

and, with only five men, ran down the trench to establish a bombing block. Stopped by machine-gun fire, he returned for assistance, but was cut off from our protective barrage. Having no bombs, he threw lumps of chalk at the enemy post, and, finding themselves not fired on, he and his party rushed the post and found that the enemy had evacuated it, leaving seven machine guns behind. He held this post until the advance started again, and then rejoined his company and led them through the operations.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Anthony Hodgson, 4th, attd. 1/5th, Bn., Bord. R., T.F.

He led his company across the Somme on the 5th September, 1918, with great gallantry, resolutely engaging machine guns and accounting for their crews until he had gained the final objective. On a subsequent date, at Villeévêque, he led his company in the advance with conspicuous ability, the smallness of the number of casualties which occurred being the result of his skilful leading.

Capt. Alec Wellesley Holbrook, 212th Fd. Coy., R.E.

For great coolness and determination at Hounecourt, 3rd-4th September, 1918, on a night reconnaissance, when the officer with him was wounded and his guide orderly killed. In spite of a slight wound he pushed on over the Escaut Canal Bridge, which was under hostile machine-gun fire at close range. His reconnaissance in the danger zone was of the utmost value.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Richard Boyce Holman, 2nd Bn., Midd'x R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the attack against enemy trenches east of Arleux on 27th September, 1918, while acting adjutant. Owing to darkness and heavy rain there was great difficulty in getting the attacking companies formed up in time for the attack; he at once went to the forming-up position, and, under heavy machine-gun fire, got the assaulting troops to the tape line. It was due to his initiative that they were able to advance at the appointed time without a hitch.

T./2nd Lt. John Arthur Hamilton Holloway, 6th Bn., Tank Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry while in command of the leading Tank in the attack on Joncourt on 30th September, 1918. He engaged numerous machine guns at close range. When his Tank was hit and on fire he withdrew the crew and took cover near by. On the enemy approaching he drew his revolver and put up a desperate fight until he was hit in three places and fell into a shell hole. He was carried in at dusk.

2nd Lt. George Holt, Huntingdonshire Cyclist Bn., T.F., attd. 10th Bn., Essex R.

For great gallantry and initiative near Saily-Saillisel on 4th September, 1918. While holding a position east of Riverside Wood an officer asked him to attack a strong point which was holding up the battalion on the left. He led his platoon forward, taking advantage of the ground with great skill, and rushed the position, capturing two

machine guns, two officers and fifteen other ranks.

Capt. Herbert Paton Holt, 3rd. D. Gds.

For conspicuous gallantry and fine leadership of his squadron on 9th October, 1918, between Hounecy and Renmont. He succeeded in reaching his objective under very heavy shell-fire, and was severely wounded while reorganising his squadron for a further advance.

Lt. (A./Capt.) William Patrick Hone, R.G.A., Spec. Res., attd. 223rd Siege Bty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Kruisstraat on the night of 27th-28th September, 1918. When a lot of débris at his battery position was set on fire as the result of shelling, and tubes and fuzes were exploding, he took the situation in hand and got the flames well under, thereby saving further damage, only one gun being put out of action.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Douglas Stanley Hooper, 3rd Bn., Dorset R., seconded 2nd Bn., Tank Corps.

On 8th August, 1918, east of Villers Britonneux, this officer commanded his section with great gallantry and skill under heavy machine-gun fire. On several occasions he co-operated with infantry on the spot, arranging schemes for the subjection of strong points, notably at Boyonvillers and Harbonnières, and on both occasions was completely successful. Throughout the operations he set a fine example of courage and initiative to his men.

T./Lt. (A./Maj.) Frank Alfred Hooper, 32nd Bn., M.G. Co.

During the operations for the crossing of the Somme from 4th to 13th September, 1918, he displayed conspicuous gallantry and great tactical ability in handling his company of machine-guns, covering the advance of the infantry and pushing forward in support with a determination and initiative that largely contributed to success on his section of the front.

Lt. (A./Maj.) George Frederick Thomas Hopkins, 50th By., 34th A. Bde., R.F.A.

Near Mory, throughout the operations lasting from the 21st August to the 11th September, 1918, he performed conspicuously gallant service, often under intense shell and machine-gun fire, and notably on the 27th August, when a heavy hostile barrage was put down some 200 yards in front of the battery position, and another a similar distance to the rear, and maintained for five hours. During this time he continually passed from one gun detachment to another, cheering the men, without regard to his own safety and setting a splendid example of devotion to duty at a time when it was absolutely necessary to maintain the moral of his command.

T./Lt. Harold Hopkins, R.F.A., attd. T.M. By. (SALONIKA)

On the 16th and 17th September, 1918, he was in charge of "B" battery medium trench mortars, which were in pits at Rocky Knob, some 200 yards from the enemy front line trenches. He was detailed to cut a gap in preparation for the attack by the Seres