

T./Maj. William Humphrey Meyrick Wienholt, D.S.O., N. Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in temporary command of his battalion. In spite of heavy casualties previous to the attack he made careful assembly arrangements, thereby ensuring the complete success of his battalion. They killed a great number of the enemy and dug themselves in with such rapidity that when enemy counter-attacks commenced they were able to deal with every hostile effort and maintain all their positions until relieved. This officer remained cool and collected throughout, in spite of having to frequently change his battalion headquarters, and his conduct throughout was marked by common sense, gallantry and great initiative.

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

T./Lt.-Col. Edward Allan Wood, D.S.O., Shrops. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His personal example and leading were largely responsible for the dash and grit shown by his battalion during two days' severe fighting. He personally supervised the forming up of his battalion under heavy hostile barrage; leading them to the line of deployment, he deployed them punctually and without confusion four hundred yards from the final objective. During the ensuing three days his personal influence and skill kept his battalion secure against frequent counter-attacks, although his flanks were in a precarious situation owing to the neighbouring troops having been driven back.

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*Awarded the Distinguished Service Order.*

Lt. (A./Capt.) the Hon. William Sigismund Patrick Alexander, I. Gds.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst leading his company in an attack he came under heavy machine gun fire from a concrete emplacement. He immediately led a successful attack through a gap in our barrage, and out-flanked three gun positions, capturing three machine guns and fourteen men. He then continued the attack, and seized his objective within the scheduled time, in spite of having to pass through our own barrage as well as that of the enemy. He set a splendid example of fearlessness and resource.

Lt. Lionel Raymond Allen, Notts. & Derby. R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when acting as Battalion Intelligence Officer. He behaved with the utmost fearlessness under an intense bombardment, continually making journeys through very heavy barrage in order to obtain information of the tactical situation. His reports were invaluable. The following evening he made a most gallant and successful reconnaissance of the new enemy line, in the course of which he swam a river and remained half an hour in the water; during this time he was subjected to artillery, rifle, and machine-gun fire, but, in spite of this, he returned with very valuable information, having displayed throughout a splendid example of coolness and fearless devotion to duty.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Harry Archer, Devon. R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After his Commanding Officer had been killed he handled the battalion with marked skill and determination during two days of the attack, and it was due to his fearless example and fine leadership that his battalion succeeded in reaching all the objectives, and holding them in the face of repeated and determined counter-attacks.

Maj. Froude Dillon Bellew, M.C., Som. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in command of his battalion during several days of intense fighting. He continually visited the front line when movement was very difficult owing to hostile fire, and inspired all ranks by his courage and contempt of danger. Later, he commanded all the troops in the right section of the brigade front, and by his skill and enterprise organised a defence that withstood repeated hostile counter-attacks. He displayed fine leadership and great power of command.

Maj. (T./Lt.-Col.) Thomas Edwin Bennett, A.S.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He rendered invaluable assistance at a very critical time to brigade transport, which was taking up ammunition, food, and material to the front line, and suffering heavy casualties in doing so. He personally reconnoitred the ground and led the mules over the most dangerous and difficult parts of the track, at times wading thigh deep in water, and removing pack saddles from mules which had fallen into shell holes. He set a splendid example of coolness and devotion to duty.

Capt. and Bt. Lt.-Col. (T./Brig.-Gen.) Hugh Keppel Bethell, Hrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst commanding an attack upon a hostile position. It was a very hard fight, and it was due to his fine leadership that the attack was a complete success. By his energy and personal example he very greatly inspired all ranks of his brigade.

2nd Lt. Robert Henry Bowell, Leic. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of two platoons in the outpost line. Owing to the death of his Company Commander and the Company Serjeant-Major, he was not relieved for four days, during which he remained on his line of posts without food or water and unable to get into touch with any other troops. He successfully repelled several raids by the enemy, and finally, when nearly surrounded, and with all his men completely exhausted, he decided to withdraw, and accomplished this successfully without any casualties. His courage and endurance during this exceptionally trying time were beyond all praise.

Capt. (A./Lt.-Col.) John Darling Bowie, M.B., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He worked continuously for thirty-six hours under heavy shell fire, supervising the removal of the wounded from the front