

across the Rhonelle river, wading waist high, threw the first bridge across, and remained in the water supporting it under heavy fire, while the first wave passed over. He mopped up in Aulnoy, capturing three guns and their crews. His initiative and organisation of patrols and mopping up parties were admirable.

T./Lt. Peter Russell, 11th Fld. Coy., R.E.

For great ability and gallantry when carrying out a reconnaissance of enemy bridges over the Canal d'Escaut, south of Honnecourt, on 3rd October, 1918. He worked his way under machine-gun fire to the canal bank, and made a careful survey of the damage done, with dimensioned sketches. His report and sketches were of great value later.

Lt. (A./Capt.) William Ryan, 1/4th Bn., York. and Lanc. R., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion on 13th October, 1918, east of Cambrai, in command of the support company. When the leading companies were held up he led his company over the ridge with the greatest skill and courage, and, despite intense machine-gun fire, succeeded in bringing his men to the front line. He was then severely wounded, but continued to encourage his men and direct their fire until he could be carried away.

Lt. Francis William Herbert St. John, 528th (Durh.) Fld. Coy., R.E., T.F. (Italy).

Throughout the bridging operations on the Piave from 26th/28th October, 1918, inclusive, he greatly distinguished himself by his gallant conduct. When one of the islands in the river was being shelled and bombed by the enemy he promptly gathered together a number of teams of horses and was able, under most trying conditions, to get a large quantity of bridging stores to a site previously selected for a bridge. His determination and courage throughout the whole operations were most praiseworthy.

2nd Lt. Albert Edwin Salter, 1st Bn., Rif. Brig.

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership on 1st November, 1918, during the attack on Preseau. He was in command of a company which he led through the village successfully to the final objective. Before the position had been properly consolidated, the enemy counter-attacked. He then fought his company back through the village and formed a line on the left of another company which was already in position.

T./2nd Lt. George Hampton Sargent, 8th Bn., E. Surr. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the operations round Bousies and Robersart from the 23rd to 27th October, 1918. He was in command of a flank platoon of the leading company and did excellent work. In the afternoon he took out a strong fighting patrol and succeeded in rounding up several small parties of the enemy, thereby enabling his company to advance their line some 500 yards.

Lt. Hilary Aidan St. George Saunders, W. Gds. (Spec. Res.), attd. 1st Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Bavay on 6th November, 1918. In the attack, after a long fire fight, he led his platoon in a charge against an enemy post, being the first to reach it, and killing two and capturing the remainder of the garrison. The rest of the day he was always well in advance with his platoon, and finally succeeded in consolidating a position further forward than any other part of the battalion line.

T./2nd Lt. Herbert Jay Savours, 3rd Bn., R. Fus.

For conspicuous skill and gallantry in leading his company during the operations at Fontaine-au-Bois, Leval and Mont Dourlers, from the 3rd to the 8th November, 1918. In spite of a dense fog he made good each stage of the advance until the final objective was reached, where his company captured an enemy field battery near Les Etoquies. He set a very fine example to his men.

T./Lt. Robert Cunningham Scott, 49th Bn., M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion near Naves, on 11th October, 1918, in command of two guns in action against hostile tanks. When both teams were knocked out, and the guns of his other sub-sections were out of action, he, with his sergeant, collected infantry, and armed his remaining men with Lewis guns, and covered the withdrawal of the infantry on either flank. His courageous example greatly assisted in turning off the enemy tank attack.

T./Lt. Roy Frederick Scott, 8th Bn., Dev. R (Italy).

For conspicuous gallantry in the attack on the left bank of the Piave on 27th October, 1918. When his party came under heavy machine-gun fire before crossing the last stream, which was deep and running strongly, he went forward and found a telephone wire running across the stream. By means of this he led his party across under heavy fire and got them into position when he directed their fire into the machine guns and knocked them out, thus covering the crossing for the remainder. Subsequently, he organised an attack on Casa Bonotto, when the enemy was putting up a stiff resistance. He led and directed his men with great dash and skill and succeeded in capturing the house and sixty-nine prisoners. Throughout the operations his courage and leadership were conspicuous and were a very fine example to all ranks.

Lt. Thomas Irvine Scott, 456th (W. Rid.) Fld. Coy., R.E., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and resource on the night of the 16th October, 1918, when made a daring reconnaissance, under heavy machine-gun fire at close range, of two broken bridges at Saulzoir. Later, in command of a party of sappers, he placed bridging material at convenient spots for future operations, again being under heavy machine-gun fire.