

companies and led them forward as far as it was possible to advance. Later, although nearly surrounded by the enemy, he succeeded in consolidating and maintaining his position. On another occasion he took command of two companies and handled them in a most able manner.

Maj. (temp. Lt.-Col.) Harold James Norman Davis, Conn. Rang., attd. High. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of his battalion. He took charge of a critical situation in the most able manner, and under very heavy fire personally directed the movements of his battalion. He successfully occupied and consolidated his objective.

*Capt. (temp. Maj.) Hereward de Haviland, R.F.C., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and skill. He attacked and drove down a hostile machine. This is the second enemy machine he has destroyed. He has rendered invaluable service throughout the operations, and has at all times set a magnificent example.

*Temp. Capt. Claude Dawson Hempson, Suff. R., attd. R. Lan. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although his right flank was exposed, he held and consolidated the captured trenches for 16 hours against determined enemy bombing attacks. It was mainly owing to his untiring energy and organising powers that the position was maintained and the enemy finally driven back.

Temp. Capt. (actg. Maj.) Walter Mowbray Percival Johnston, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of his battery. He established himself, before dawn, on the remains of a tree, a short distance from our front trenches, and, in full view of the enemy, remained there for several hours directing the fire of his battery by telephone until the whole of the enemy's wire had been effectively destroyed.

*Temp. 2nd Lt. (actg. Capt.) Cornelius Bernard O'Connor, N. Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His company was exposed to heavy rifle and enfilade machine-gun fire. By his skilful handling he managed to consolidate the position, despite heavy casualties and several determined efforts on the part of the enemy to drive him out. He eventually captured 90 prisoners.

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Maj. James Alexander Robinson, Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He supervised the assembly of the battalion previous to the attack. After the attack had been launched he went forward and sent back most valuable reports on the situation. He showed great bravery and coolness throughout, and his presence

in the front line had a most cheering and marked effect on all present.

* The names marked with an asterisk appeared in the London Gazette dated 17th Mar., 1917, without deeds.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to award a Bar to the Military Cross to the undermentioned Officers:—

Temp. Capt. Reginald Peter Nutcombe Buckland Bluett, M.C., R.A.M.C., attd. High. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed great judgment and endurance in organising the stretcher-bearers in the attack. He worked continuously throughout the day, exposed for many hours to very heavy hostile fire. (M.C. gazetted March 30, 1916.)

Temp. 2nd Lt. John Brown, M.C., R. Ir. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went forward with a machine-gun team and some men of his platoon, and engaged two enemy machine-guns, one of which was captured. He set a fine example of courage and initiative. (M.C. gazetted September 22, 1916.)

*Lt. Norman Kenneth Cowey, M.C., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when acting as Forward Observing Officer. He advanced with the attacking troops, and established an observation post under heavy fire in an exposed position, from where he was able to send back early and valuable information. Later, he carried out a valuable reconnaissance. (M.C. gazetted December 22, 1916.)

Temp. Lt. Percy Charles Crowder, M.C., R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He accompanied the attack to reconnoitre for sites for strong points, sited the line to be consolidated, and returned to construct the strong points, which were completed in spite of heavy fire. Later, he went forward to a hostile battery which had been abandoned and removed the sights from the guns. (M.C. gazetted September 26, 1916.)

Temp. Capt. Samuel Hugh Duff, M.C., Devon. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company in the most gallant manner, and, in spite of very difficult conditions, succeeded in gaining his objective. He set a splendid example of courage and initiative. (M.C. gazetted July 27, 1916.)

2nd Lt. (temp. Lt.) Cecil Frederick Holland, M.C., Glouc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He organised a party and succeeded in capturing an enemy machine-gun, clearing the enemy out of their position, thereby enabling his company to advance. He was severely wounded. (M.C. gazetted September 22, 1916.)