

Lt.-Col. William Oddie, D.S.O., W. York. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when commanding his battalion. When the enemy had got between his front line and battalion headquarters he fought his way back to the support and reserve lines with his headquarters, and covered by his fire the headquarters of another battalion by refusing his flank. He held on to his reserve line long after his right flank had been turned. Next day he kept a large body of the enemy back, inflicting heavy casualties on them with only his headquarters and a few other men he had collected. He did fine service.

(D.S.O. gazetted 3rd June, 1918.)

Lt.-Col. Edward John Russell Peel, C.M.G., D.S.O., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer was in command of the brigade during ten days' operations. Although the enemy were close up to him in a village he kept his batteries in action under a ridge, handling them with consummate skill. It was owing to his personal influence with the brigade that the guns were saved, being withdrawn from under the nose of the enemy one by one as opportunity occurred by night. Throughout the operations he kept the men together and cheerful, and they fought splendidly.

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

T./Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) William Ralph Peel, D.S.O., Yorks. R., attd. Manch. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Throughout two days' very hard fighting he displayed great courage and marked ability in dealing with situations of considerable difficulty, going out under extremely heavy fire of all descriptions to select sites for machine guns and to resist advanced posts of the companies of his battalion. On receiving orders to withdraw he directed the operation with great ability, remaining himself in the front line until the last of the troops had retired and all the wounded were evacuated. Throughout the operations his cheerful disregard of all considerations of personal safety was an example to his men, which inspired them with confidence and resolution.

(D.S.O. gazetted 4th June, 1917.)

Maj. William Norman Pilkington, D.S.O., S. Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer was in command of two companies, and showed such marked ability and grasp of the situation that he was put in command of the whole of the defence system manned by three companies. He was most energetic in visiting the line and organising the defence of posts by day and night under heavy fire. He arranged and led a counter-attack which resulted in the capture of twenty-one prisoners and two machine guns. The positions he held included a defensive flank, and were of great tactical importance.

(D.S.O. gazetted 3rd June, 1916.)

Capt. (A./Lt.-Col.) James Herbert Porter, D.S.O., N. Staff. R., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy had succeeded in reaching his front line, which was on high ground, this officer at once personally led forward his two support companies to counter-attack through heavy shell and machine-gun fire. The attack was perfectly successful, and the posts were then pushed forward again.

(D.S.O. gazetted 1st January, 1918.)

Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) Colin Kynaston Potter, D.S.O., M.C., N. Lanc. R., attd. L'pool R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of his battalion during a week's fighting. At the commencement of the fighting his battalion was in the front line, where it maintained its positions, being stimulated by his frequent visits under heavy fire. He organised and carried out a successful counter-attack, followed shortly after by another one, in which several hundred prisoners were captured.

(D.S.O. gazetted 26th September, 1917.)

Maj. John Harvey Prior, D.S.O., R.E., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action, when he volunteered to attach himself and his company to a battalion which was threatened by an outflanking movement. By his personal courage and excellent handling of his company he was successful in holding the enemy and in assisting the battalion to withdraw at a very critical moment.

(D.S.O. gazetted 27th September, 1901.)

Capt. and Bt. Maj. (T./Lt.-Col.) Algernon Lee Ransome, D.S.O., M.C., Dorset. R., attd. E. Kent R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during recent operations. He displayed great skill and courage in defending positions, and handled his battalion with great ability under most difficult circumstances. His sound judgment, combined with his cheerful confidence and personal gallantry, inspired all ranks in the brigade.

(D.S.O. gazetted 1st January, 1918.)

Maj. George Carr Richardson, D.S.O., M.C., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a fortnight's operations he was constantly in the forward area, and throughout one night he went from battery to battery, bringing them to positions where they could cover a gap that had been made in the line. His work has been of an exceptionally high standard.

(D.S.O. gazetted 1st January, 1918.)

Maj. (T./Lt.-Col.) Arthur Wilmot Rickman, D.S.O., North'd Fus., attd. E. Lan. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer commanded his battalion, covering the retirement of the brigade to a new position after both flanks had been turned. He displayed great courage and judgment. The following day he held an extended front against three determined attacks, and when the troops on his right flank were driven in he rallied them under