

penetrate Mons) with dash and initiative, personally reconnoitring ahead under heavy shell fire. He succeeded in surrounding two machine-gun posts, and, working his way through the city, cut off three other posts which were holding up the advance on the right.

(M.C. gazetted 1st January, 1919.)

Capt. (now Maj.) James Hamilton, M.C., 72nd Bn., Can. Infy., Brit. Col. R.

For conspicuous gallantry during the capture of Valenciennes and subsequent operations from 1st to 4th November, 1918, when in charge of the battalion. It was largely due to his thorough organisation, courage, and energy that the Canal de L'Escaut was successfully crossed in the face of a strongly held enemy position. Throughout the operations he was indefatigable in his efforts to get his troops forward with a minimum of casualties, and his success was greatly due to his appreciation of the situation, untiring energy, and resourcefulness.

(M.C. gazetted 4th February, 1918.)

Lt. Claude Leighton Hart, M.C., 2nd Can. Mtd. Rifle Bn., B. Columbia R., attd. 1st C. Ontario R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in the operations against Quiévrain on 6th November, 1918. In command of a platoon on the battalion's left flank, when the company was held up and suffering heavily from machine-gun fire, he worked his men forward to a position from which they enfiladed the enemy, and the company was enabled to advance.

(M.C. gazetted 8th March, 1919.)

Lt. Robert Angus Hay, M.C., 11th Bn., Can. Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative south of Valenciennes on 1st November, 1918, when in charge of a small party reconnoitring for water supply. Although continually subject to the enemy's shell and machine-gun fire, he worked his way along the front repairing the wells and pumps. On one occasion, being forced to take cover during an intense gas-shell barrage, he captured three German officers and twenty-three men who had taken refuge in a cellar. Though suffering from gas fumes and severe casualties, he persevered in his work, and by his self-devotion produced for the attacking troops a well-organised water supply.

(M.C. gazetted 18th January, 1918.)

Lt. William Lawson Jenkins, M.C., 2nd Siege Bty., Can. Garr. Arty.

On 28th September, 1918, he was sent forward from the battery position near Bois de Cocret to establish communication with the infantry front line system. Although coming under heavy shell fire, he held on with great determination, and reached the headquarters of an infantry battalion. He then made a full reconnaissance of our front line in full view of the enemy and obtained very valuable information.

(M.C. gazetted 27th October, 1917.)

Capt. William Walker Kennedy, M.C., 46th Bn., Can. Infy., Saskatchewan R.

For conspicuous gallantry during the advance from Fressies to Faubourg de Paris

between 17th and 22nd October, 1918. When the advance was held up by heavy shelling and intense machine-gun fire, he was ordered to assist the unit on his flank. He reorganised his company in face of the enemy fire, and when this move did not succeed, re-made his plans, carried out the task, and made further advance possible. At a later date it was due to his courage and splendid example that the enemy were again driven back and valuable ground gained.

(M.C. gazetted 18th February, 1918.)

Lt. George Henry Goff Lash, M.C., 47th Bn., Can. Infy., W. Ont. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Valenciennes on 1st November, 1918, when in command of a company. In the attack he displayed the greatest courage and skill in leading his command, and when there was a tendency to halt some hundreds of yards from the objective, he rushed forward, in spite of extremely heavy machine-gun fire, and by his magnificent example caused his company to follow him, successfully capturing the objective.

(M.C. gazetted 1st February, 1919.)

Capt. Gerald Bristol Latimer, M.C., 8th Bn., Can. Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative near Haucourt on the night of 26th/27th August, 1918. The bridge over the Cojeul River on the main Cambrai road had been demolished by the enemy, leaving a large gap which effectually stopped traffic. He was ordered to make an engineer reconnaissance of this bridge. After several attempts, during the whole of which he was under heavy shell and rifle fire, he reached the bridge, found it mined for demolition, and cut the lead wires. He returned to the out-post line, and, securing an infantry patrol, led them forward, saved the bridge, and secured the bridgehead. He rendered very valuable service.

(M.C. gazetted 1st January, 1918.)

Lt. John George Leighton, M.C., 44th Bn., Can. Infy., New Brunswick R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion at Famars and Mont Houy from 30th October to 1st November, 1918. Previous to the attack it was found that no touch had been obtained with the enemy for some hours. Lt. Leighton was given the task of gaining touch, and carried out his task with great daring and skill. As a result the exact hostile outposts were located and taken on by the artillery, materially contributing to the success of the attack.

(M.C. gazetted 16th September, 1918.)

Lt. Walter James MacDonald, M.C., M.M., 44th Bn., Can. Infy., New Brunswick R.

For conspicuous gallantry and fine leadership at Denain on 20th October, 1918. When the brigade was held up on the outskirts of the town, Lt. MacDonald, who commanded a company, organised a minor enterprise, using medium trench-mortar and Lewis-gun fire in lieu of barrage. Leading his company forward with the greatest courage and determination, he cleared a farm, captured four machine guns and over fifty prisoners, and thus enabled the whole bat-