

T./2nd Lt. George Harry Robert Oldfield, 89th Fd. Coy. R.E.

He was in charge of a bridging detachment with orders to effect a passage over the River Lys, near Comines. The approach to the river was a narrow causeway and the south bank was strongly held by the enemy, who dominated the approach. On the night of October, 14/15th, 1918, he managed to get his stores close to the bridge, some 500 yards in front of our outposts, despite heavy enemy machine-gun fire, and next day bridged the river despite enemy resistance from the south bank. It was undoubtedly due to his marked gallantry and ability that the crossing was successfully accomplished.

Lt. (A./Capt.) John Francis O'Reilly, R. Ir. Rif. (Spec. Res.), attd. 4th Bn.

For great gallantry and devotion to duty. On September 29th, 1918, at Cantaign, as battalion intelligence officer, he made a very successful reconnaissance of all crossings over the canal and River Escaut. The thoroughness of this work enabled all companies to deploy on the eastern side of the river without sustaining casualties although the enemy was still holding high ground overlooking the canal. Later on the same day, when the situation was very obscure, he established an observation post in a very exposed part of the line, in order to obtain the most accurate information. The reports sent back throughout the remainder of the day proved to be accurate in every detail and were of the utmost value in planning the subsequent operations.

Lt. (T./Capt. and A./Maj.) William Thomas O'Reilly, 3rd Bn. Middx. R. attd. 2nd Bn Hamps. R.

For great gallantry and devotion to duty near Ledeghem, on October 14th, 1918, during the attack which led up to the capture of the line of the Lys. He commanded his battalion with skill and determination, and under very heavy fire led them forward gallantly to the attack.

2nd/Lt. Graeme Campbell Orr, M.M., 2/10th Bn. R. Scots, T.F. (N. Russia).

He, with his platoon, held the outpost line at Higher Borok when they were attacked by largely superior enemy numbers on three different occasions. Though under heavy shell fire all the time, he beat off these attacks and captured a machine gun. By his fine leadership, courage and cheerfulness he kept his men in good heart. He has previously done good work in reconnaissance. He was wounded on October 13th, 1918, during an enemy attack on Lower Borok.

2nd Lt. Edward Lindsay Orr-Ewing, R. Highrs., attd. 8th Bn.

During the fighting east of Ypres from September 28th to October 1st, 1918, he led his platoon with great skill and gallantry. On October 1st, when the enemy counter-attacked against our left flank, he immediately formed a defensive flank with his platoon and held them up until the remainder of his company had deployed. He then skilfully withdrew his men in good order to the new line. He was severely wounded in the leg early in the withdrawal, but notwithstanding

this, brought back a Lewis gun on his shoulder to the main line. He showed great courage and coolness throughout.

2nd Lt. Brian Riversdale Osborne, G. Gds. (Spec. Res.), attd. 2nd Bn.

He showed the greatest initiative and coolness when his platoon came under heavy machine-gun fire in front of Boistrancourt in the attack on October 9th, 1918. He arranged covering fire from Lewis guns which enabled him to take his objective. He then reorganised his platoon as well as the platoons on his right and left and consolidated the position, sending back reports which were of the greatest assistance to his captain. Throughout the operation he was conspicuous for his courage and resource.

2nd Lt Norman Glen Murray Oudney, 11th Fd. Coy, R.E.

On September 30th, 1918, he showed exceptional ability and gallantry in carrying out a reconnaissance of the St. Quentin Canal at Honnecourt. In spite of heavy sniping and machine-gun fire from the enemy on the east bank, he succeeded in passing under the main bridge, taking cover at one period whilst a party of the enemy crossed in a boat from the east to west bank. His investigations were carried out several hundred yards in front of our own outposts. His excellent report was of the greatest assistance in subsequent bridging operations.

2nd Lt. Wilfred Edward Salter Owen, 5th Bn. Manch. R., T.F., attd. 2nd Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in the attack on the Fonsomme Line on October 1st/2nd, 1918. On the company commander becoming a casualty, he assumed command and showed fine leadership and resisted a heavy counter-attack. He personally manipulated a captured enemy machine gun from an isolated position and inflicted considerable losses on the enemy. Throughout he behaved most gallantly.

T./2nd Lt. Alfred Algernon Richard Oxford, 10th Bn. D.C.L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of a platoon on September 27th, 1918, near Graincourt, when coming under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire while engaged in making a dry weather track. He collected his men together and organised an attack on the enemy, which was successful. Further, on the 29th, when he was in charge of a platoon making approaches to pontoon bridges in the neighbourhood of Noyelles, the enemy persistently shelled the area in which he was working. He, however, set a fine example by showing total disregard of personal danger.

Lt. Edward Oxley, 4th Bn. Bord. R., T.F., attd. 1st Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and dash when leading his platoon in the attack on October 15th, 1918, near Courtrai. When the company was held up by an enemy machine gun he led an attack and bombed the occupants of the post, clearing the houses, and enabling the advance to continue. He carried his platoon on to the objective, inspiring the men by his