

guns and several machine guns. Next day he succeeded in entering the outskirts of the village, thus opening the way to the successful capture of the village. He did excellent work.

Capt. (T./Maj.) William Charles Ratcliffe, North'n R., attd. 9th Bn., York. L.I.

For marked courage and determined leadership during the operations 23rd-24th October, 1918, at Owillers and Vendegies. During the advance very heavy enfilade fire was poured into the right flank of the battalion from enemy machine-gun nests. Five of these machine-gun nests were rushed by his company, and in one instance he rushed a machine gun himself, killing some and capturing the rest of the crew. As a result the right flank of the battalion was enabled to get forward and the objectives taken. Throughout these operations, by his fearless and able leadership, he rendered excellent service.

T./Lt.-Col. Alfred Rawlinson, C.M.G., R.G.A. (MESOPOTAMIA)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, near Baku, on night of 14th September, 1918. With an escort of four men he brought away a steamer loaded with munitions from Baku under fire, in spite of the opposition of the captain and crew, who refused to navigate her. Although fired on heavily from a guardship, which hit the steamer several times, he, by his personal energy and resource, made the crew work, and got the steamer safely to Enzeli. He thus, by his enterprise and determination, saved a valuable cargo.

T./Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) Basil White Ridley, M.C., 29th Bn., Dur. L.I. (Formerly E. Lancs. R.).

He showed conspicuous gallantry and ability in personally supervising, under heavy shell and machine-gun fire, the crossing of the Lys River, near Comines, on 14th and 15th October, 1918. It was due to him that the situation was controlled and ended in complete success, notwithstanding heavy casualties to the bridging parties and patrols of his battalion, which was the first to cross the river. He visited posts, and by his personal example encouraged men who were much exhausted.

T./Capt. (A./Maj.) George Roberts, M.C., A/123rd Bde., R.F.A.

For marked gallantry and initiative on the morning of 23rd October, 1918, near Beaumont. He pushed on and selected his battery position under machine-gun and shell fire before the first objective had been consolidated. Returning he was able to give his artillery brigade commander valuable information as to the situation in front. Though gassed while reconnoitring he refused to go to a dressing station and fought his battery ably throughout the day.

Capt. (A./Lt.-Col.) Guy St. George Robinson, M.C., 1st Bn., North'n R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the 17th October, 1918, during an attack by his battalion near Vaux Andigny. In very dense fog and under very heavy fire

he went from company to company and brought his troops on to their correct line of advance, with the result that the village of La Vallee-Mulatre was captured. On the 23rd October, 1918, near Mazinghien, his excellent dispositions again resulted in his battalion gaining all its objectives with little loss.

Capt. Claude Rupert de Warrenne Rogers, 1st Bn., Leinster R., attd. 1/5th Bn., Glou. R., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and fearless leadership in leading his company during the attacks on Bearevoir, Maretz, and during the advance on Le Cateau, Oct. 5th, 6th and 10th respectively. He led his company splendidly throughout the attack and enabled the battalion on the left to carry their portion of the village, where they had previously been held up. During the advance on Le Cateau, although wounded the day previously, he again led his company forward, and when the leading battalion was held up by heavy machine-gun fire he made a most gallant attempt to assist them by pushing on until both he and all his officers were casualties.

T./Maj. Alpres Harold Ruston, Mot. M.G. Corps. (MESOPOTAMIA)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Baku on 26th August, 1918. At a critical moment he took command of the infantry when all their officers had become casualties. He reorganised the line under heavy fire and carried out a withdrawal in good order to a position in rear. His ability and coolness saved a critical situation. He was eventually severely wounded.

Capt. (T./Lt.-Col.) Vincent Marcus Barron Scully, O.B.E., Border R., attd. 5th Bn., Connaught Rangers.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Le Cateau on night 10th/11th October, 1918. Though wounded, he led his battalion in the attack, and forced his way through the enemy defences of the town to the eastern outskirts. The success of the operation was largely due to his determination, enterprise and personal courage in action.

Lt. (A./Maj.) James Alexander Shedden, M.C., 7th Bn., Sco. Rif., T.F., attd. 1/6th Bn., N. & Derby. R., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and ability in command of a battalion during the attack on Ramicourt and Montbrechain on 3rd October, 1918. When his C.O. was killed he took command of his battalion and led it to the final objective in front of Montbrechain. In this large village there was a great deal of fighting, and 1,000 of the enemy were captured. He took complete control and held the village for three hours without support, finally skilfully withdrawing, while inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy.

Lt. Joseph Sheldon, M.C., 2nd Bn., N. & Derby. R.

On 8th October, 1918, near Bohain, when in command of a company, he showed conspicuous gallantry and exceptional ability in