

T./Lt.-Col. Walter Adolph Vignoles, D.S.O., North'd Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a heavy enemy attack. He organised and led a successful counter-attack at a point threatened by the enemy. Thanks to his promptitude and his gallantry under heavy bombardment, a serious situation was rectified and the line re-established. (D.S.O. gazetted 18th July, 1918.)

T./Lt.-Col. Herbert Lawton Warden, D.S.O., E. Surr. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Throughout several days' fighting this officer, in command of a battalion, by his personal example several times restored the situation. One morning early, when the enemy had broken through a village, he was ordered to attack. As it did not get on fast enough, he went forward himself and cleared the village. For three days the enemy made continuous efforts to get by another village, but largely owing to his leadership and example they were all frustrated. (D.S.O. gazetted 4th February, 1918.)

T./Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) Herbert John Wenyon, D.S.O., R.W. Kent R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He organised defences against heavy enemy attacks and held vastly superior numbers of the enemy at bay, inflicting heavy losses on them. He set a very fine example of courage and good leadership. (D.S.O. gazetted 18th October, 1917.)

T./Maj. Percival Frederick Whittall, D.S.O., R.E. (Capt., R. of O.)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a retirement through a village, he showed great resource in occupying the houses and walls on the front edge, delaying the enemy's advance considerably. He eventually retired fighting at close quarters, under heavy artillery and machine-gun fire, his company being the last to withdraw. He showed great coolness and complete unconcern for his personal safety, moving about the village and disposing his men to the best advantage, though the enemy's fire was severe. On another occasion, at the crossing of a river, he was of most valuable assistance to our troops, owing to the manner in which he was able to retard the enemy's advance by his dispositions. (D.S.O. gazetted 4th June, 1917.)

Capt. (A./Lt.-Col.) Percy Norton White-stone Wilson, D.S.O., M.C., R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. Seeing men wavering on the right flank, he ran 400 yards through heavy machine-gun fire, rallied the men, and re-established the line. This act of gallantry was of great value at a critical moment. (D.S.O. gazetted 26th September, 1917.)

Capt. (A./Lt.-Col.) Richard Owen Wynne, D.S.O., Bedf. R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He personally led an attack against some enemy machine-guns and succeeded in driving them off, himself killing the officer leading the enemy. At all times

he commanded his men with great skill and courage and showed complete disregard of his own safety.

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

#### CANADIAN FORCE.

Maj. Albert Desbrisay Carter, D.S.O., New Brunswick R., and R.A.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a fighting pilot. In three and a-half months he destroyed thirteen enemy machines. He showed the utmost determination, keenness and dash, and his various successful encounters, often against odds, make up a splendid record. (D.S.O. gazetted 18th February, 1918.)

Lt.-Col. Alexander Ross, D.S.O., Can. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in commanding his battalion, when he carried out a most successful operation, resulting in the capture of a number of prisoners, five machine-guns, and a trench mortar, and inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. He planned every detail and supervised the withdrawal, which was carried out with difficulty and under a heavy barrage. His personal courage and able leadership were largely responsible for the success of the undertaking. (D.S.O. gazetted 18th July, 1917.)

#### AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Maj. (Temp./Lt.-Col.) Robert Christie, D.S.O., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer commanded his battalion in a difficult night operation. The battalion, having already marched six miles, was ordered to counter-attack and recover a village. The ground was strange to everyone, and there was no time for reconnaissance, but the approach march and deployment was carried out without a hitch, and the attack was a brilliant success. He moved about amongst the troops encouraging them, and finally established his headquarters in an open trench under heavy shell fire, from which he could see and control his battalion to the best advantage. (D.S.O. gazetted 17th December, 1917.)

Lt.-Col. Herbert Thomas Christoph Layh, D.S.O., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer commanded his battalion in a counter-attack. At the last moment the orders on which he had based his plans were altered, and he had to make entirely fresh arrangements, which he explained so clearly to his officers that the movement was successful. When he found that the task allotted to other units was not proceeding satisfactorily he detached a portion of his battalion to assist, which proved the turning point, and resulted in the capture of several hundreds of the enemy, 120 machine-guns, six trench mortars, and four minenwerfers. Whilst consolidating the position, he pushed out patrols in the most energetic manner, getting into touch with other units. (D.S.O. gazetted 1st January, 1917.)