

Capt. & Bt. Maj. (T./Lt.-Col.) Walter Llewellyn Owen, M.C., 5th Bn., L'pool R., T.F., Comdg. 11th Bn., R.W. Surr. R.

As battalion commander in the advance to l'Escaut on the 25th October, 1918, he showed great gallantry and power of command. At a critical time, when his left flank had been left in the air, he overcame a very difficult situation by able handling of his command. Later, during the taking of Heestert Spichestraat, his leadership was again of great value.

T./2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) Charles John Murray Paige, M.C., 11th Bn., R.W. Surr. R.

For conspicuous leadership and gallantry on 19th October, 1918, at Courtrai. He took his company across the River Lys in an improvised ferry boat under heavy shell fire. In a surprising short time he had either captured, killed or driven away the enemy and had advanced on a 800 yards frontage along the Courtrai-Harlebeke Railway, being an advance to a depth of 1,500 yards. It was largely due to his personal supervision, leadership and dash that the objective was gained, organised and held. His gallant and able leadership contributed materially to the success of the whole operation.

Lt. (T./Maj. & A./Lt.-Col.) Charlie Pannall, M.C., R.W. Surr. R., attd. 20th Bn., Dur. L.I.

On 14th/15th October, 1918, near Wevelghem, his great gallantry and fine leadership greatly contributed to the success of the battalion under his command. During the attack on the 14th October he directed the attack of the first line personally through a dense fog, and towards the end of the day placed his men in position on the final objective, exposing himself throughout to heavy shell and machine-gun fire. He has at all times shown gallantry and devotion to duty of a high order.

T./Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) Walter Parkes, M.C., 8th Bn., Glou. R.

For gallantry and good leadership in operations near Haussy between 20th-24th October, 1918. His battalion was twice ordered to carry out an attack, on the 20th and 23rd October respectively. He personally led the leading platoons across the Selle River under machine-gun and rifle fire. Throughout he showed great courage and ability to command.

T./Maj. George Robert Steel Paterson, M.C., H.L.I., attd. 1/5th Bn., K.O.S.B., T.F.

On 14th October, 1918, at Gheluwe, he was in command of his battalion in the left front of the brigade attack, and by his fine leadership ensured the success of the advance. When the battalion's advance was temporarily held up, he personally went round his whole front, collected parties lost in the mist, and attacked Uniform Farm, capturing a battery and three machine guns. Throughout the day he displayed great gallantry, initiative, and endurance.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Reginald Guy Pearse, M.C., 3rd Bn., N. & Derby. R., attd. 1st Bn.

At Oppy, on 6th October, 1918, he showed marked gallantry, skill and ability in the handling of his company, capturing an enemy strong point yielding thirty-four prisoners and six machine guns, and establishing positions in front of it. His coolness and personal courage during the fighting were a splendid example to his men, raising their spirits to a very high pitch of offensive enthusiasm.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Charles Edward Vernon Kingsbury Peberdy, M.C., 4th Bn., W. York. R., attd. 1st Bn.

At Selency, on 24th-25th September, 1918, the gaining of all the objectives on the right of the battalion, including the village of Selency, was in a very great measure due to his excellent work. After his objectives were gained he made reconnaissances well in front of the captured position, obtaining valuable information as to the whereabouts of the enemy by exposing himself and drawing their fire. Throughout he showed marked gallantry and devotion to duty, and on one occasion with a small party outflanked and captured twenty of the enemy.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Norman Batey Pigg, M.C., 1st Bn., North'd Fus.

For most conspicuous gallantry and initiative during the operations E. of Solesmes, from 23rd to 26th October, 1918. He commanded a company which made three assaults during the operations. On one occasion he pushed forward with a small party, and captured a machine gun which had been causing casualties. Later he observed an enemy field battery, which he at once charged and routed the gunners. His fine acts of gallantry undoubtedly saved the battalion many casualties.

Lt. (A./Capt.) John Watts Potter, 1/5th Bn., attd. 1/6th Bn., N. & Derby. R., T.F.

For marked gallantry and leadership near Montbrehain on 3rd October, 1918, in command of a company. During the early stages of the attack his company successfully captured several nests of machine guns, and later, pressing on through the village of Montbrehain, they rushed and captured six field guns, killing and capturing some of the gun teams. He made several gallant attempts to lead his men beyond the village under intense fire, and finally, when heavily counter-attacked, he hung on to this position with great determination until his ammunition was almost exhausted. Throughout he showed splendid courage and initiative.

2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) Bernard Vincent Pring, M.C., Yorks. L.I., attd. 2nd Bn.

For marked gallantry and able leadership of his company in the action of the 29th-30th September, 1918, against Levergies, which culminated in the capture of that village. Leading his company well in advance, he captured a battery of field