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War Office, 26th January, 1917.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the appointments of the undermentioned Officers to be Companions of the Distinguished Service Order, in recognition of their gallantry and devotion to duty in the Field:—

Capt. Aylmer Gustavus Clerk, M.C., Herts. R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He led his company in the attack with great courage and initiative. He organised the consolidation of the captured position under heavy fire. On another occasion he repelled an enemy counter-attack. He set a splendid example throughout the operations.

Temp. Capt. Christopher Garrett Elkington, Glouc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. With six men he attacked and silenced an enemy machine gun. Later, he displayed great courage and ability in organising the defence of the position. He was twice wounded, but remained at duty directing operations until he was again severely wounded.

Temp. Lt.-Comdr. Bernard Henry Ellis, R.N.V.R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. When the attack was held up by heavy machine-gun fire, he pushed forward with some men and made a reconnaissance of the final position under very heavy fire. Later, he assumed command of and handled his battalion with marked courage and ability.

Capt. (temp. Lt.-Col.) Cecil Champagne Herbert-Stepney, Res. of Off., K.R.R.C., attd. Notts. and Derby. R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He went forward under intense fire to ascertain that consolidation was proceeding satisfactorily. His preparations for the attack, and his action throughout the assembly, contributed very largely to the success of the operations.

Maj. Thomas David Murray, Hamps. R., attd. R. Highrs., temp. attd. Cam. R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He showed great skill and resource in handling his battalion over a very extended front and over a very difficult country. He seized all