

Maj. and Bt. Lt.-Col. (T./Brig.-Gen.) William Francis Hessey, D.S.O., R. of O.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. For twenty-four hours he remained in the firing line, rallying and organising men and checking the enemy, and then conducted a withdrawal with great skill. He personally led a counter-attack, and temporarily regained 1,000 yards of ground. Two days later, after maintaining his position for thirty-six hours, he withdrew without leaving a wounded man behind. He set a fine example of energy and good leadership. (D.S.O. gazetted 1st January, 1918.)

Maj. and Bt. Col. (T./Brig.-Gen.) Harold Whitla Higginson, D.S.O., R. Dub. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while commanding his brigade. In fourteen days' fighting the losses of the brigade exceeded 70 per cent., but owing to his able leadership and the fine example set by him their fighting spirit was in no way impaired. The courageous stands made by them were of great assistance to other brigades. (D.S.O. gazetted 14th January, 1916.)

Capt. (T./Lt.-Col.) Murray Victor Burrow Hill, D.S.O., M.C., R. Fus., attd. R. Sussex R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during enemy attacks. He organised and personally led a counter-attack against a body of the enemy who were threatening to envelop the right flank of the brigade, and forced them to withdraw. He set a high example of cheerfulness, determination and good leadership. (D.S.O. gazetted 25th August, 1917.)

Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) John Oliver Hopkinson, D.S.O., M.C., Sea. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of his battalion when ordered to fill a gap which was known to exist in the front line. He carried out his orders with great ability, and in spite of continuous and severe shelling maintained his positions until relieved. By his leadership and courage throughout the operations he inspired the utmost confidence in all ranks. (D.S.O. gazetted 22nd September, 1916.)

Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) Reginald Howlett, D.S.O., M.C., R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty throughout a week's fighting. On the first night he led his battalion, which was very short of officers, to a position on the enemy side of a village, driving back enemy posts on the way, and successfully establishing his line. The next day, by quickly moving up a reserve company to a threatened flank, he maintained his position. It was not until the end of the week that he was forced to give way, when practically surrounded and severely wounded himself. (D.S.O. gazetted 1st January, 1917.)

T./Lt.-Col. Arthur Innes Irons, D.S.O., Midd'x R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under very heavy rifle and machine-gun fire he collected and rallied men and reinforced the line. By his personal example of coolness he encouraged his men to hold their positions and inflict heavy casualties on the enemy. (D.S.O. gazetted 1st January, 1918.)

Capt. (A./Lt.-Col.) Martin Kemp-Welch, D.S.O., M.C., R.W. Surr. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With his battalion he repulsed four enemy attacks on a village. The battalion suffered heavy casualties, but, thanks to his skilful dispositions, courage, and untiring energy, they successfully held the position. (D.S.O. gazetted 20th October, 1916.)

Capt. (A./Lt.-Col.) Edward Rigby Kewley, D.S.O., M.C., Rifle Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty and fine leadership in repelling the initial hostile attacks, and subsequently during the withdrawal. His battalion fought to the last moment prior to each withdrawal, and it was entirely due to his magnificent personal example and great courage that these engagements were successful. (D.S.O. gazetted 26th September, 1917.)

T./Maj. (T./Lt.-Col.) Charles Francis King, D.S.O., M.C., Ches. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a battalion. He organised the defence of a village, held it against heavy attacks, and over and over again led forward his small reserve to drive out bodies of the enemy who had obtained a temporary foothold. Throughout the subsequent withdrawal he was the life and soul of the defence, and his example and complete disregard of danger instilled the greatest confidence in his men. (D.S.O. gazetted 1st January, 1918.)

Capt. and Bt. Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) Francis Latham, D.S.O., Leic. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer set a fine example of coolness and fearlessness to all ranks under his command, and encouraged and steadied his men under heavy fire. The splendid defence made by his battalion was to a great extent inspired by his fine example of personal courage. (D.S.O. gazetted 14th January, 1916.)

Capt. and Bt. Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) Arthur Bertram Lawson, D.S.O., Hussars, attd. Glou. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His battalion attacked a village and captured 120 prisoners and nine machine guns. The position was consolidated in spite of a heavy bombardment, and the next morning the enemy launched a determined counter-attack, which was completely repulsed and another 80 prisoners taken. He superintended the whole of the operation, fearlessly exposing himself to all kinds of fire, and its success was largely due to his courage and ability. (D.S.O. gazetted 26th July, 1918.)