

Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) Ralph Hamer Husey, D.S.O., M.C., Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. When the enemy approached close to his battalion headquarters he held the forward end of a communication trench with the personnel of his headquarters and a few other men, and largely assisted in breaking up the enemy's attack. He used a rifle himself at close range, and inflicted many casualties on the enemy. He then conducted an obstinate withdrawal to the next line of defence, where the enemy were finally held up. He set a magnificent example of courage and determination.

(D.S.O. gazetted 1st January, 1918.)

Lt.-Col. Ewing Paterson, D.S.O., Dns.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Owing to the neighbouring troops being driven back, his flank became exposed and a gap was made in the line. Though he had very few men, he at once extended his flank and maintained a most gallant and determined resistance for an hour against largely superior numbers, closing the gap at a most critical moment until other troops were able to advance and restore the line. His tactical handling of the brigade during successive withdrawals, often with one or both flanks exposed, was magnificent.

(D.S.O. gazetted 27th September, 1901.)

Maj. Alexander William Van Straubenzee, D.S.O., R.H.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On his battery being heavily shelled for a period of five hours, he succeeded in withdrawing all his guns after firing on the advancing enemy with open sights at very close range. His services have been of the greatest value, his personal reconnaissances of our retiring line of inestimable importance, and thanks to his personal example and devotion to duty his battery, after twelve days' continuous and heavy fighting, remained in a high state of discipline and efficiency.

(D.S.O. gazetted 4th June, 1917.)

CANADIAN FORCE.

Lt.-Col. Donald John MacDonald, D.S.O., M.C., Cav.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In the attack launched by a cavalry brigade he led the reserve squadron of the regiment to the attack. Though suffering acute pain from a wound in the ankle, he continued to direct operations and led his men forward until the position was finally secured. But for his outstanding courage, skill and dash the position could not have been held.

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NEW ZEALAND FORCE.

Lt.-Col. Stephen Shepherd Allen, D.S.O., Auckland R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He supervised the assembly of his battalion for an attack in a difficult position. When part of one of the companies was held up during the attack he at once went to the spot, and by skilful leadership

enabled the advance to continue. The success of the operation was largely due to his courageous example under intense machine-gun fire, which was an inspiration to all ranks.

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AWARDED THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.

Maj. Thomas Hartley Carlisle, M.C., R.H.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On two occasions, during a period of ten days' heavy and continuous fighting, he withdrew his battery when it was under a heavy close range fire from the enemy, upon whom his guns inflicted great losses. At all times he has afforded to all ranks of his battery a most inspiring example of courage and confidence.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Walter Nicholas Cowie, M.C., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his battery when the battery commander was wounded during an enemy attack. The enemy infantry approached within 500 yards of the batteries of his brigade and opened fire with a machine gun. He kept his battery in action under intense shell and machine gun fire, covering the withdrawal of the other batteries and continued to fire his guns until another battery was in position further back. Though twice wounded he remained in command, showing the greatest courage and coolness. He finally withdrew his battery with great skill, and though he had suffered heavy casualties, he brought all the guns of his battery into action again within twenty minutes of ceasing fire. It was mainly due to his gallant leadership and example that this was accomplished.

2nd Lt. John Dunlop, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On information being received that the forward section of the battery was being gassed and shelled, and that the officer in charge and the majority of the personnel had become casualties, he voluntarily went forward to the section under an intense barrage, assisted the wounded and brought the guns into action again, firing all the remaining ammunition. Being at this period under machine-gun fire he withdrew the guns to safety. His courage, determination and ability were of the highest order and set a high standard of efficiency which all ranks maintained.

Lt. Edward Galbraith Augustine Fitzgerald, G. Gds.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The enemy launched a heavy attack on the point of junction of his company and the battalion on the right and succeeded in capturing some front line posts. He at once got into touch with the battalion on the right and organised counter-attacks by this battalion and his own company. He led his company under heavy machine-gun fire with such dash and determination that the enemy were ejected and driven well beyond the line of posts. The success of the operation was entirely due to his courage and resource.