

Capt. Richard Adair Rochfort, M.C., R. War. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the battalion, on its way up to the line, was heavily bombarded with gas and other shells and was in danger of losing its way in gas masks in the darkness, he placed himself at the head and guided it to its forming-up place in time. Although severely wounded the following day while leading his men, he remained with them for nearly two hours, until forced to desist through sheer exhaustion. He showed splendid determination and resource.

Capt. Alan Patrick Rodgerson, Ind. Army.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He led the assaulting companies, on his own initiative, to the capture of a bridge under heavy fire, thereby cutting off the enemy's retreat. Though severely wounded, he refused to go back till he had reported on the situation, and sent in information which was of the greatest value. His conduct throughout was worthy of the highest praise.

Maj. Leigh Pemberton Stedall, Yeo.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a counter-attack. He led forward three troops and galloped them across 500 yards of open country, under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire. Though wounded in two places, he led the charge on the enemy's position with the greatest success. He showed splendid leadership and resource.

Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) Gerald Gane Thatcher, R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He commanded his artillery group with great skill and judgment during the operations. The success of the bombardment was chiefly due to the daring reconnaissances which he had previously made.

Capt. and Bt. Maj. (T./Lt.-Col.) Gerald Lawrence Uniacke, R. of O., R. Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed great coolness and skill when in command of his battalion during an enemy attack, and saved a critical situation when the enemy were pressing forward their attack on an exposed portion of his line. His courage was a fine example to all.

#### CANADIAN FORCE.

Maj. Gordon Harold Aikins, Mtd. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as staff captain to an infantry brigade. He constantly visited the battalions in the front line, on several occasions passing through heavy barrages, and organised and supervised the carrying up of ammunition and supplies under the most difficult circumstances. On the afternoon of the attack he supervised the collection of wounded on the battlefield. His initiative and untiring energy contributed largely to the success of the operations, and his courage and example were an inspiration to all ranks.

Lt. Walter Hartley Burgess, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his company, which was in support during an engagement.

When part of the front line began to be driven back by the enemy, he at once went forward, took command, and by his example and influence succeeded in holding the position. He exposed himself fearlessly to an intense artillery and machine-gun barrage to steady the men and keep them in their position, and he reorganised and established the line, and handed it over intact when relieved. His courageous action undoubtedly saved a critical situation.

Lieut. John Angus Cameron, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the attack being held up by a strong enemy bombing post, he rushed forward, ahead of his platoon, and charged the post single-handed, bayonetting one of the enemy and compelling the other twelve to surrender. Though he had been wounded, he remained with his men, showing a fine example of leadership, until he was again wounded, so severely that his evacuation was necessary.

Lt. William Francis Jamieson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the original attack broke down, despite heavy losses, he moved his company forward and held his ground under severe fire until a second attack was made. When this succeeded, he again led his company forward and captured his objective ahead of him with numerous prisoners and machine-guns. He showed great courage and skill.

Lieut. Hector Kennedy, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In the attack he led his company in the most determined and courageous manner, through heavy enemy fire, and successfully gained his objective. It was then reported that the company, which had passed through his own to a further objective, was held up by two "pill-boxes." Appreciating the situation, he immediately went forward, and, despite heavy enemy machine-gun fire, accompanied by another officer, he rushed these enemy posts, forcing the garrisons to surrender, taking six officers and five other ranks prisoners. His courage and gallantry, together with his determination and prompt action, cleared up a critical situation, and enabled the final objective to be successfully carried.

Maj. William Thewles Lawless, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When, owing to heavy fire, the original attack failed, he at once advanced to the support company, and reorganised the line. He then went ahead under very heavy fire to select a position from which a further advance could be made. Although wounded by a sniper he remained with the company until he could explain the situation personally to his commanding officer. He displayed great skill and courage.

Lt. Ronald Frederick Macnaghten, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer was in charge of his platoon, when a machine-gun opened fire, causing several casualties. He very gallantly rushed forward, shot two of the