

and capture two officers and ninety-six other ranks. By his courageous action the important bridge over the River Dendre was saved from destruction a few minutes before the Armistice commenced.

Lt. John Nichol, 1/14th Bn., Lond. R.

In the attack on the 6th November, 1918, at Angre, he showed great initiative and courage. On reaching the river bank he crossed himself and was successful in cutting some enemy wire. He then returned and led his platoon across in spite of stiff enemy resistance. Throughout the day he did excellent work.

T./2nd Lt. William James Nicholson, Lan. Fus., attd. 15th Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry during the attack on the Oise-Sambre Canal, 2nd/4th November, 1918. When his company commander had become a casualty he led his men with skill and determination, and it was due to his leadership that all objectives were taken in spite of heavy losses.

2nd Lt. Cecil Rex Niven, R.F.A. (Spec. Res.), attd. 20th Bty., 15th Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Beaudignies on the morning of the 4th November, 1918. While the battery was firing a barrage, the enemy put down a very heavy fire, causing a number of casualties, and knocking out the only other subaltern. He redistributed the detachments and kept the guns in action. A few days later he got his section forward in support of the infantry attack with great skill and initiative.

Capt. Cecil Frederick Gerard Noel, R. East Kent Yeo. and M.G. Co. (Cav.), (Mesopotamia).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Huwaish on 29th October, 1918. He galloped his section across the open under heavy fire to a position where he could support a mounted attack by a cavalry regiment. Although his attack was eventually held up he subsequently ably supported a successful dismounted attack. Later, he displayed the same qualities of initiative and courage during the passage across a river and also in an engagement which resulted in the capture of a large convoy of the enemy. He did excellent work.

T./Lt. Rowland Bruce Norman, 19th Bn., Lanc. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 13th October, 1918, near Saulzoir. He led his platoon with great courage and determination through a very heavy machine-gun fire. Although wounded in the head, he continued to direct the fire of the platoon until again severely wounded, when he returned to battalion headquarters, and fully reported the situation.

Lt. Archibald Edward Nye, 2nd Bn., Leins. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 20th October, 1918, near Esscher. He made a reconnaissance, under heavy shell and machine-gun fire, of the forward positions along the whole battalion front adjusting a portion on his own initiative to

complete the line. He was of great assistance to his commanding officer throughout the week's fighting.

2nd Lt. Albert William Oakman, Bedf. R. (Spec. Res.), attd. 4th Bn.

During operations on 27th September, 1918, west of Cambrai, when his company commander had been killed, he took command and led the company to an advanced position. When held up by enemy strong points, he skilfully organised an attack, and by gallant leadership made the attack successful, capturing 70 prisoners and many machine guns. He displayed great coolness and gallantry throughout the whole operation, and by his own cheerfulness and fine example kept the fighting spirit of his men at a high pitch.

T./2nd Lt. Albert Hirst Oates, 6th Bn., York. R., attd. 8th Bn., W. York. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and cool leadership on 7th November, 1918, in the attack on Bois Delhaye. During an advance, when an isolated machine gun was holding up the left flank of the battalion, he worked round it, and killing two of the crew captured the gun. Throughout the day he did good work in the advance over difficult country, and set a fine example to his men, when the enemy bombarded the position, which they were consolidating.

Capt. James Farquhar White Ogilvie, Corps of Guides (Cavalry), I.A. (Mesopotamia).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Huwaish on 28th and 29th October, 1918. He commanded his squadron with great ability and coolness in the defence of a position which was repeatedly attacked by superior enemy forces. Although many of his men became casualties, and his line was weakly held, he beat off all attempts by the enemy to break through and maintained his position. His conduct throughout was splendid.

T./2nd Lt. Oliver James Olding, 8th Bn., Dev. R. (Italy).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 27th October, 1918, near Cimadolmo. The courage and leadership of this officer throughout the whole action were most praiseworthy. At a critical stage during the wading through the Piave river, and the continuation of the advance upon reaching the mainland under heavy machine and rifle fire, he led his platoon forward with great skill and control. Later by the tactical handling of his platoon, he captured several enemy strong points with a large number of prisoners and machine guns with the minimum number of casualties. He did fine work.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Arthur Harrison Ormesher, Y. and L. Regt., attd. 2/4th Bn., T.F.

On 20th October, 1918, in front of Solesmes, he led his company across the River Selle under close enemy machine-gun fire. Owing to the thick hedges and wire entanglements his company began to get somewhat disorganised, but he rallied his men and led them forward to Solesmes under heavy fire. He captured his objective after heavy fighting in the streets. His courage and initiative enabled a large part