

north-east of Carnoy on August 25th, 1918, he led his company from reserve through a heavy barrage to support a company which had sustained heavy casualties and materially assisted in the capture and the consolidation of the objective. He set a splendid example to all ranks.

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T./Lt. (A./Capt.) René François Douglas de Fenzi Berrange, M.C., 10th Bn. R.W. Surr. R.

For great courage and able leadership in the actions near Comines. On September 28th and 29th, 1918, he commanded the right leading company and on September 30th the right support company. During these actions his company captured one 5.9 inch gun, one trailer, one lorry, one complete battery of field guns, 12 machine guns, and 30 prisoners. He captured the 5.9 inch himself, killing two of the detachment, including an officer, and capturing another. He did fine work.

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Rev. John Francis Bloxam, M.C., R. Army Chapl. Dept., attd. 18th Bn. K.R.R.C.

During operations on October 12th/13th south of Neuville, he was indefatigable. When the battalion was forced to withdraw and leave their wounded in front of our lines, he found stretcher bearers, accompanied them to the places where wounded were lying, and assisted in their removal under heavy fire. He continued in the front line with the troops and throughout showed great gallantry and devotion to duty.

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2nd Lt. Thomas Joseph Bond, M.C., 1st Bn. R. Fus.

During the attack east of Rieux on October 11th, 1918, he displayed fearless leadership and initiative in handling the company which he commanded. With a small party he surrounded and destroyed an enemy machine gun and team which was holding up the advance, thereby relieving the situation at a critical time. The concise and accurate information which he sent back to battalion headquarters was of the greatest value in determining the situation on several occasions during the day.

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T./2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) George Bottoms, M.C., 16th Bn. K.R.R.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations south of Neuville, October 12th/13th, 1918, when adjutant of the battalion. After all the objectives had been gained, and while battalion headquarters were moving to the new position, a counter-attack was launched by the enemy and a temporary break-through effected in rear of the companies. He at once organised officers' servants and runners, recovered a Lewis gun, which he personally assisted in working, and held up the enemy, thereby preventing companies from being completely cut off.

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T./Sub-Lt. Alexander Brackenridge, M.C., Hood Bn., R.N.V.R.

At Niergnies on October 8th, 1918, he showed marked courage, initiative, and re-

source. When his company was driven back by counter-attack by enemy tanks he rendered most valuable assistance in rallying the line. He rushed the occupants of one of the tanks with a handful of men, killing them all, as well as a number of other enemy who had got back into the village. He then returned, led the line forward, and eventually by hard fighting and clever leadership established the line on its final objective. It was greatly due to his dashing leadership that Niergnies was won and held.

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Lt. (A./Capt.) Evan Vincent Hubert Bradley, M.C., 2nd Bn. York. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and brilliant leading on the occasion of the crossing of the Somme at St. Christ on September 5th, 1918. He commanded a company which successfully crossed the Somme under heavy machine-gun fire. One officer and 85 other ranks of the enemy were captured. Two days later, when his company were advancing on Villeveque, and were suffering rather severe casualties from enemy machine-gun fire, he personally detached two of his sections and successfully attacked the machine guns from a flank, putting the enemy to flight.

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T./2nd Lt. Samuel Brandle, M.C., 15th Bn. Tank Corps.

During the attack on the Canal du Nord, near Moeuvres, on September 27th, 1918, he supervised the unditching of his tank under heavy machine-gun fire. Although twice wounded he continued to fight his tank with great determination until it was completely knocked out by a second direct hit. He then established machine-gun posts, and by covering fire assisted the infantry in crossing the Canal du Nord. All his crew were wounded, but it was not until he had got them into safety and made his reports at the company rallying point, that he himself went to a dressing station. He behaved most gallantly.

(M.C. gazetted 2nd December, 1918.)

2nd Lt. Charles Vincent Broadbent, M.C., 2/5th Bn. Lanc. Fus., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry east of Givenchy on September 29th, 1918. He had located an enemy post 500 yards from our lines. In the afternoon, with his sergeant, he crawled over the open to the post, held up the sentry with his revolver, and effected the capture of the whole enemy post of five men. He then questioned the men, and finding there was a machine gun near, he sent the sergeant for it and brought the five men and machine gun back to our lines.

(M.C. gazetted 15th October, 1918.)

Capt. Basil Burt-Smith, 6th Bn. Lond. R.

Near Maricourt, south-east of Albert, during the operations of August 27th/28th, 1918, he led his company in the attack on August 27th with the greatest gallantry. On reaching his objective, although severely wounded, he went forward himself and reconnoitred the ground in front, getting in touch with the enemy and supplying valuable information as to their movements. He refused to go back