

mand and carried out a further attack. On the following day he led some of his tanks in an attack on a village, which he captured, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy. His coolness and courage were an inspiration to all, and his judgment and ability contributed largely to the success of the operations.

Capt. and Bt. Maj. (T./Lt.-Col.) Richard Banastre Crosse, D.S.O., Ox. and Bucks. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during lengthy operations. He displayed great ability in grasping the possibilities of the situation, and in improving the defensive and offensive properties of the line. He personally reconnoitred positions close to the enemy posts, which he caused to be occupied. His indifference to personal danger was most marked.

2nd Lt. (T./Capt.) Frederick Elliott Hotblack, D.S.O., M.C., Norf. R., and Tank Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He reorganised the infantry whose officers had become casualties, collected tanks, and succeeded in launching a fresh attack under heavy fire. He set a splendid example of courage and initiative on this and many other occasions.

T./Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) Archibald Hugh James, D.S.O., North'd Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in handling the troops under his command during lengthy operations. After severe fighting, he had forced his way forward, only to be driven back by a heavy enemy attack, but by his courage and energy he regained his position. Later, the situation becoming critical, he made a personal reconnaissance under intense fire, cleared up an obscure situation, and, on his own initiative, led his battalion forward again to their objective. He gave a fine example of courage and initiative to all ranks.

T./Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) James Theodore Janson, D.S.O., Yorks. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in command of a battalion which was in reserve during an enemy attack, and collected and led a large number of men of various units with the greatest coolness and skill. He carried out a reconnaissance of the position, got the situation well in hand, and by his fine example forestalled every attempt of the enemy to break through.

T./Maj. Robert Sinclair Knox, D.S.O., R. Innis. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion when in command of a battalion. Owing to previous hostile attacks, the position of the line his battalion took over was very uncertain. By a personal night reconnaissance he was able to adjust the line, and later, when the enemy commenced a bombing attack, he again went forward to reconnoitre the position, which was very critical, and then organised a successful attack, driving back the enemy and taking prisoners. His courage throughout was magnificent.

2nd Lt. (T./Capt.) James Byford McCudden, D.S.O., M.C., Gen. List, and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He attacked enemy formations, both when leading his patrol and singlehanded. By his fearlessness and clever manœuvring he has brought down thirty-one enemy machines, ten of which have fallen in our lines. His pluck and determination have had a marked effect on the efficiency of the squadron.

Capt. (A./Lt.-Col.) John Bickerton McKaig, D.S.O., L'pool R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a strong enemy attack. When the enemy penetrated the front of the unit on his left, and his flank thereby became exposed, he supervised the redistribution of his battalion and the formation of a defensive flank under intense fire. By his disregard of danger, and the confidence with which he inspired his men by his splendid example, he enabled his battalion to hold their ground against frontal and flank attacks during a most critical period, when a break through would have had very serious consequences to the whole line.

Maj. (T./Lt.-Col.) Henry Edmund Palmer Nash, D.S.O., R. Scots.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an advance. Owing to the troops on his right having failed to gain their objective, he was obliged to detach two companies to safeguard his flank. When this was secure he led them forward, reorganised his battalion, which had been held up by heavy fire, and succeeded in capturing his objective. Throughout the day he showed great contempt of danger, moving freely under the heaviest fire of all kinds, and his splendid example gave great encouragement to the troops under his command.

Maj. (T./Brig.-Gen.) Herbert Nelson, D.S.O., Bord. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In spite of having no support from tanks or artillery, he led his brigade forward in face of heavy opposition and captured all his objectives. Subsequently, when the brigade was in reserve, and the enemy had made a considerable advance, he at once counter-attacked, driving them back with heavy losses over two miles, again without the assistance of artillery. His personal conduct was most gallant throughout.

T./Lt.-Col. John Branchley Rosher, D.S.O., M.C., Durh. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy attacked in great force positions held by his battalion he displayed the greatest courage and ability, inspiring his men to beat off three attacks. When finally pressed back by superior numbers he reorganised the remnants of the battalion, and advancing, re-occupied the trenches from which he had been temporarily ejected.

Capt. (A./Lt.-Col.) Colin Robert Hoste Stirling, M.C., Sco. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He reorganised his company under