

firing line. His gallant conduct was an inspiration to all.

Capt. (A./Lt. Col.) James Forbes-Robertson, D.S.O., M.C., Bord. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his battalion with great dash and determination in a successful attack. Later, during continual enemy attacks, though he was wounded in the eye and unable to see, he was led about by an orderly among his men in the front line, encouraging and inspiring them by his magnificent example of courage and determination.

Maj. John Gordon Rees, D.S.O., Yeo.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With a company barely 100 strong he surrounded and captured a village at dawn, where he found an enemy force of between 500 and 600 strong. Owing to heavy machine gun fire he was unable to send back the whole of the enemy force as prisoners, but succeeded in sending back 300 of them. Subsequently, on being counter-attacked, it was owing to his able leading and daring gallantry that he was able to withdraw his company under heavy fire, though it was practically surrounded.

Capt. (A./Lt.-Col.) James Gerald Paget Romanes, D.S.O., R. Scots.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He commanded his battalion with great skill and courage in a night attack. Under his leadership the battalion captured all its objectives without a check, inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy, captured over 50 prisoners, and consolidated all the ground won under intense shell fire.

*Awarded the Distinguished Service Order.*

Maj. Thomas Philip Barber, Yeo.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He, seeing that the enemy were taking up a position, rushed to the front, shot two of the enemy with his revolver, and leading his men forward compelled the hostile force to withdraw over the ridge. Further, when he noticed that the enemy were still wavering, he led his men forward again, and drove the enemy back on to another ridge in rear. Throughout the day he showed the greatest contempt of all danger, and set a magnificent example to his men.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Geoffrey Hilton Bowman, M.C., R. War. R., Spec. Res., and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has recently destroyed six enemy aeroplanes and driven down others out of control. He has at all times shown splendid courage and determination, and by his leadership and good example has contributed largely to the success of his squadron.

Maj. David Ernest Brand, H.L.I

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company in a bayonet charge on an enemy position in the dark without a previous reconnaissance. He captured the position which dominated the crossing of a river, and thereby secured the crossing for the remainder of the troops. After holding his ground during the night, he captured a further enemy position on the

following morning. He showed splendid leadership and skill.

Maj. George Albert Jessop Cantrell-Hubbersty, Yeo.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. By the gallant and rapid manner in which he led his men and charged the advancing enemy he stopped the hostile attack and thus prevented the flank of the whole line from being turned. His dash and initiative were most meritorious.

Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) George Kendall Channer, I. A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the defence of the ridge his position was subjected to heavy artillery bombardment and repeated and determined enemy attacks, which had as their object the envelopment of his left flank. These attacks were only frustrated by heavy counter-attacks, led by himself, and although he was wounded on two successive days he continued to command his battalion, personally directing and organising the defence. By his total indifference to danger cheerfulness and splendid example he maintained the spirits of his men and enabled them to hold out.

Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) John Blair Cook, M.C., R. Scot. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his battalion with great determination in an attack. He continually pushed forward, and eventually gained his objective, and consolidated a captured village with great skill. His coolness and courage were most marked.

Capt. Randulf O. Crewe-Read, S. Wales Bord., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. By bold and skilful handling of his company he gained a position in rear of the enemy, and captured two field guns and a number of prisoners. On another occasion he manœuvred his company to a flank, under heavy fire, and captured a position from which the enemy was enfilading the advance. He showed splendid initiative and skill.

Capt. Ernest Betton Deakin, M.C., Essex R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His company having for its objective a certain redoubt, he found that through an error this redoubt was being attacked by another company, which should have attacked a strongly defended field work. He immediately changed his objective, and attacked and captured this work. He showed remarkable decision and presence of mind, and by his resource and initiative saved what would undoubtedly have been a very serious situation.

Capt. Roy Maxwell Drummond, M.C., R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While escorting a reconnaissance, on three hostile 'planes being encountered he at once attacked and drove down one of these, although he was being himself attacked in the rear by the remaining two. Drawing these latter away from the reconnaissance machine, he turned, attacked and followed