

Capt. (A./Lt.-Col.) Harold England Festing, D.S.O., 1st Bn., Bord. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was the first commanding officer to reach the high ground west of Gheluvelt on 28th September, 1918, at once reorganising his battalion and selecting a good defensive position. On the 30th he led a rapid advance of about a mile under cross machine-gun fire, without artillery help, and then personally went forward to reconnoitre. He maintained his position until relieved, and showed fine tactical capacity.

(D.S.O. gazetted 2nd May, 1916.)

Capt. (A./Lt.-Col.) Alexander Donald Fraser, D.S.O., M.C., No. 9 Fld. Amb., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of bearer divisions during the operations in the neighbourhood of Moyenneville—Ervillers—St. Leger from August 21st to August 28th, 1918, and was continually among the leading troops under heavy shell and machine-gun fire directing the evacuation of wounded from R.A.P.'s. He managed to get ambulance cars close up to the firing line, which greatly accelerated the clearing of casualties to the rear. He was untiring throughout the whole period, and set a fine example to those under him.

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

Capt. & Bt. Lt.-Col. (T./Brig.-Gen.) Bernard Cyril Freyberg, V.C., D.S.O., R.W. Surr. R., Comdg. 88th Infy. Bde.

He showed himself a fearless and resourceful commander. The success of the operations of his brigade near Gheluvelt on the 28th September and the following days was largely owing to his inspiring example. Wherever the fighting was hardest he was always to be found encouraging and directing his troops.

(D.S.O. gazetted 3rd June, 1915.)

T./Lt.-Col. William Richard Goodwin, D.S.O., 12th Bn., R. Ir. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Dadizeele on 30th September, 1918. He went forward to rally his reserve company, which was being held up by machine-gun fire, and led them on, capturing Twig Farm, twenty-five prisoners and several machine guns. He then reorganised and drove the enemy out of a wood near the farm, capturing more machine guns. He then returned for more men, and while he was away the enemy counter-attacked in force. The confidence with which he inspired his men was largely responsible for this success.

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

Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) James Archibald Graeme, D.S.O., R.E. (C.R.E., 63rd Div.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the night of 28th-29th September, 1918, near Cantaing. He selected a site and supervised the erection of a pontoon bridge over the Canal de L'Escaut, and a foot-bridge across the Escaut River, which was in fordable. The approaches to the banks of the canal and river were at the time swept by machine-gun fire, and the construction of these bridges made the subsequent operations possible.

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

T./Capt. (A./Maj.) George Ambrose Grounds, D.S.O., 8th Bn., Tank Corps.

On the night of 10th-11th August, 1918, during the operations near Prozart, for conspicuous gallantry in charge of two sections of Tanks co-operating with the infantry. When some confusion was caused among the latter by heavy machine-gun fire in the darkness he went forward with complete disregard of danger, and reorganised the column, keeping the leading Tanks in action for an hour and a half after the infantry had withdrawn. He remained out alone for some time after the last Tank had withdrawn to ensure getting accurate touch with the situation.

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

Maj. and Bt. Lt.-Col. (T./Lt.-Col.) Charles Harman, D.S.O., Leinster R., attd. 4th Bn., Bedfordshire R.

For conspicuous gallantry and fine leadership in the attack on Canal du Nord on 27th September, 1918, resulting in the capture of 700 prisoners, five guns and many machine guns. When the right half of the battalion was held up by heavy machine-gun fire, and the left half, which had advanced, exposed to reverse fire from a strong point, he led battalion headquarters against it, capturing two officers, ninety-five men and five machine-guns. He showed fine determination and fighting qualities in the subsequent consolidation under heavy fire.

(D.S.O. gazetted 10th January, 1917.)

Maj. (T./Lt.-Col.) James Henry Edward Holford, D.S.O., Notts. Yeo., attd. 12th Bn., D.L.I. (ITALY)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of a battalion during the operations on the Piave from October 27th to 30th, 1918. Under heavy machine-gun fire he frequently reorganised his battalion and led them forward to their next objective, showing a total disregard for his own safety. His courage and able leadership were most marked.

(D.S.O. gazetted 15th January, 1901.)

Maj. and Bt. Lt.-Col. (T./Brig.-Gen.) Alfred Ernest Irvine, C.M.G., D.S.O., Durh. L.I., comdg. 112th Infy. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 8th and 9th September, 1918, near Havrincourt. The plans for attack on the village necessitated the possession of a slag heap known to be held by the enemy. Pushing out patrols to locate the exact position of the enemy, he went out himself, and with his intelligence officer, made a personal reconnaissance about 200 yards in front of the outposts to the top of the slag heap, and as he was not fired on ordered the patrols to push on there. The next morning he again went up to the outpost line, and reconnoitred some 250 yards beyond under constant sniping. The knowledge he gained enabled him to capture a post and light field gun, and his personal determination cleared up the situation.

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