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(M.C. gazetted 25th November, 1916.)

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Capt. James Kenneth McConnel, D.S.O., M.C., Hussars.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during recent operations. He continually carried out reconnaissances of the front occupied by his brigade, and he went forward under very heavy artillery and machine-gun fire to clear up the situation. He showed fine courage and determination.

(M.C. gazetted 26th November, 1917.)

(First Bar gazetted 4th February, 1918.)

2nd Lt. Alfred Frithjof Merry, M.C., 6th L'pool R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As intelligence officer to the battalion he remained in the front line trench throughout the battle, exposing himself without regard to danger in order to observe the enemy's movements. He was able to send back much valuable information by which the fire of the artillery was directed on to many vulnerable targets. It was largely due to his courage and devotion to duty that the brigade was kept in touch with the various developments of the battle.

(M.C. gazetted 18th July, 1917.)

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Lt. (T./Capt.) Basil Conquest Pascoe, M.C., Rif. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At a critical moment he took two platoons, under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, and established a post and sent out patrols. For a long time he held this post, exposing himself frequently in the open to heavy machine-gun fire. His fine example gave great encouragement to his men.

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Capt. (A./Maj.) Robert Rawnsley Maxwell Perceval, M.C., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in the handling of his battery in close co-operation with the infantry whom he supported. He established his outpost in an infantry battalion headquarters, with his guns close behind. In the morning a shell came through the roof, wounding the officer with him, but he stayed there till 5 p.m., directing the fire, when he withdrew to another position, firing at 1,500 yards range with great effect until 6.30 p.m., when he was ordered to take his guns back over a canal. This he did, taking with him all his ammunition.

(M.C. gazetted 1st January, 1917.)

(First Bar gazetted 26th September, 1917.)

T./Lt. Norman Baty Pigg, M.C., North'd Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. By his fine example of leadership and courage he encouraged his men to successfully repulse three heavy enemy attacks. Later, when the enemy drove back the line on his left, he quickly threw out a defensive flank enabling the remainder of his force to

take up a new position in rear. His rapid grasp of the situation considerably impeded the enemy's advance.

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(1st Bar gazetted in this Gazette.)

T./Capt. (A./Maj.) Charles Victor Stewart, M.C., R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. Under very heavy fire he saw to his only remaining gun being made useless, destroyed all papers and records, and superintended the evacuation of his wounded, remaining behind alone and covering their removal by rifle fire. He behaved splendidly.

(M.C. gazetted 25th August, 1916.)

(1st Bar gazetted 26th July, 1917.)

T./Lt. Robert Strong, M.C., Bord. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. An enemy machine gun which had been pushed through a gap in our line was harassing our troops from the rear. This officer took command of a party with a Lewis gun and captured the machine gun and its team of one officer and eight other ranks, and filled up the gap in our line. Although wounded early in the encounter he refused medical aid until his task was completed.

(M.C. gazetted 11th December, 1916.)

(1st Bar gazetted 18th October, 1917.)

T./Capt. Clarence Randolph Young, M.C., M.B., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the officers of the battalion had become casualties, and his aid post was almost surrounded by the enemy, he succeeded in evacuating many of the wounded in spite of continuous and heavy fire. His energy and disregard for his personal safety inspired all who came in contact with him.

(M.C. gazetted 14th November, 1916.)

(1st Bar gazetted 26th July, 1917.)

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Capt. Bernard Ernest Ablitt, M.C., W. York R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in first assisting under heavy fire to hold battalion headquarters against the advancing enemy, and afterwards helping other units in resisting attacks on the reserve trenches.

(M.C. gazetted 14th November, 1916.)

T./Lt. Henry James Adshead, M.C., Linc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer, when sent to form a defensive flank with two platoons, met a party of twenty of the enemy, whom he attacked and dispersed. Two days later, during a withdrawal, he kept his men under good control, though he had to expose himself to do so. Later, during a bombardment, he went over the top and reorganised two posts which had been knocked out. He has set a fearless example throughout.

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