

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.

Capt. (A./Maj.) William Menzies Anderson, M.C., 1/6th Bn., H.L.I. (T.F.).

For conspicuous gallantry and ability in commanding his battalion during an attack. In the early stages he showed great determination in getting his battalion through the enemy wire under heavy fire, and, later, with his right flank exposed, he held the enemy off and maintained his position. Throughout the day he showed total disregard for his safety, and by his fine example greatly encouraged his men.

Maj. Charles Selwyn Awdry, R. Wilts. Yeo., attd. 6th Bn., Wilts. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed the greatest coolness and contempt of danger in conducting the retirement of the remnants of his battalion, and though greatly exhausted organised a new line of defence during the night. Next day, by his fine example he did much to steady the men of many scattered units.

Lt. (A./Lt.-Col.) George Bissett, M.C., 1st Bn., R. Sco. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and able handling of his battalion during an advance. Under most difficult circumstances, and in thick mist, he personally ensured that the correct line of advance was maintained to the first objective. Under very heavy fire he captured all objectives and held them. It was largely due to his courage and fine leadership that the battalion completely fulfilled its mission.

T./Maj. Terence Joseph Edward Blake, 13th Bn., Royal Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and ability while in temporary command of his battalion. Though wounded he remained at duty and gained the confidence of his men. He carried out a minor operation with complete success, gaining his objectives and capturing a number of prisoners and machine guns; and later, by his fine leadership, he captured an enemy post with its garrison of nine men and two machine guns. He did splendid work.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Walter Basil Louis Bonn, M.C., 1st Bn., Welsh Gds.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. When his C.O. was wounded he took command of the battalion, and fought it with great ability. On one occasion, when troops on the flank lost touch, he went forward through the enemy barrage to readjust the line. In doing so he was cut off by a party of the enemy, but worked his way through and rejoined the battalion. It was due to his courage and initiative that the battalion suffered so few casualties during the operations.

T./2nd Lt. John Crosby Braithwaite, M.C., 10th Bn., W. Yorks. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and courage in an attack. He led his company through our barrage to a position 200 yards beyond the final objective and in rear of the enemy's position, and when the barrage lifted he attacked the enemy in rear in conjunction with a frontal attack by other companies. By his bold action he completely demoralised a much larger force than his own, and

enabled the battalion to capture 250 prisoners and 21 machine guns. Later, when the enemy counter-attacked he held his position until the remainder of the brigade had taken up a new position, and so saved the flank of the brigade.

Capt. (A./Lt.-Col.) John Charles Brand, M.C., 1st Bn., C. Gds.

For conspicuous gallantry and fine leadership. After his battalion had captured the objective he organised the new line under very heavy shell fire, and it was largely due to his skilful dispositions that a determined enemy counter-attack was repulsed. Two days later, having made a personal reconnaissance under heavy fire, he led his battalion over the railway and through an intense barrage towards the objective.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) William James Brockman, 15th Bn., Lan. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. He led his platoon through thick belts of wire to the gun emplacements of four enemy field guns which were in action firing over open sights, and captured the guns, killing the battery commander. It was entirely due to his determined courage that the guns were captured and numerous casualties avoided.

Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) Johnson Atkinson Busfield, Res. of Officers, 1st Bn., Ches. R., attd. 6th Bn., Wilts. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative in an attack. He led his company to the final objective without artillery support in the face of intense machine-gun fire, and inflicted heavy losses on the enemy. Though the enemy at once counter-attacked and completely outflanked his position, he held his ground with the greatest determination and skill.

T./Lt. Frederick Chick, 2nd Bn., R. Welsh Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry while commanding his company. After successful patrolling he faced the crossing of a river in the face of determined opposition. The post commanding the crossing was captured, and he established command of a bridgehead, killing and capturing a number of the enemy and taking four machine guns. Later, in an attack, he led his company with great courage and resource, clearing up the whole of his objectives and capturing many prisoners.

Major (T./Lt.-Col.) Bertram William Collier, S.W.B., attd. 14th Bn., Royal Welsh Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an advance. He repeatedly organised the front line of his battalion and helped to get it forward under heavy machine-gun and artillery fire. It was by his personal efforts and fine leadership that his battalion advanced some 500 yards beyond the flanking units and were successful in beating off a counter-attack.

2nd Lt. Alfred Duff Cooper, I. Gds., Spec. Res., attd. 3rd Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. Although the remainder of his com-