

Maj. (temp. Lt.-Col.) Frederick Gordon Spring, Linc. R., attd. Essex R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has consistently shown a magnificent example under heavy fire. On occasions when his companies were counter-attacked he frequently went to the front and reorganised his men. His personal courage and coolness has been of the greatest value to all.

Temp. 2nd Lt. Joseph Lofthouse Stanley, W. York. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and determination during an enemy counter-attack. By his fearlessness in leading a bombing attack under very heavy fire he completely frustrated the enemy's attack upon our trenches, cut off their line of retreat, and captured eighteen prisoners with the aid of two of his bombers.

Temp. Lt. John Holden Stearn, Durh. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his men with great skill and determination, personally putting an enemy machine-gun out of action. Later he commanded his company, and, although wounded himself, carried on for sixteen hours in an exposed position.

Maj. (temp. Lt.-Col.) Stuart Campbell Taylor (ret. pay, R. of O.), York. L.I., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry when in command of the right of an infantry attack. The attacking troops having been compelled to fall back, he collected the remnants of his battalion and about 100 men of other units, and, regardless of a heavy fire, he organised these in defence of a position, and by his fine example of courage and skill he successfully resisted three counter-attacks, and thus saved a critical situation.

Temp. Maj. (actg. Lt.-Col.) John Gibb Thom, M.C., Gord. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He commanded one of the leading battalions, and throughout the operations he was with the leading companies, and personally led two attacks. He displayed a total disregard of personal safety, and by his fine example inspired his men to repeated efforts under most trying conditions.

Lt. (temp. Capt.) James Alexander Turner, R. Scots.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst in charge of two companies under heavy machine-gun fire. With great skill and judgment he organised an assault on the machine-gun emplacement, and carried it through with such vigour that he captured the guns and teams. This happened at a very critical moment, and his coolness and skill were the direct means of averting very serious casualties. He was severely wounded two days later, after repeated acts of gallantry.

Temp. Major Walter Adolph Vignoles, Linc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a hostile counter-attack upon the battalion, of which he was in temporary

command. His prompt initiative and coolness at a most critical moment enabled him to rally his men, and to bring a heavy fire upon the advancing enemy, and subsequently to organise and carry out a counter-attack with complete success.

#### AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Maj. Lionel Wilfred Bond, A.A.M.C.

For conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty. When in charge of advanced collecting and forwarding posts, his total disregard of danger under a terrific hail of gas shells, H.E., and shrapnel fire, gained him the confidence of all ranks, and greatly assisted the evacuation of the wounded. Later, although wounded and partly gassed, he refused to leave his post, and his bravery and devotion saved a very critical situation.

Capt. (temp. Maj.) Arnold Brown, M.C., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in organising and leading bombing attacks. His sound judgment and determination were mainly instrumental in bringing about the success of these attacks, whilst his utter disregard of danger throughout set a splendid example to officers and men.

Maj. Herbert Percival Brownell, A.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst attending to the wounded under heavy fire. His coolness in organising matters amidst the greatest confusion enabled the wounded to be expeditiously treated, and he personally treated some hundreds of cases under heavy shell fire.

Maj. Horatio Victor Patrick Conrick, A.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in attending to the wounded. He proceeded to the scene of an explosion under very heavy shell fire, and personally directed the removal of the wounded. His fearlessness and disregard for his personal safety has been marked on all occasions.

Lt.-Col. Charles Aloysius Denehy, Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and ability. When in command of a defence which was ceaselessly bombarded he was able, by his courage and fine example, to maintain the spirit of his men in spite of heavy losses, and later he organised and successfully carried through an attack, capturing 187 prisoners, and securing many machine-guns and trench-mortars.

Col. (temp. Brig.-Gen.) Harold Edward Elliott, C.M.G.

For conspicuous gallantry when in command of the advanced guards of the division during an advance. The successes during a long period of almost continuous fighting, the capture of several villages, which were held against frequent and violent counter-attacks, and the slightness of our losses compared to those of the enemy were largely due to his able leadership, energy and courage.