

duty as battalion Intelligence Officer in operations at Valenciennes from 1st to 5th November, 1918. It was due to his personal reconnaissance, in face of heavy fire, that the battalion was enabled to cross the Canal de L'Escaut on the 1st November. Later on, when the battalion was held up and one company became partially demoralised by shell fire, he assisted in its reorganisation and led it forward to its final objective. He made frequent reconnaissances, both by day and night, and his efforts throughout were untiring, and to all ranks he set a wonderful example of daring and conscientious devotion to duty.

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Lt. (A./Capt.) Adolf Berner, M.C., 47th Bn., Can. Inf., W. Ont. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the action in front of Valenciennes on 1st November, 1918, in command of a company. When other companies became disorganised through loss of officers and N.C.Os., he at once assumed command and personally rushed two machine-gun nests which were holding up the advance, in spite of the fact that they were firing at them at short range. His determination and great courage were a powerful factor in maintaining the moral of the whole unit under very heavy fire and trying circumstances.

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Capt. (A./Maj.) (now Maj.) Edmund Hooper Birkett, M.C., 2nd Bn., Can. Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the crossing of the Canal de la Sensee on 16th October, 1918. He was in charge of all the forward bridging, consisting of four cork bridges for infantry crossings, four pontoon bridges for guns, and two heavy bridges for heavy traffic. Due to his personal example, organisation and energy, the infantry, guns ambulances and wheel transport were able to cross the canal in almost record time.

(M.C. gazetted 19th August, 1916.)

Lt. Melvin Colebrook Buchanan, M.C., 26th Bn., Can. Inf., N. Brunswick R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in the advance on Mons, 8th November, 1918. The initiative and judgment with which he controlled his company in the attack were most marked. He several times went ahead to reconnoitre, and so rapid was the advance, that the enemy had no time to set off a single mine on the railways or bridges, while three officers, seventeen prisoners, twelve machine guns, and nine bicycles were captured.

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T./Capt. Kenneth Charles Burness, M.C., P.P.C.L.I., E. Ontario R.

For conspicuous gallantry and tenacity during three days' critical operations in front of Mons, 7th to 10th November, 1918. While employed in street fighting from Avesnes through the outskirts of Mons, he with a small patrol, encountered an enemy post in a house. This he rushed without hesitation, killing two himself and taking four prisoners. Throughout the fighting he was

always in advance with the foremost troops, setting a fine example of leadership.

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Lt. James H. Carvosso, M.C., P.P.C.L.I., E. Ontario R.

For conspicuous gallantry and leadership during the operations before Mons from 7th to 10th November, 1918. On one occasion meeting with determined resistance from enemy machine guns, he went forward with two Lewis-gun teams and personally directed their fire to cover a forward section of artillery coming into action at a range of less than 400 yards. He made two personal reconnaissances at critical periods which contributed materially to the success of the whole operation.

(M.C. gazetted 26th July, 1917.)

Lt. Jordayne Wyamarus Cave, M.C., 42nd Bn., Can. Inf., Quebec R.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative on 22nd October, 1918, as battalion scout officer in charge of the screen during an advance of over 7,000 yards through the Forêt de Raimés. His skill and determination in pressing through the thick undergrowth, and forcing the enemy rearguard of machine guns and snipers, was directly responsible for the success of the operation. During the following days he did fine work in locating and driving in enemy outposts across the flooded area of the L'Escaut Canal.

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Lt. William Gordon Ernst, M.C., 85th Bn., Can. Inf., Nova Scotia R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty throughout the Valenciennes operations from 1st to 6th November, 1918, during which he made an extremely dangerous and difficult reconnaissance, which required the utmost skill and daring, and resulted in information which ensured the complete success of the attack by the battalion on Quarouble on the 5th November.

(M.C. gazetted 16th September, 1918.)

Lt. Reginald Leake Gale, M.C., 102nd Bn., Can. Inf., 2nd Cent. Ont. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations east of Valenciennes on 6th November, 1918, when, with three other ranks, he made a daring reconnaissance, wading across the Grand Honnelle river under heavy machine-gun fire, and, gaining the opposite side, he at once attacked and captured a house. He then sent back for a machine gun and team, and, advancing himself with the remaining two men, he drove details of the enemy from their refuges. On arrival of the gun, it was placed in a position commanding both flanks and the front, and the last elements of the enemy were driven out with many casualties. The town thus captured was held till the arrival of a forward company, when the position was consolidated.

(M.C. gazetted 15th October, 1918.)

Capt. William Arthur Grafftey, M.C., 42nd Bn., Can. Inf., Quebec R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Mons on 10th/11th November, 1918. This officer led his company (the first to