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MONDAY, 18 JUNE, 1917.

War Office, 18th June, 1917.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to award a Bar to the Distinguished Service Order to ;—

Maj. (temp. Lt.-Col.) Austin Claude Girdwood, D.S.O., North'd Fus., attd. Bord. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when he made a daring and invaluable reconnaissance under heavy rifle and machine gun fire. He concentrated his battalion in daylight, and organised a most successful attack over 200 yards of open ground. (D.S.O. Gazetted 27th September, 1901.)

Maj. (temp. Lt.-Col.) Roland Haig, D.S.O., Rif. Bde., attd. R. Berks. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of his battalion during an attack on the enemy's position. The success of this attack was due to the ability and energy with which he trained his battalion, made his preparations and handled the troops under his command during the battle.

(D.S.O. Gazetted 18th February, 1915.)

Maj. (temp. Lt.-Col.) John Hamilton Hall, D.S.O., Midd'x R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of his battalion. His initiative and good leading and the determined way in which he pressed the attack of his battalion home greatly contributed to the success of the operations. The high moral of his battalion and its fine spirit in attacking qualities are greatly due to his personal efforts.

(D.S.O. Gazetted 26th September, 1916.)

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Lt.-Col. Charles Hazel Elliott, D.S.O., Infy. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. Although the enemy had penetrated our line and were within 500 yards of Battalion Headquarters, he took up a position with batmen, cooks and signallers and checked the enemy's advance, thus enabling the counter-attacking to come forward and drive the enemy back. His action at a most critical time turned what might have been a defeat into a victory.

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