

most difficult conditions and led them forward to the assembly position. He carried out a personal reconnaissance of our position, getting close to the enemy line and sending in valuable information. He showed splendid initiative and resource.

Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) Augustus Francis Andrew Nicol Thorne, D.S.O., G. Gds.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his battalion had captured its objective in an attack he organised the consolidation of the position and supervised the placing of strong points under very heavy fire. It was mainly through his excellent dispositions that the battalion maintained its position against heavy counter-attacks. He showed great coolness and ability.

Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) Hugh Wharton Myddleton Watson, D.S.O., K.R. Rif. C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He held his position against continued heavy enemy attacks. His battalion was subjected to intense shell fire throughout, but, regardless of danger, he moved about continually among his men, organising the defence and encouraging all ranks by his fearless example, and proved himself a magnificent leader. On the previous day he had carried out a successful operation against the enemy, capturing and consolidating an important area.

T./Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) Harold Echalag Welch, D.S.O., Shrops. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was ordered to capture an enemy position situated on high ground. He led his battalion forward with the greatest determination and skill, under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, and succeeded in establishing his position on the reverse slopes of the ridge. He inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy, and maintained his position against superior numbers until the whole ridge was captured on the following day. His successful attack contributed largely to the success of the whole operation.

T./Capt. (T./Lt.-Col.) Spencer Vaughan Percy Weston, D.S.O., M.C., R. Berks. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy launched a heavy attack on his position he moved up his reserves and organised the defence with such skill that, though the enemy attacked continually for six hours, his battalion withstood all the enemy's attempts to break through and inflicted very heavy casualties. His tactical skill, coolness, and example were mainly responsible for the successful resistance offered by his battalion.

Maj. William Henry Wiggin, D.S.O., Yeo.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading a charge on the enemy's position. His fearless leadership and example inspired all ranks and were largely responsible for the success of the charge, which swept over an enemy battery firing at point-blank range.

CANADIAN FORCE.

Lt.-Col. Lorne Talbot McLaughlin, D.S.O., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He deployed his battalion for the

attack under very difficult conditions and heavy fire, captured all his objectives, and consolidated the position. His conduct was an inspiration to all under his command.

AWARDED THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.

T./Capt. William George Barker, M.C., Gen. List and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When on scouting and patrol work he has on five different occasions brought down and destroyed five enemy aeroplanes and two balloons, though on two of these occasions he was attacked by superior numbers. On each occasion the hostile machines were observed to crash to earth, the wreckage bursting into flames. His splendid example of fearlessness and magnificent leadership have been of inestimable value to his squadron.

T./Capt. (A./Maj.) Raymond Douglas Belcher, M.C., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the enemy threatening the front and flank of the battery he continued to move about among his guns, encouraging the men and supervising the laying of the guns. In spite of losses he continued to keep up the fire of his guns, repelling all attempts of the enemy to break through. Although dangerously wounded, he continued to command the battery until he was carried away. The splendid work accomplished by the battery was in a great measure due to his skilful command, determination, and fine example.

T./2nd Lt. Wilfred Ruprecht Bion, Tank Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in command of his tank in an attack he engaged a large number of enemy machine guns in strong positions, thus assisting the infantry to advance. When his tank was put out of action by a direct hit he occupied a section of trench with his men and machine guns, and opened fire on the enemy. He moved about in the open, giving directions to other tanks when they arrived, and at one period fired a Lewis gun with great effect from the top of his tank. He also got a captured machine gun into action against the enemy, and when reinforcements arrived he took command of a company of infantry whose commander was killed. He showed magnificent courage and initiative in a most difficult situation.

T./Capt. Edward William Bonnyman, Arg. & Suth'd Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The enemy attacked after a heavy bombardment, and gained a footing in the trenches on both flanks of his company's position. Though his company suffered heavy losses he kept the situation well in hand by his coolness and magnificent example and finally succeeded in driving the enemy out of his trenches, and inflicting heavy casualties on them.

Capt. & Bt. Maj. (A./Maj.) Ralph Howard Broome, M.C., Wilts. R. and Tank Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He commanded thirty tanks during the operations, and handled them with the