

the whole of the preliminary details in a most thorough manner, and under continuous shell fire reconnoitred both roads up to the enemy lines, and did not leave the work until he was assured that the roads were through. Throughout he showed great gallantry, and was a great inspiration to all under his command.

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

Maj. George James Rankin, D.S.O., 4th A.L.H.R. (EGYPT)

For great gallantry, dash and initiative during the operations from El Kuneitra to Damascus. On the 30th September, 1918, when his regiment acted as advance guard from Sasa to Kaukab, owing to his rapid movements, they captured 340 prisoners, 1 field gun and 8 machine guns. Kaukab was strongly held by the enemy, and when this officer was ordered to make a frontal attack his leadership was excellent and his regiment seized all objectives, capturing 9 officers, over 70 other ranks and 8 machine guns. In this action the enemy's cavalry were driven in disorder towards Damascus. On the morning of the 1st October, 1918, when ordered to seize the Military Barracks in Damascus, he showed great skill in manœuvring his troops in such a manner that he was largely instrumental in capturing the whole enemy garrison in Damascus, numbering over 11,000.

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Lt.-Col. William Henry Scott, C.M.G., D.S.O., 9th A.L.H.R. (EGYPT)

On the 2nd October, 1918, while the brigade was bivouaced near Duma, a report was received that a large column of enemy was moving across to enter the foothills at Kubbet I Asafi. The brigade was at once ordered out in pursuit. This officer got his regiment away in particularly quick time, and, moving rapidly for six miles, headed the enemy off, and charged and captured the whole column consisting of 1,450 of the enemy, 26 machine guns, 1 mountain gun, 2 field guns, and 12 automatic rifles. If this advance regiment had been 20 minutes later the enemy could have gained the entrance to the foothills and could easily have kept the brigade off with the machine guns and artillery they had and so escaped. He did splendid work.

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NEW ZEALAND FORCE.

Lt.-Col. Leonard Handforth Jardine, D.S.O., M.C., 2nd Bn., N.Z. Rif. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and resource at Le Quesnoy on the 4th November, 1918. His battalion was detailed to capture the city. The enemy was holding a railway embankment in front of the city from which he brought such heavy machine-gun fire to bear on our troops that the attack was temporarily held up. He promptly used his reserve troops with such skill that he overcame the resistance of the enemy and enabled the advance to be continued. Finally, by his gallant and able leadership he was instrumental in bringing about the fall of the city.

(D.S.O. gazetted 1st February, 1919.)

AWARDED THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.

T./Maj. William Cullen Andrew, M.C., 33rd Bn., M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry, leadership and devotion to duty on the 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th October, 1918, during the attack on Englefontaine. Time after time, when the enemy attempted to work through on the flanks, he reconnoitred their positions in the face of heavy fire, and then, returning to our lines, placed guns in position, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy, and effectively restoring the situation. On many occasions during these four days he, by his personal example, gallantry and grim determination, enabled our line to be held against all assaults of the enemy.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Stephen Arthur Andrews, M.C., 7th Bn., R. Sussex R.

For conspicuous gallantry and good work near Epehy on 18th September, 1918. His company was allotted the task of clearing the railway embankment of the enemy. Although enfiladed by machine-gun nests from the village, and having sustained heavy casualties, he personally led forward the remainder of his company, and was one of very few to reach the objective. He then organised under very heavy fire and held the position until the situation was cleared up.

Capt. Allen Algernon, Lord Apsley, M.C., 1/1st Glouc. Yeo. (EGYPT)

On the 30th September, 1918, near Damascus, he was sent out with a troop of 20 men and a Hotchkiss gun to seize the Kadem wireless station. Near Kadem Station he was held up by a body of the enemy, whose strength was double his own. He charged, killing 12 with his sword, the remainder being put to flight. On arrival at his objective the wireless station was found to have been already destroyed, and the enemy, who had been strongly reinforced, was threatening to cut off his troop. This officer carried out the retirement of the troop in perfect order, and, when attacked by the enemy from a flank, another charge was made, inflicting loss and enabling him to get away intact. Throughout this mission he showed splendid gallantry and marked ability to command.

T./Lt. Clement Broomhall Arnold, 6th Bn., Tank Corps.

On August 8th, 1918, near Harbonieres, he attacked a battery of field guns and put them out of action. On the same day his tank was reported missing, one of the crew was found dead and he is now reported wounded and a prisoner of war. Round his tank the next day were found the bodies of 40 enemy dead, which testified to this officer's extremely gallant conduct though entirely surrounded by the enemy after his tank was put out of action.

T./2nd Lt. Walter George Bailey, M.C., 2nd Bn., Suffolk R.

For conspicuous gallantry and able leadership as Battalion Intelligence Officer at Romeries, Escarmain and Beaudignies on 23rd October, 1918. He went forward and found that a company had become disorganised owing to the loss of all its officers, and