, D.C.M., M.M., 8th Bn., R. Berks R.

On 4th November, 1918, during the attack on Mormal Forest he displayed fine leadership and determination, and led his company

straight to its objective under heavy fire while troops on either flank were unable to advance. On reaching the objective he held on with both flanks in the air for three hours with an officer and thirty-six men, and entirely surrounded by the enemy. Owing greatly to his fine work the remainder of the brigade was able to advance.

T./2nd Lt. James Doyle Preston, 21st Bn., Manch. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during recent operations from 19th to 27th October, 1918. On 20th October, in front of Bazuel he was detailed to take command of three patrols of eight men each and carry out a short advance in conjunction with troops on either flank. He did this very successfully, capturing a mill and taking over fifty prisoners with five machine guns. He held the position won for two days.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Wilfred Augustus Prichard A./230th (N. Mid.) Bde., R.F.A. (T.F.).

For conspicuous gallantry in action on the 4th November, 1918, near Catillon. On account of casualties he had been given temporary command of a strange battalion two days prior to the attack. He successfully organised the depleted sections, and completed all his arrangements under most trying conditions and heavy shell fire. In the early hours just prior to zero his personal courage, as he moved about among the men, still under shell fire, was a magnificent inspiration to all.

T./2nd Lt. Francis Aloysius Rabino, Dorset R., attd. 1st Bn.

For gallant and able leadership in the attack over the Sambre Canal on 4th November, 1918. He commanded the platoon which first effected a crossing over the canal, and it was chiefly owing to his energy and initiative that a crossing was effected at a very critical time of the attack. In the subsequent advance he again showed great ability.

T./Lt. Edward Thomas Brown Radford, 19th Bn., Midd'x R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion from 5th to 8th November, 1918, on the west bank of the Scheldt, in forming dumps of R.E. material, many of which were formed within 100 yards of hostile machine-gun posts, and under heavy fire. The success of the bridging operations was largely due to his personal efforts and determination.

T./Lt. John Arundel Radford, 8th Bn. Som. L. Inf., attd. 1st Bn.

Near Verchain on 24th October, 1918, he led his company with great courage and determination to the furthest objective. He gained the final objective with only a few men, consolidated the position, and, although his right flank was completely exposed throughout the day he held on and successfully repulsed a counter-attack after dark.

Lt. William John Rae, 1st Fife and Forfar. Yeo., attd. Bord R.

During the attack on Ors on 4th November, 1918, he acted as signal officer of the machine-gun battalion. He organised and maintained under heavy fire the communications between