

own courage and example, and captured many prisoners.

Lt. Reginald Howard Reed Palmer, G. Gds. (Spec. Res.), att'd. 2nd Bn.

In the attack on October 9th, 1918, he commanded the left leading company of the battalion with great ability and courage. When the advance was held up opposite Boistrancourt by enemy machine guns he skilfully dribbled his command forward to the green dotted line. His personal gallantry and coolness under fire were largely responsible for the success of the operation and the eventual consolidation of the objective.

T./2nd Lt. John Pannett, 2nd Bn. R. Suss. R.

During an attack on the enemy positions near Pontru on September 18th, 1918, he led his platoon with great gallantry. When the second objective was reached he advanced to exploit a third objective, and he advanced to within 100 yards of the enemy position under heavy machine-gun fire. Later, he successfully dealt with an enemy counter-attack against his right flank. Again, during a night attack he led his platoon to their furthest objective and organised the position skilfully according to the situation. His coolness and disregard of danger throughout were a fine example to all.

T./Capt. Edward Adam Parke, 19th Bn. Durh. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and ability as adjutant on September 28th, 1918, east of Ypres and subsequently. He was always eager to go forward and get information and so clear up the situation. In addition to this his great assistance and forethought in the arrangements in forming and forwarding of dumps of munitions and material were perfect. Consequently the fighting efficiency of the regiment greatly benefited by his efforts.

2nd Lt. Holly Parker, 2nd Bn. Devon R.

For conspicuous gallantry and able leadership. During the operations on October 7th, 1918, at Fresnes les Montauban, he led a patrol forward to Mauville Farm and establishing a post east of this point drove off an enemy party of about 50. Later, when the other officers of the company had become casualties, he took command of the company and led them with determination and ability during the operation which resulted in the Queant-Drocourt line being taken.

T./2nd Lt. Harry Thorburn Parrish, Dorset R., att'd. 6th Bn.

On October 12th, 1918, in front of Neuville two companies were held up by heavy enemy machine-gun fire from a flank at the river Selle. He placed two platoons in a forward covering position, personally took forward a patrol to the river and skilfully withdrew two forward platoons which had got isolated. He then returned to the river to discover the whereabouts of one of his patrol who was wounded and to bring him back if possible to avoid an identification falling into the hands of the enemy, but while doing so he was himself severely wounded. On previous occasions he had shown conspicuous gallantry and had gained the confidence of all ranks.

2nd Lt. Frank James Paterson, 2/4th Bn. Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and dashing leadership at Peiziere on September 10th, 1918. This officer was detailed to mop up part of the village. Although badly held up by enemy machine-gun fire he led his platoon on and shewed great initiative and set a splendid example by rushing two enemy machine guns, which he captured, killing the crews of both. In the attempt he was wounded, but carried on until his platoon had completed its task and were definitely established on the objective.

T./2nd Lt. Joseph Payne, 8th Bn. R. Lanc. R.

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations at Seranvillers on the night of October 8/9th, 1918. During the advance on the green line, he rapidly led his company forward through the heavy enemy barrage and gained his objective. During consolidation he went out to gain touch with the division on the left, and in conjunction with another bombing party, put out of action four machine guns and took several prisoners. The success of the whole operations was greatly due to his fine leadership.

Lt. Henry Joseph Pearce, 457th (W. Rid.) Fd. Coy. R.E., T.F.

On October 19th, 1918, he made a valuable road reconnaissance to river Selle to enable transport to go forward on zero day. On October 20th he was in charge of a pontoon train to the river bank through heavy shelling. Although shelled with high explosive and gas he constructed a pontoon bridge across the river. He afterwards made a bridge reconnaissance of the main roads through Solesmes, which was shelled heavily during the whole of this period. He showed great gallantry and determination.

T./2nd Lt. John Seymour Pearce, Berks. R., att'd. 1st Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry during operations near Nine Wood and Noyelles from September 28th to 30th, 1918. On the 28th he carried out a most valuable reconnaissance under heavy machine-gun fire, when the situation was obscure, and was of the greatest assistance in getting the battalion into assembly positions. Later, he went forward and made a reconnaissance of the St. Quentin Canal bank and bridges, and by his clear report was of great assistance in the reorganisation of the battalion. On the 29th he again carried out a daring reconnaissance after the attack on Grange Wood. Throughout the operations he showed remarkable coolness under fire and rendered excellent service.

T./Lt. Robert Fitz Edward O'Donnell Peet, 157th Fd. Coy., R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the divisional front in filling up a breach cut by the enemy in the Haute Deule Canal, west of Bauvin, on October 12/13th, 1918. Although the bridge was swept continuously by a machine gun on the opposite bank of the canal, this officer persevered until the work was completed. This resulted