

initiative in regaining touch and consolidating his position. The fact that his company captured eight machine guns and over 50 prisoners was largely due to his fine courage and leadership in mopping-up dug-outs and enemy snipers.

T./Capt. Alfred Mason, R.A.M.C., attd. 229th Fd. Amb.

Near Moislains and Hargicourt, September 2nd/25th, 1918. While in charge of the bearer division working in front of the advanced dressing station he was unceasing in his efforts on behalf of the wounded. Although his area was on many occasions subjected to very severe shell fire, and although he was for some days himself ill, he succeeded through sheer gallantry and devotion to duty in maintaining touch with the regimental aid posts continuously during the advance, thereby securing the rapid evacuation of the wounded. His work was admirable.

T./2nd Lt. William Tate Mason, 2nd Bn. M.G. Corps.

For marked gallantry and determination on September 28th, 1918, near Noyelles. When in command of a section of machine guns which was advancing in close support of the infantry, he led his section forward with great dash, taking up a position in the open under heavy fire, from which he engaged at close range an enemy strong point which was holding up the attack. The bold manner in which he at once engaged the enemy at close range undoubtedly saved many casualties to the infantry.

Capt. Tristram Hugh Massy-Beresford, 3rd Bn. Rif. Bde.

In command of his company during the attack on St. Aubert on October 11th, 1918, he did excellent work and showed the greatest gallantry under extremely heavy machine-gun and artillery fire. He himself led the assault upon the enemy position until he fell, within 100 yards of a hostile machine gun, wounded in three places. For the remainder of the day he lay in a hole close to the enemy position under constant machine-gun fire, and although as previously stated, he was wounded in three places, by his cheerfulness and courage he set a wonderful example of endurance to all around him.

T./2nd Lt. Stuart Frank Matthews, Glouc. R., attd. 1/5th Bn. Devon R., T.F.

At Flesquieres on September 27th, 1918, during the attack on Premy Avenue, he showed most conspicuous gallantry under heavy shell and machine-gun fire. Having captured the objective, he consolidated the position and established connection with another brigade in Ribecourt. At Masinères on September 30th, finding he was the only officer left in four companies, he took charge of the whole line for a distance of 500 yards, and throughout the day held on to his position, beating off all enemy attempts to approach his line. His gallant conduct inspired all ranks.

T./2nd Lt. George Barton Maxwell, 32nd Bn. M.G. Corps.

For great courage and initiative in the fighting near Sequehart on October 1st, 1918. When the enemy counter-attacked and our infantry were driven back he kept his guns going till he was practically surrounded, and our barrage had fallen behind him. He then fought his way out and with his revolver put out of action five of the enemy who attacked him. During a second counter-attack he stayed in action till the last, and then helped to form a new line and held it with his guns assisted by infantry he had helped to collect. Later he beat off a further local counter-attack with his guns. By his personal courage and example to his men he rendered the greatest service.

2nd Lt. John Webster Mayou, 2nd Bn. S.W. Bord.

For conspicuous gallantry and dash in the attack at Outersteene on August 18th, 1918. He led his platoon forward on the flank of the original attack without artillery support. In spite of a long line of enemy machine guns he pushed through without check to the furthest objective, out-flanking and capturing many machine guns and prisoners. His courage and determination had a great influence on the men of his company.

2nd Lt. William Anderson McDonald, 10th Bn. R. Scots., T.F., attd. 11th Bn.

This officer was in command of the scouts at Ledeghem on the afternoon of October 1st, 1918, and, finding that his right flank had become exposed, immediately took out a patrol of scouts, and with the help of a Lewis gun, picked up on the way, succeeded in knocking out or causing to retire the detachments of two enemy machine guns that had come up astride the railway, and who were causing considerable casualties to troops on our right. He showed marked gallantry and able leadership.

2nd Lt. John McKenna, R. Dub. Fus., Spec. Res., attd. R. Irish Rif., attd. 107th L.T.M.B.

For gallantry and devotion to duty in action. This officer was in command of a Stokes mortar section from September 28th till September 30th, 1918. During the whole advance he showed great coolness and resource in going forward and picking up targets for the guns and directing and controlling the fire. On the 28th the infantry were held up by heavy machine-gun fire, till the mortar had neutralised it; they then rushed the place and captured sixty prisoners and four machine guns. Also on the 29th he fired on enemy trench mortar which was giving much trouble near the cemetery. On each occasion he displayed the utmost coolness and disregard of personal danger.

Lt. John Francis McKillop, 2/24th Bn., attd. 2/23rd Bn., Lond. R.

During the operations at Wervicq on October 14th, 1918, he led his company with splendid courage and dash. In spite of considerable machine-gun fire he gained the final objective with very few casualties. During his advance he rushed several machine-gun posts and captured 150 prisoners and several machine