

selecting a new forward position. The enemy suddenly opened a heavy burst of shelling on the new position which his battery was approaching, and he rushed out of cover to haul the teams away from the shelling, being severely wounded in doing so. Notwithstanding his wound, he selected another position, brought his guns into action, and laid out the lines of fire. He then personally reported to headquarters, giving the location of his battery position before being taken to the dressing station.

(D.S.O. gazetted 25th August, 1916.)  
(1st Bar gazetted 26th September, 1917.)

Maj (A./Lt.-Col.) Edward Harrison Rigg, D.S.O., 1st Bn., York. L.I., attd. 10th Bn., E. York. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and able leadership on 29th and 30th September, 1918. When the attack south through Ploegsteert Wood was held up, he reconnoitred the front under heavy machine-gun and shell fire, and located the positions of the posts. It was due to his fine work that the wood was cleared of the enemy and the line advanced to the Warnave River. All his company commanders were casualties, and the battalion had suffered heavy casualties, but he showed absolute disregard of danger, personally leading his patrols forward.

(D.S.O. gazetted 3rd June 1916.)  
(1st Bar gazetted 3rd June 1918.)

#### CANADIAN FORCE.

Lt.-Col. William Forbes Gilson, D.S.O., 7th Bn., Can. Inf., B. Col. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and ability to command. He captured with his battalion, on 2nd September, 1918, the Drocourt-Quéant line, together with 600 prisoners, his bold and able leadership in face of heavy machine-gun fire overcoming all opposition with minimum losses. Later in the day, under heavy artillery and machine fire, he went forward and personally established his new line.

(D.S.O. gazetted 18th October, 1917.)  
(Bar gazetted 7th November, 1918.)

Lt.-Col. Eric Whidden MacDonald, D.S.O., M.C., 10th Bn., Can. Inf., Alberta R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Before Arras on 2nd September, 1918, the battalion commanded by him captured three villages, a switch trench line, and reached the west bank of a canal. Early in the day, before the attack, and again in the afternoon, he made personal reconnaissances over fire-swept ground, gaining first-hand information which enabled him to handle his men and direct the fire of his guns with remarkable success. His fine leadership, coolness, and disregard of danger, carried his men along with him.

(D.S.O. gazetted 1st Jan. 1917.)  
(Bar gazetted 7th November, 1918.)

Lt.-Col. Lorne Talbot McLaughlin, D.S.O., 2nd Bn., Can. Inf., East Ont. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the morning of the 30th August, 1918, between Hendecourt and Vis-en-Artois, while reconnoitring a position which

had just been gained, he observed the development of a counter-attack by the enemy, which caused some retirements and confusion in our ranks. He at once organised a counter-stroke, first checking, and finally driving the enemy back in confusion. His energetic personality, coupled with gallant leading, encouraged all ranks, and was entirely responsible for the reconstitution of the line.

(D.S.O. gazetted 14th November, 1916.)  
(1st Bar gazetted 18th February, 1918.)

Lt.-Col. Albert Walter Sparling, D.S.O., 1st Bn., Can. Inf., West. Ont. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty N. of Hendecourt on August 30th, 1918, and in the neighbourhood of Cagnicourt on 2nd and 3rd September. This officer was the only surviving Lt.-Colonel, all other senior field officers having become casualties. He was twice ordered to deal with serious situations on the brigade front, first, in the case of an enemy counter-attack, and a few days later when there was some confusion and loss of direction of our troops. In dealing with these matters he had to cross open ground and appreciate the situation under heavy fire. His conduct and example inspired all ranks to a successful completion of their tasks.

(D.S.O. gazetted 26th July, 1917.)  
(1st Bar gazetted 2nd December, 1918.)

#### AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Lt.-Col. Norman Marshall, D.S.O., M.C., 54th Bn., A.I.F.

For conspicuous gallantry in the handling of his battalion. Between 1st and 3rd September, 1918, he captured the greater part of Peronne, after fierce enemy opposition, personally organising the attack on the ramparts and the mopping-up of the town. Through his splendid energy and example to his men the town was held, and three guns and about 600 prisoners captured by his battalion.

(D.S.O. gazetted 19th November, 1917;  
Bar gazetted 16th September, 1918.)

#### AWARDED A BAR TO THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.

Maj. (T./Lt.-Col.) David Ahern, D.S.O., No. 11 Fld. Amb., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty from 30th August to 3rd September, 1918, during operations on the Arras front. He was responsible for the clearing of casualties from the divisional front. He showed great forethought in selecting sites for his forward posts, especially in establishing one post in a village which proved of the utmost value as an A.D.S. later on. He was wounded while at his work, but refused to leave until the conclusion of operations. His energy and resource were instrumental in the prompt evacuation of the wounded.

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

Maj. (T./Lt.-Col.) Miles Reginald Charles Backhouse, D.S.O., North'd Hrs., comdg. 8th Bn., York. R. (ITALY)

For conspicuous gallantry and leadership. Near the Piave river, during the period