

keeping the company together and pushed forward to the final objective capturing it with a large number of prisoners and machine-guns. Later, he was wounded but remained at duty encouraging his men. Throughout he set them a splendid example of courage and determination.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Thomas William Porter, 8th Bn. Lond. R.

For most conspicuous gallantry and skill during the attacks carried out by his company on August 26th, 27th, 28th and 31st, 1918, between Billon Wood and Marrieres Wood. When his company was held up by heavy machine-gun fire after the first attack, he reconnoitred the situation in the open with a complete disregard of personal danger. In the attacks on the 28th and 31st he gained his objectives, and on both occasions personally forced the surrender of machine gun posts, which would otherwise have impeded our advance.

2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) Robert Potter, R. Highrs. attd 8.h Bu

Throughout the operations east of Ypres from September 28th to October 4th, 1918, he handled his company with skill and inspired them by his personal courage. On October 1st, north of Ledeghem, where the enemy heavily counter-attacked, he immediately led his company into a support position to cover the withdrawal of the left flank troops who were threatened with envelopment. His coolness and ability had a splendid effect on the men and contributed not a little to the eventual holding of the attack on the line taken up.

T./2nd Lt. Thomas Louis Potter, 11th Bn. Rif. Brig., attd. 59th L.T.M. Bty.

He was in command of two light mortars during operations from October 3rd, 1918, to October 6th, 1918, between Mericourt and Avion. On reaching the first objective, when the attack was held by up enemy machine-gun fire, he brought one of his mortars into action and silencing the machine guns allowed the advance to continue. On approaching the second objective the leading platoon was again held up. With great courage and skill he led his men over open country swept by machine guns and silenced the enemy fire, thus enabling the infantry to continue the advance. By his gallantry and ability he rendered valuable service.

T./2nd Lt. Ernest Alexander Potts, 10th Bn., R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in the attack on Bel Aise on the morning of October 8th, 1918. He led his platoon with great dash and gallantry, and when later wounded and unable to stand he rallied his platoon and urged them forward the whole time under heavy machine-gun fire. He showed great courage and set a splendid example to his men.

Capt. Donald Llewellyn Prestage, Shrop. Yeo., attd. 13th Bn. Welsh R.

For gallantry in action during the attack north of Le Cateau on October 20th, 1918.

He went forward through a heavy barrage, during which both runners became casualties, reached the companies and came back with the information that the battalion objectives had been gained. He had previously shown a high example of courage at Gouzeacourt on September 18th, going through heavy machine-gun fire and returning with valuable information.

2nd Lt. Frank Pride, 504th (Wessex) Fd. Coy. R.E., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Espain on the night of October 21st/22nd, 1918, when instructed to construct a footbridge across the Escaut River, to enable the outpost line to cross before dawn. Despite heavy hostile shelling and machine-gun fire, and the fact that all material had to be carried a distance of 700 yards, the work was, by his coolness and determination, successfully completed.

Lt. Hugh Edgar Basil Priestley, Indian Army Res. of Officers, attd. 125th Napier Rif. (Egypt).

For gallantry and initiative on September 19th, 1918, during the attack on the Turkish position near Tabsor. He got detached in the mist with forty men and suddenly found himself close up to a trench strongly held. He attacked at once and captured fifteen officers, 175 other ranks, and seven machine guns. His bold initiative led the enemy to believe that they were being attacked by a superior force. He did splendid work.

T./2nd Lt. Albert James Pritchard, S. Wales Bord., attd. 2nd Bn.

At Heule Wood, on October 15th, 1918, for conspicuous gallantry and initiative. During the attack, the left flank being exposed and the enemy holding a strong position in Heule Wood, some 700 yards beyond the flank of the advance, he led his platoon against the wood. After a stiff fight he overcame the enemy on the near edge of the wood and at once pushed on, clearing the north end of the wood and killing and capturing numbers of the enemy. He showed most determined leadership.

Capt. James Henry Proctor, 1st Bn. Bord. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative during the capture of Oultersteene high ground on August 18th, 1918. He was ordered to move east and then turn south, in order to assist another regiment, and by his daring and skilful handling of his company took advantage of an opportunity which resulted in the capture of Oultersteen by them. Had he hesitated the village might not have been taken. During consolidation he showed the greatest disregard of danger. He did fine work.

T./2nd Lt. Frank Proudfoot, York and Lanc. R., attd. 2/4th Bn., T.F.

On September 27th, 1918, near Ribecourt, when the advance was held up by an enemy machine-gun firing from a flank, he crept forward under the heaviest fire and rushed the machine gun single-handed, capturing the crew and securing a total of thirteen prisoners. By his splendid act of courage it was again