

guns. Though wounded he refused to leave his company until he had seen his posts in the final objective properly established.

T./Lt. Hugh Leslie McKinlay, 1st Bn. Cam'n Highrs., attd. 8th Bn., Sea. Highrs.

During the advance guard operations at Wingles on October 3rd/4th, 1918, he, acting as intelligence officer, showed conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On two or three occasions he collected small detached parties and led them on to their objectives. On the 2nd, when the advance was held up by heavy shelling and machine-gun fire, he crept forward and reconnoitred a way round Wingles and then acted as guide to the company held up. His assistance was invaluable to the front company commanders; and his conduct throughout was of a high order.

2nd Lt. Charles McKinley, 16th Bn. Lond. R., attd. 1/28th Bn.

On October 8th, 1918, at Niergnies. For conspicuous gallantry and initiative. When the situation was very obscure he carried out two exceedingly comprehensive reconnaissances, although subjected to heavy machine-gun and artillery fire, thereby clearing up the situation on the divisional front and obtaining information of the utmost value.

T./Lt. John McKinstry, 12th Bn., R. Ir. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership in action on October 16th, 1918, at Courtrai. When in command of a company he rushed forward with a platoon along a street swept by machine-gun fire, and seized the bank of the Lys. It was entirely due to his personal example that the bank of the river was secured and an enemy machine gun knocked out. He showed marked courage and determined leadership.

T./2nd Lt. Allan Crawford McLean, 9th Bn. M.G.C.

For conspicuous courage and devotion to duty at Manhattan Farm, near Ledeghem, during the attack on that place on October 1st, 1918. The infantry, being enfiladed by machine-gun fire, were swept back. This young officer remained with his two machine guns after all other troops near him had fallen back, and engaged the enemy's machine guns, and was still in action when the infantry were rallied and resumed their attempt to advance. He behaved most gallantly.

T./Lt. William McLeod, 2nd Bn. High. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry in command of the leading platoon during the capture of the high ground north of Rumilly on October 1st, 1918. When his platoon was checked by very heavy machine-gun fire he dashed forward with only one man and rushing at the gun, shot one of the team and captured the remaining six. Throughout the operations his splendid courage and determination were a fine example to his men.

2nd Lt. George Ferguson McVean, 3rd. attd. 1st, Bn., K.O.S.B., attd. 87th T.M. By.

For conspicuous gallantry on the night October 15th/16th, 1918, near Watermulen. When the right company of the battalion was held up by machine guns firing at short range,

he immediately rushed his mules forward and brought his trench mortars into action. He maintained his fire till one machine gun was knocked out, and then successfully directed fire on another. By his courage and initiative he enabled the infantry to gain an objective which had an important bearing on the course of subsequent operations.

T./Lt. Carel Theodore Meester, Middx. R., attd. 23rd Bn.

At Houthem, on September 29th, 1918, this officer, during an attack, showed considerable tactical insight and handled his company with great skill, taking many defended houses and other positions, with ninety prisoners and three machine guns. Later, when the enemy counter-attacked, he put up a great defence and rallied some troops of another battalion, who broke through his company. He afterwards brought his company into reserve in perfect order. His cool courage and fine leadership inspired all with him.

2nd Lt. André John Mesnard Melly, R.F.A., Spec. Res., attd. B/110th Bde.

On September 18th, 1918, north of Villers Faucon, he was in charge at the gun position when the battery was very heavily shelled; he kept up the fire of the battery and superintended the clearing of wounded and the replacing of casualties. Though knocked senseless and slightly wounded, he insisted upon carrying on, walking from gun to gun and encouraging the men. His leadership and fine example inspired confidence in the detachments and were materially responsible for the successful maintenance of the barrage programme.

Lt. Wilfred Bernard Mercer, Warwick Yeo., Sec., 100th Bn., M.G. Corps.

On September 29th, 1918, near St. Helene, he was in charge of a group of eight machine guns firing a barrage; the position was very heavily shelled, several of the men being killed or wounded. With great gallantry he immediately proceeded a considerable distance in the open, reorganised the teams, and got three guns firing again with very little delay. He has continually done good work.

2nd Lt. Percy Merrick, 8th Bn. Lanc. Fus., T.F., attd. 18th Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative during the attack south-east of Ypres on Hill 60 and the Klein Zellebeke Trench on September 28th, 1918. He displayed fine leadership, rushing two machine guns and completely knocking them out. As a result of his fine work the advance round the north of the Caterpillar was greatly facilitated. Later in the advance he pushed forward and cleared a machine gun and team which was firing heavily on our troops moving to the attack on Zandvoorde, and it was due to his courageous leadership that the right flank of the attack at this point was made secure. Throughout the operations he set a very fine example to his men.

2nd Lt. Francis Thomas Metcalfe, 1/5th Bn. Notts & Derby R., T.F.

At Lehaucourt on September 29th, 1918, he commanded his platoon with conspicuous