

outpost line, though constantly exposed to heavy machine-gun and rifle fire. He set a fine example throughout.

500160 Spr. W. R. Aitkin, 1st Bn., Can. Engrs.

On the 27th September, 1918, during the attack across the Canal du Nord, he was on a reconnaissance patrol with a non-commissioned officer. They located an enemy nest of machine guns which was holding up the infantry advance. With marked gallantry they worked round the position under heavy fire, and finally rushed the emplacement, capturing the guns and thirteen of the enemy. By this bold action they enabled the attack to proceed.

2138910 Pte. (L./C.) D. M. Anderson, 43rd Bn., Can. Inf.

Cambria. For most conspicuous gallantry during the attack of 28th September, 1918. He observed an enemy advanced machine-gun post, and instantly rushed it, personally killing three gunners and capturing ten others. By this gallant deed he saved his platoon numerous casualties, and enabled it to continue the advance.

153712 Pte. T. R. Andrews, 43rd Bn., Can. Inf.

For most conspicuous courage and good work at Cambrai. In the attack on 1st October, 1918. When his platoon's advance was held up by an enemy machine-gun post, he volunteered to go forward with a party of men to clear it up. With four others he started, the others becoming casualties before the post was reached. He continued alone, reached the post, killed one of the occupants, and took the remaining two prisoners. He then took charge of the remainder of the platoon, and led them to their final objective.

135342 C./S./M. A. Angus, 2nd Can. Mtd Rif.

During the operations before Cambria, on 29th/30th September, 1918, he displayed great courage, ability and determination. When all the officers in his company had become casualties on the 29th, he took command of the company, and in face of heavy fire went forward to the most advanced position held by the company, and continued the advance successfully. His fearlessness and example at a critical period was of a very high order, and inspired with confidence all ranks under his command.

438120 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) A. Baird, M.M., 8th Bn., Can. Inf.

For marked gallantry and able leadership. During the attack east of the Douai-Cambrai Road, on 29th September, 1918, when his platoon officer and platoon sergeant had become casualties, he took command. When the line was partially established and heavy casualties were occurring from machine-gun fire, he took a Lewis gun and alone kept in front and engaged the enemy machine guns, thus keeping down their fire. This fine action undoubtedly saved many lives.

106072 Sjt. C. W. Ball, M.M., 3rd Div. Sig. Coy., Can. Engrs., att'd. H.Q., 7th Can. Inf. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations near Cambria, 28th September to 1st October, 1918. He laid and maintained lines night and day, carrying on at times alone when members of his party were killed and wounded. His whole behaviour was marked by sustained and unselfish devotion to duty, and materially contributed to the success of the operations.

433070 C./Q./M./S. D. A. Barbour, M.M., 49th Bn., Can. Infy.

For marked courage and good work during the operations from 27th September to 1st October, 1918, in the attack on Cambrai. He was in command of the company for some time, and his resourcefulness in out-flanking several machine-gun nests in no small measure led to the success of the action. He personally organised and led a party in an attack against a hostile machine gun, killing the gun crew and capturing the gun, which he immediately put into action against the enemy.

249917 Pte. L. Benning, 116th Bn., Can. Infy.

During the advance on the village of St. Olle, on 29th September, 1918, two platoons were detailed to take a trench on the high ground in front of the village. These platoons were held up by intense machine-gun fire. He volunteered to work his way through some hedges and thence along the trench. This he succeeded in doing, bombing out the enemy and allowing his platoon to press forward. Fifty prisoners and eight machine guns were captured. He showed marked courage and rendered excellent service.

788632 Cpl. J. Billings, 38th Bn., Can. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations in the vicinity of Douai-Cambrai Road in front of Bourlon, on 29th September, 1918. All officers of his company having become casualties he assumed command of the company and did fine work against an enemy counter-attack, rushing up three Lewis guns and himself operating a gun which was almost immediately destroyed by hostile fire. He brought a second gun to bear against the enemy, and this also was knocked out. He opened fire with the third gun, and, notwithstanding heavy enemy machine-gun and sniping fire, kept the gun in action, with the result that the counter-attack never reached our line. Throughout he showed fine courage and determination.

2134915 Pte. C. Blakeman, 14th Bn., Can. Inf.

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack near Sains lez Marquion on 27th September, 1918. His entire section becoming casualties by enemy machine-gun fire from a flank, he immediately crawled forward and eventually around to the rear of the emplacement, and after throwing in a grenade he rushed it single-handed with fixed bayonet and suc-