

officer and forty-one men. He himself shot four of the enemy, and dashed single-handed at a machine-gun, personally carrying in the gun. He brought his party back entire with only one casualty. He set a fine example of courage and determination.

(D.S.O. gazetted 25th November, 1916.)

Capt. (A./Lt.-Col.) Noel Mackintosh Stuart Irwin, D.S.O., M.C., Essex R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the whole of his battalion front was heavily attacked and all communications with his forward companies were cut, this officer personally organised his headquarters and stragglers, and formed a defensive flank so as to obtain touch with the brigade on the right. This flank he held for eight hours against all attacks, organising two counter-attacks against the enemy during this period, thus averting a critical situation. It was greatly due to his able conduct that the holding of their battle position by his brigade was possible throughout the day. His courage, energy and quick decision inspired the greatest confidence in his men.

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

Capt. (A./Major) Colin Arthur Jardine, D.S.O., M.C., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy broke through a gap in the direction of his battery, he promptly gave orders for his guns to be dragged out into the open, while he himself took forward a party of his battery to defend the gap while the guns were being moved. His party succeeded in holding back the enemy sufficiently long, and then his guns opened at point blank range with such effect that the enemy's attack in this part was entirely shattered. His prompt action was decisive in averting a dangerous situation; and throughout the day he showed splendid leadership, and his spirit was an inspiration to all about him of whatever rank or arm.

(D.S.O. gazetted 11th November, 1914.)

T./Lt.-Col. Gilbert East King, D.S.O., E. York. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid made by two battalions into the enemy's lines. His utter disregard of personal danger, skill and cheerfulness throughout, inspired all under his command and proved him to be a leader of a high order. Throughout the raid he remained exposed to enemy fire in an advanced position which would enable him to control the operations, which he did extremely well. It was due to his indomitable example that his battalion was imbued with a fighting spirit which nothing could daunt.

(D.S.O. gazetted 1st January, 1917.)

Capt. (A./Lt.-Col.) Philip Kirkup, D.S.O., M.C., Durh. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the night before a battle opened this officer was sent to the Field Ambulance with a temperature of 103 deg., but on hearing the barrage he left and attempted to rejoin his unit, which was impossible, so he collected all the men he could and organised a defensive position, which he held on to as

long as possible. During the next two days he several times assisted in rallying men and holding up the enemy advance, and when ammunition had almost run out, he rode back and brought up small arms ammunition, riding practically into the front line with it. Throughout the whole period he did much to organise stragglers and keep them in the fighting line, being without sleep, and having little food for five days.

(D.S.O. gazetted 16th September, 1918.)

Major and Bt. Lt.-Col. (A./Lt.-Col.) James Meldrum Knox, D.S.O., R. War. Regt.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of his battalion. He kept touch with the situation till ordered by the division to counter-attack when the enemy had broken through. Thanks to his splendid handling of his battalion, this counter-attack was decisive, the enemy were at once held up, and after heavy fighting were driven back with severe losses, several hundred prisoners being captured and the front line restored.

(D.S.O. gazetted 1st January, 1917.)

Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) Guy Henry Sawyer, D.S.O., R. Berks. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in command of a battalion of details of his brigade. At an early period in the day his left flank was completely turned, but by fine leadership and a skilful use of a small reserve, he held his line intact till orders were issued for a withdrawal. Throughout the day, though communications were particularly difficult and the situation obscure, he kept his brigade informed of his position and repelled all attacks of the enemy on his left flank and front. At night, on receipt of orders to withdraw, he successfully extricated his men from a very difficult position, in close touch with the enemy.

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

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Lt.-Col. William Brazenor, D.S.O., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He led his battalion successfully, and supervised, under constant machine-gun and rifle fire, the consolidation of the captured ground. Next day he led a patrol into "No Man's Land" and made a reconnaissance, with the result that the line was pushed forward another 200 yards. Throughout the operation he did fine work.

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

AWARDED THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.

T./Maj. Alexander MacGregor Black, North'd Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in rallying broken groups of men in action and posting them in fresh defensive positions. By his personal example and efforts this officer gave the greatest encour-