

Lt.-Col. Colin Clark Harbottle, D.S.O.,
Central Ontario R.

For conspicuous gallantry and fine leadership. When the advance of the battalion was held up by heavy machine-gun fire, he went to the front at once, and, working forward himself, carried on some of his flank company with him. Eventually these were forced to the ground by the intense fire of the enemy, but he continued to gain ground, by rolling forward, his men following his example till they got sufficiently close to rush the guns. On his signal this was accomplished with complete success, and the enemy wavered, and our advance continued along the whole line. The fine example of personal gallantry and determination displayed by Lt.-Col. Harbottle at a critical time enabled this most successful result to be obtained.

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

Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) Eric Whidden Mac-Donald, D.S.O., M.C., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and resource. He commanded his battalion in an advance, pressing his attack with skill and determination over a considerable amount of open ground, to the capture of isolated woods, the edges of which were full of concealed machine guns. The ability with which he made his dispositions undoubtedly saved many casualties. He set a very fine example to his men which greatly helped in the success obtained.

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

Lt.-Col. George Eric McCuaig, C.M.G.,
D.S.O., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and fine leadership during an attack. Through heavy mist he led his battalion nearly three miles to the final objective. He showed great courage and ability, personally leading and directing the assault and capturing a large number of prisoners and guns. He did splendid work.

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

Lt.-Col. William Keating Walker, D.S.O.,
M.C., M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and skill. He commanded a mixed force composed of motor machine guns, a company of cyclists and a trench mortar detachment, which he handed with boldness and ability, destroying several machine-gun nests and capturing strong points. He inspired his men by his example of personal courage and daring, and contributed to the success of the advance.

(D.S.O. gazetted 18th January, 1918.)

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Lt.-Col. John McArthur, D.S.O., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry while commanding his battalion during an attack. He preceded the battalion to the jumping-off line, and under very heavy fire issued final instructions to the companies. When the advance was temporarily checked he went forward and personally conducted operations, being severely wounded while doing so. It was largely due to his splendid leadership and fine initiative that the battalion reached all its objectives.

(D.S.O. gazetted in this Gazette.)

Lt.-Col. Maurice Wilder-Neligan, C.M.G.,
D.S.O., D.C.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry in a night attack on a village. Owing to his skill and courage, the plan of enveloping the village was successfully carried out, resulting in the capture of 200 prisoners and 30 machine guns. The attacking force suffered less than 20 casualties.

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

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.

Capt. George Prestage Atkinson, M.C., N.
Lan. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and fine leadership in action. When the commanding officer was killed, he rallied and led forward the battalion, until hostile barrages and a vigorous counter-attack forced him to withdraw. Later, he headed an assault and captured an important hill, where, in spite of being wounded through the leg, he remained at duty supervising the consolidation, never leaving the extreme front line until the whole position was safe. Throughout operations his courage in the very front of the battle ensured the success of the battalion.

Maj. (T./Lt.-Col.) Harold Vermuden
Bastow, York. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He commanded his battalion, which was new to the particular conditions of warfare they encountered, in a successful attack, which was brilliantly carried through to the objective under heavy machine-gun fire, in spite of the flank being entirely exposed. The spirit and fighting quality shown by all ranks of the battalion was largely due to the fine example he has always shown of personal courage and able leadership.

Capt. (A./Maj.) Edward FitzGerald Camp-
bell, K.R.R.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and ability. Having only just taken over the line, he re-organised the defence and defeated a strong counter-attack. Though severely wounded in the bombardment that preceded the enemy's advance, he continued to direct operations for five hours until the line was secure, and it was largely owing to his able dispositions and the valuable information he transmitted to brigade headquarters that the position was maintained. His courage and endurance were conspicuous examples to all ranks throughout the engagement.

Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) Clervaux Alexander
Chaytor, Yorks. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and able leadership. He commanded his battalion with great success during prolonged operations, though he had very few company commanders, and the country, which there was little time to reconnoitre, was most intricate. He was constantly up among his men, supervising the dispositions under heavy machine-gun and shell fire with a courage and composure that inspired great confidence.

Lt. (A./Capt.) John Bates Cockhill, M.C.,
W. Rid. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership. He cleared the flank of a wood with his company, in spite of the strongest opposi-