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2nd Lt. Roland Douglas Nightingale, 91st Siege Bty. R.G.A.

At Reumont, on October 12th, 1918, a cellar in which one officer, one serjeant, two gunners, and nine civilians had taken refuge, was blown in by an 8-inch shell. While the shelling was still in progress, he organised a party and after five hours of labour, which he directed with great skill and sound judgment, one gunner and one civilian were rescued alive, all the remainder having died of wounds or suffocation. He displayed, as he always does, the very finest qualities, and is a young officer of great promise.

T./2nd Lt. Leonard Charles Norrington, M.M., R. Fus., att'd. 17th Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and fine leadership on October 8th, 1918, at Foreville. He was in command of one of the leading companies in a night attack on a village, and led his company with the utmost dash and skill, capturing the village and establishing himself on the east side. He then found that some of the enemy were behind him and personally led a bombing attack on them, killing several and capturing the remainder. He did fine work.

Lt. Theodore Northey, 7th Bn., att'd. 1/5th Bn. Devon R., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Masnieres on September 30th, 1918. He led each company to its place of deployment in the dark under severe shell and machine-gun fire. Later, he established visual signalling with the forward companies and sent back accurate information of their movements until his station got knocked out by shell fire. His conduct throughout the operations was most praiseworthy.

T./2nd Lt. Walter Oates, 218th Fd. Coy. R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on September 29th, 1918, at Bellenglise. He was one of the officers working on the heavy transport bridge across the St. Quentin Canal. The party was subjected to very heavy shell fire but owing to the fine example set by him, continued and completed the construction of the bridge, thereby expediting the advance of the artillery.

T./2nd Lt. Bernard Heath O'Brien, att'd Leins. R., 2nd Bn.

For most gallant leadership and marked initiative on September 29th, 1918. Ordered to take his platoon forward and close a gap between two brigades and push forward to Kruishecke, he completed this task by skilful handling of his men. Through heavy machine-gun fire he cleared the village of the enemy, occupying a defensive position beyond and enabling both flanks to come forward and regain touch. He and his party put a field gun firing at close range out of action, and the success of the operation was largely due to his courage and leadership.

Lt. (A./Capt.) George William O'Brien, 2nd, att'd. 7th, Bn. Bord. R.

During the operations on the night of October 20/21st, 1918, he displayed great gallantry

and initiative whilst leading his company in the counter-attack against Amerval. On being held up by two machine guns he skilfully manoeuvred round them with two parties and captured them. He then made a frontal and flank attack on the village simultaneously and cleared it of the enemy, he and his orderly capturing ten prisoners. Throughout the operations he controlled his company excellently and set a fine example of determined courage.

Capt. (A./Maj.) Kevin Richard O'Brien, 1/17th Bn., att'd. 1/22nd Bn. Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and ability from August 30th to September 6th, 1918, during the advance north of Peronne. He was in command of the advanced battalion headquarters and continuously went forward to the most advanced companies to obtain information. On one occasion when the battalion had to assemble for an attack at short notice on unknown ground, he personally led it forward through a heavy artillery barrage to the assembly position. He set a very fine example to the men under his command.

2nd Lt. Matthew John O'Connor, R. Dub. Fus. and 50th Bn. M.G. Corps.

Near Gouy, on October 6/7th, 1918, his section had just been relieved when the officer of the returning section became a casualty. He at once volunteered to take it forward. This proved impossible in face of heavy machine-gun fire, so he pushed forward himself with one gun, which he succeeded in getting into position and made a most valuable personal reconnaissance under heavy artillery and machine-gun fire. He showed the greatest gallantry and cheerfulness and set a most excellent example to all ranks.

Lt. Francis Joseph O'Farrell, 3rd Bn., att'd. 2nd Bn. R. Muns. Fus.

For marked gallantry and initiative during operations south of Le Cateau on October 18th, 1918. While making a reconnaissance he found a detachment which had become separated from its unit and disorganised. He took command and led it forward to the attack of an enemy machine gun, which he captured and used with great effect on the enemy, on whom severe casualties were inflicted. He then consolidated the position and obtained touch with the troops on the flank. His initiative and coolness under heavy fire were a splendid example to his men.

Lt. (A./Maj.) Augustus Percy Officer, R.F.A. (Spec. Res.), att'd. D/78th Bde

During operations on the morning of October 10th, 1918, north-east of Inchy, he pushed forward a section of howitzers to a position about 500 yards behind the infantry, and successfully engaged an enemy gun firing at close range and numerous other targets. Soon after opening fire, the enemy's guns got on to him but in spite of this he continued with coolness and great gallantry firing as long as there were targets to shoot at. Throughout he showed great disregard of danger and conspicuous ability in the handling of his section and battery.