

2nd Lt. (temp. Capt.) Ronald Sempill Howard Stafford, M.C., K.R.R.C., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He commanded his company in the attack with great skill and courage, and it was largely due to his fine example and good leadership that persistent counter-attacks and bomb-attacks were driven off. He also took command of another company which had lost its officers, and, under heavy fire of all kinds, held on to the captured ground and consolidated it.

2nd Lt. George Ernest Thompson, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry when leading bombers in a raid. Though severely wounded, he continued to fight, and personally shot two of the enemy. He helped a wounded man back to our lines, and insisted on searching for a missing officer before his wounds were dressed.

Temp. Capt. Alfred Stuart Tween, Essex R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He took command of four companies after nearly all the officers had become casualties. By his fine example he held the men together, consolidated his position, and repulsed several counter-attacks.

Capt. Eugene Napoleon Ernest Mallet Vaughan (Res. of Off.), G. Gds.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. When in command of an isolated trench and attacked on front, flank and rear, he drove off the enemy, killing over 100 of them, and took 20 prisoners. His fine example has given great confidence to his men.

Maj. (temp. Lt.-Col.) Henry Albemarle Vernon, K.R.R.C.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He led his battalion in the attack with great skill and courage, and was completely successful. He set a fine example to his command.

Temp. 2nd Lt. (temp. Capt.) Clement Wyndham Ward, Wilts R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. After a successful advance, he secured his flank with great ability, and, owing to the good information which he sent back, it was possible to organise further attacks. He showed a quick grasp of the situation at a time when reinforcements were badly needed elsewhere.

Lt. (temp. Capt.) Alan Machin Wilkinson, Hamps. R. and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and skill. He has shown great dash in attacking enemy machines, and, up to the end of August, he had accounted for five. On one occasion while fighting a hostile machine he was attacked from behind, but out-manceuvred the enemy and shot him down. Finally he got back, his machine much damaged by machine gun fire.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Maj. George Herbert Bourne, Aust. Light Horse.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He

held the outpost line against heavy odds for four hours, and then gradually and skilfully withdrew. A few days later he held the extreme flank with great determination at a critical time.

Capt. George Matson Nicholas, Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative. Having whilst on reconnaissance discovered a machine gun, Capt. Nicholas went out again alone, and with great dash and initiative captured the gun.

CANADIAN FORCE.

Maj. William Grasett Hagarty, R. Can. Art.

For conspicuous gallantry during operations. After an excellent reconnaissance he succeeded in bringing his battery into position by night, over difficult ground and under heavy shell fire. He did fine work next morning.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

Maj. (temp. Lt.-Col.) Will Hodgson Franklin, Newfoundland R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He led his men in the attack with great dash, and directed a bombing party after being severely wounded.

The undermentioned Officers have been awarded a Bar to their Distinguished Service Order for subsequent acts of conspicuous gallantry:—

Bt. Lt.-Col. (temp. Brig.-Gen.) Herbert Richard Done, D.S.O., Norf. R.

For conspicuous good service in action. He handled his brigade with great skill during two attacks, and showed great determination.

(The Distinguished Service Order was awarded in London Gazette dated 18th Feb. 1915.)

Maj. (temp. Lt.-Col.) Rosslewin Westropp Morgan, D.S.O., S. Staffs. R.

For conspicuous gallantry during operations. When the C.O. and second in command of another battalion had become casualties, he took command of both battalions, organised his defences, and held his own against counter-attack and during a very heavy bombardment. He has always displayed the greatest bravery, and has set a fine example to his command.

(The Distinguished Service Order was awarded in London Gazette dated 14th Jan. 1916.)

Maj. (now temp. Brig.-Gen.) Gerald Carew Sladen, D.S.O., M.C., Rif. Brig.

For the excellent handling of his battalion, notably when he placed it at such a position as to cause the surrender of many of the enemy in a village. On another occasion he captured a whole system of enemy trenches and many prisoners.

(The Distinguished Service Order was awarded in London Gazette dated 14th Jan. 1916.)