

his two support companies and elements of other units. With the line thus formed, he covered the withdrawal of the rest of the brigade next day under the heaviest fire. He twice assumed command of the brigade at critical moments, and conducted the operations with skill and judgment.

(D.S.O. gazetted 26th July, 1917.)

T./Lt. (T./Maj.) Charles Frederick Algernon Portal, D.S.O., R.E., Spec. Res., and R.A.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a period of four months, chiefly under adverse weather conditions, he repeatedly carried out successful raids by day and night, his ingenuity and daring enabling him to drop many tons of bombs on important enemy posts. One night he crossed the lines five times, only landing between each flight to replenish with bombs. Another day he took on single-handed five enemy machines, and drove down three of them—a most gallant and splendid feat. On another day, despite thick mist, he registered one of our batteries on an enemy battery, causing the destruction of one pit and obtaining one fire and two explosions; and another day, flying for 5½ hours, he carried out two very successful counter-battery shoots, observing 350 rounds. He has always set a most magnificent example to the squadron under his command

(D.S.O. gazetted 18th July, 1917.)

Lt.-Col. John Powell, D.S.O., M.B., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a long period of active operations. Owing to the great number of extemporised formations from the divisions, which increased continually from day to day, the task of providing adequate medical facilities was one of extreme difficulty. By his indefatigable energy and powers of organisation he successfully met all demands, and completed the evacuation of all wounded with splendid efficiency. On one occasion, hearing some wounded had been left behind, he went himself, under heavy and continual shell and machine-gun fire, with three ambulances, and brought them in. Throughout, his conduct was beyond all praise.

(D.S.O. gazetted 3rd June 1918.)

Capt. and Bt. Maj. (T./Lt.-Col.) Denys Edward Prideaux-Brune, D.S.O., Rif. Brig.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He commanded his battalion and elements of other units with consummate skill, gallantry and disregard of personal danger. He stubbornly defended positions one after another, then skilfully extricated his men and organised fresh ones. He showed great presence of mind, initiative, and resource at all times.

(D.S.O. gazetted 18th July, 1917.)

Lt.-Col. Bernard Henry Leathes Prior, D.S.O., Norf. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Throughout two days of an enemy advance, and until wounded, he set a splendid example of coolness and courage under most trying conditions, personally supervising the readjustments which had to be made

to meet the enemy attacks, and the gallant resistance offered by his battalion was largely due to his magnificent example of fearless determination.

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

T./Maj. John Walter Revell, D.S.O., R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion during long operations in command of a field company attached to an infantry brigade. When the brigade was in lack of men, and the enemy was pressing its withdrawal, he, with great coolness and courage, covered with his company the right flank, and maintained his position until the brigade had been withdrawn. He then destroyed all huts and blew up the water-mains, thereby depriving the enemy of a billeting area and water supply.

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

Capt. (T./Lt.-Col.) John Anthony Sydney Ritson, D.S.O., M.C., Durh. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of his battalion in a series of rearguard actions lasting for several days. During this period he displayed exceptional courage and judgment in a series of withdrawals to fresh positions and repelling attacks, causing the enemy heavy casualties. He held on to his last position, repelling all attacks with severe enemy losses until ordered to withdraw, which he succeeded in doing under exceptional difficulties and heavy fire.

(D.S.O. gazetted 27th October, 1917.)

T./Lt. George Rollo, D.S.O., L'pool R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In a most admirable manner he collected men from other divisions and organised the defence. He was not at that time in command of his battalion. He subsequently took command of his battalion, and handled them with magnificent skill and coolness during the rearguard action that followed. His splendid courage was an example to all.

(D.S.O. gazetted 1st January, 1917.)

Capt. (A./Lt.-Col.) James Rowbotham, D.S.O., M.C., High. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He continually visited the front line of his battalion, which was under heavy shell fire and gas, and brought in valuable information. On one occasion, finding the enemy were making progress on his left by bombing and using flammenwerfer, he rallied the men and restored the situation. Subsequently, while directing the defence in a very exposed position, he was severely wounded.

(D.S.O. gazetted 19th November, 1917.)

T./Capt. (A./Lt.-Col.) Lawrence Drew Shaw, D.S.O., M.B., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was placed in charge of the forward division of the combined field ambulances. Although constantly exposed to heavy shell and machine gun fire, he organised the system of evacuation and extended