

of Solesmes to be successfully captured, and many enemy killed and taken prisoners.

T./Sub. Lt. James Wright Orr, Hawke Bn., R.N.D., R.N.V.R.

During September 27/29th, 1918, he showed great gallantry and skill in leading his platoon. When attacking Grancourt he attacked a machine-gun nest successfully, enabling his company to advance. Later, at the Canal de l'Escaut he crossed the canal and maintained his position under heavy fire, enabling other troops to pass through.

T./2nd Lt. Alfred Stanley Osborne, 9th Bn., Notts and Derby R.

When in charge of his platoon of one officer and 28 other ranks, which captured Abancourt Station on the night of the 5/6th October, 1918, he displayed great gallantry and dash. He led a section into a building and killed the garrison. Having gained his objective he rapidly reorganised, and took up a defensive position of value, having captured a machine gun and inflicted several casualties on the enemy.

2nd Lt. Frank John Osborne, 430th (E. Lancs.) Fld. Coy., R.E., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative at Hestrud on 10th November, 1918, in command of a section R.E., in throwing a trestle bridge across River Thure, in face of machine-gun fire and shelling, and thus enabling the advance to be continued. It was owing to his example and resource that the operation was successfully carried out.

T./2nd Lt. Cecil Langham Ovenden, Glou. R., attd. 1/5th Bn., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry at Garde Mill, near Pommereuil, on 23rd October, 1918. He went forward with four men as a patrol to ascertain the situation at Garde Mill when his company was held up by heavy machine-gun fire. The four men with him became casualties, but he gained valuable information and returned and took his platoon forward, driving in and capturing or killing two hostile machine-gun posts, and enabling his company to move forward.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Ralph William Owen, N. Staffs. R., attd. 8th Bn.

For great gallantry and initiative, with which he led his company during the operations from 4th/7th November, 1918, at Jenlain, Bry and La Flamengrie. On the 4th, near Bry, when his company was held up and suffering severe casualties from close machine-gun fire, he personally took forward a platoon from another company, and though unable to force the position, was the last to withdraw.

T./Capt. Allden Edward Owles, Dur. L.I., attd. 15th Bn.

On the 7th November, 1918, during the attack on Limont Fontaine, he displayed great gallantry and coolness. When he was unable to get in touch with the company on his left he went out under very heavy machine-gun fire in order personally to ascertain their positions. During the attack he led forward his men with great dash in face of heavy

machine-gun fire, and set a fine example to them.

Lt. Edgar Hubert Padmore, R.F.A. (T.F.), attd. 11th Div'l Sig. Coy., R.E.

For great gallantry and devotion to duty during the operations near Cambrai from 26th September to 11th October, 1918. By his personal efforts he maintained the brigade communications in a high state of efficiency under heavy shell fire. On the night of 10/11th October he personally went out and laid a line to a forward battery near Cuvillers under heavy shell fire, after a previous attempt had failed.

T./Capt. Frank Cyril Palmer, Welsh R., attd. 15th Bn.

For gallantry and good leadership on 4th November, 1918, whilst the battalion was advancing through Englefontaine to the assault his company came under enemy barrage. He displayed great initiative in cutting the heavy wire fencing and diverting his men to the flank, rejoining the main body, in time to advance up to time from the assembly position and capture and consolidate his objective.

T./2nd Lt. Percy Felix Palmer, 153rd Field Coy., R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative at Briastre. On the night of the 10/11th October, 1918, when the enemy was known to be holding the further bank of the River Selle and the line east of it in force, and had been continuously shelling the river valley, he made a reconnaissance of the stream and succeeded in constructing a footbridge across the river, thus enabling the infantry to cross and establish a footing on the far side.

2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) Ernest Samuel Parke, York. L.I., attd. 9th Bn.

For marked gallantry and good work during the capture of Limont Fontaine and Eclaibes on the 7th November, 1918. He led his company through very heavy fire to the entrance of the village, where he encountered machine-gun posts. He led his men straight at these, the crews of which were either killed or taken prisoner; and he then advanced until he reached his objective. He rushed on again and cleared the north side of the village. His company captured twelve machine guns and two trench mortars, and killed or took prisoners about 100 of the enemy.

Lt. Cecil Preston Parker, 503th (L'dn) Field Coy., R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative when carrying out an engineer reconnaissance in the attack east of Bohain on 11th October, 1918. He pushed his investigations well forward in spite of hostile machine-gun fire, and was the means of information being received early, thereby adding greatly to the efficiency of the subsequent work. On this and on later occasions his reconnaissances produced reports of great value.

T./Lt. George Henry Parkes, 3rd Res. Regt. of Cav., attd. 13th Hrs. (Mesopotamia).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Hadranayah on 29th October,