

the various machine-gun companies, machine-gun battalion headquarters, and brigades. It was due to his courage and energy that messages were got back rapidly, making it possible to control guns to the best advantage.

T./2nd Lt. John Leslie Ralph, 16th Bn., R.W. Fus.

At Englefontaine, 4th November, 1918, he showed great gallantry under difficult conditions. During the advance he handled his platoon with such prompt initiative that parties of the enemy encountered were dispersed at once; and also by skilful use of Lewis-gun fire he drove the enemy from a road which threatened the left of the final objective.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Charles Duncan Randall, 4th Bn., Essex R. (T.F.), attd. 2nd Bn.

For able leadership of a company in the operations on 24th and 26th October, 1918, east of Verchain. On reaching the final objective, his company came under heavy machine-gun fire from a flank, and it was due to his courageous leading that the line was kept intact during the final assault. Later, his coolness and control of his men materially assisted the successful repulse of a strong enemy counter-attack.

T./2nd Lt. Dudley Ravenscroft, R.F.A., attd. D./251st (North Bn) Bde., R.F.A. (T.F.).

For gallantry and devotion to duty. On 25th October, 1918, the situation being obscure near Renouart Farm, he went out in front of our posts until he drew fire on himself in order to locate the enemy's posts. On 5th November, 1918, he again proceeded on foot beyond our posts near Noyelles, bringing back valuable information. Whilst performing this reconnaissance he was heavily fired on by machine guns.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Pelham Donovan Ravenscroft, K.R.R.C., Spec. Res., attd. 2nd Bn.

During the operations of 4th November, 1918, at the forcing of the Sambre Canal, he commanded a front-line company excellently, and succeeded in capturing many enemy and machine guns. He personally rushed a machine-gun post which was holding up the advance. He has consistently shown marked courage and leadership.

Lt. John Arthur Rawlings, R.F.A., Spec. Res., attd. A./14th Bde.

On 2nd September, 1918, near Clery-sur-Somme, he was acting as battery leader. It was necessary to bring the battery past a cross roads which was being shelled. Standing on the cross roads himself, he took advantage of the intervals between the shells to pass the vehicles, one at a time. By his cool courage and resource he undoubtedly saved his battery many casualties. The road by which the battery advanced was strewn with men and horses of other batteries going into action in the same area.

T./Lt. Edward Cuddon Rayner, 1st Bn., Hamp. R.

For great courage and enterprise. On 24th October, 1918, at Monchaux, the company detailed to take the village was held up by intense machine-gun fire. On his own initia-

tive he led a party of twelve men to the northern end of the village, and, wading the river, entered it with one man only. This man he sent back to guide the remainder. A few minutes afterwards he captured an officer, whom he told to call upon his men to surrender. As a result over 100 enemy laid down their arms.

Lt. Victor George Rayner, 9th (attd. 1/16th) Bn., London R.

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership during the operations near Sebourg on 5th November, 1918. He was in command of the leading company and attained his objective with marked skill. On occasions when his platoons were held up, he went forward under heavy fire to direct operations, and led his men in a dashing final assault which captured many prisoners and machine guns. Later, when his company was surrounded for several hours, he maintained his position, thus assisting other troops to re-establish themselves on his flanks.

2nd Lt. William George Searle Read, 4th Bn., York. R., (T.F.), attd. 9th Bn., W. York. R.

During operations in front of Roisin on 4th November, 1918, he took over command of his company when the company commander was killed. During a counter-attack by the enemy he rendered valuable service by holding together the company. Throughout the recent operations from 3rd November to 11th November, 1918, from Preseau to Bettignies, he always set a fine example to those under him of devotion to duty and a disregard of his own personal safety.

2nd Lt. William Wickins Reed, R.F.A., Spec. Res., attd. X./50th T.M. Bty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when bringing up trench bridges which were urgently required. On the morning of 4th November, 1918, in the neighbourhood of Fontaine au Bois he made a reconnaissance, under very heavy shell fire, of the road; then returning to bring up the transport carrying the bridges. He set a fine example to the men under his command.

Lt. (A./Capt.) George Frederick Gwyn Rees, 5th Bn. York. R. (T.F.), attd. 1/6th Bn. W. York. R. (T.F.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty from the 11th to 16th October, 1918. On the 11th, when the enemy counter-attacked with tanks near Iwuy, he remained in his position, endeavouring to restore confidence in his men, until a tank was within fifty yards. His company was then reduced to some ten men, but he managed to collect about 100 stragglers of other units, organised them into a company, and led them forward to a front position. There is no doubt that it was due to his courage and initiative that the enemy's counter-attack did not completely develop.

2nd Lt. Harold Stanley Rees, R.G.A., Spec. Res., attd. 141st Siege Bty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 5th and 6th November, 1918, at Bailleul. On these two days he kept the men steady at the guns during heavy harassing fire. He had previously done excellent work, in