

leader of men. He personally led his battalion in the attack.

(D.S.O. gazetted 16th September, 1918.)

Maj. (T./Lt.-Col.) Francis Cornelius Sampson, D.S.O., M.B., 91st Fld. Amb., R.A.M.C.

For exemplary devotion to duty on the night of October 3rd/4th, 1918, at Le Baraque (north of St. Quentin) when this area was heavily bombed. This officer, regardless of personal danger, by his initiative and personal influence, organised and accompanied relief parties and was instrumental in the rapid evacuation of the wounded. The bombing was very severe and the casualties heavy, there being thirteen amongst the R.A.M.C. bearers alone; the actual number of killed exceeded forty.

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T./Lt.-Col. Robert Arthur Smith, D.S.O., M.C., 13th Bn. R. Fus.

On October 10th, 1918, when his battalion was held up on the outskirts of Caudry he went forward to find out the situation himself, and in spite of machine-gun fire and sniping gained information enabling him to form up his battalion for attack the following night in assembly positions from which the town could be outflanked from the south. Throughout the operations his fearless reconnoitring and gallant leading were a fine example to all, and materially helped the success of the brigade.

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T./Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) Philip Francis Story, D.S.O., R.E. (C.R.E., 30th Div.).

At Menin on October 14th, 1918, he made a skilful reconnaissance of the river crossings under considerable shell and machine-gun fire, thus enabling a bridge to be thrown across at the earliest opportunity. Again, at Helchin, on October 21st, his energy and fearlessness under similar conditions were instrumental in getting a pontoon bridge across the Scheldt under close infantry fire.

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Maj. and Bt. Lt.-Col. (T./Brig.-Gen.) Gervase Thorpe, C.M.G., D.S.O., Arg. and Suthd. Highrs. (G.O.C., 17th Infy. Bde.).

Near Rieux, east of Cambrai, on October 11th, 1918, he showed the greatest gallantry and devotion to duty in rallying troops who had been counter-attacked and temporarily forced to vacate their position. Though exposed to heavy machine-gun fire he galloped up to the front line and by his strong personal example put new heart into the troops and restored the situation. His behaviour was most gallant.

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Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) Hubert Bernard Tonson-Rye, D.S.O., 2nd Bn. R. Mun. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry on October 5th, 1918, during an attack on Le Catelet and the high ground north of it. He got through with his reserve company to the final objective, and by his personal example and courage he held on to this position all day, though the battalion on his flank was held up, suffering many casualties from shell and machine-gun fire. By his action he enabled his Brigadier to organise another attack on his flank on the

enemy, which was successful, all objectives being gained.

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Capt. (T./Lt.-Col.) Reginald Turner, D.S.O., D. Gds. Spec. Res., attd. 6th Bn. Northn. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Ronssoy on September 18th, 1918. He got his battalion on the jumping-off line under very difficult conditions and finally led them on under very heavy machine-gun fire, capturing several machine guns and killing the gunners. He personally conducted a great deal of the work of his battalion, and his courage and initiative were most marked.

(D.S.O. gazetted 29th November, 1900.)

Capt. (A./Lt.-Col.) Herbert Campbell Westmorland, D.S.O., 2nd Bn. Hamp. R.

This officer displayed the greatest energy and ability in reorganising and directing his battalion throughout the operations which led up to the capture of Gheluvelt and part of Gheluwe, from September 28th to October 3rd, 1918. During these attacks he displayed great gallantry and devotion to duty, and it was mainly due to his efforts that a number of his men were prevented from being captured in Gheluwe on the afternoon of the 3rd.

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CANADIAN FORCE.

Maj. Robert Bickerdike, D.S.O., 87th Bn. Can. Infy., Quebec R.

For great gallantry and devotion to duty, at Bourslon, Blecourt, Cambrai Sector, from September 27th to October 1st, 1918. During the night attack made by the battalion east of Bourslon Wood on September 27th he went forward and under heavy fire he gallantly organised the line and held the objective till relieved by troops passing through. On September 30th, when troops were driven back, he reorganised the line out of elements of several battalions, and held the front line against counter-attacks till his battalion was withdrawn for reorganisation in the evening. On the morning of October 1st he took signallers and scouts forward and established a report centre at the farthest point reached by our advanced troops. The skill and daring displayed by him throughout the whole operations were admirable.

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Lt.-Col. William Henry Pferinger Elkins, D.S.O., R. Can. Horse Arty.

He commanded a group consisting of R.C.H.A. Brigade and a battery of 4.5 inch howitzers during the operations of October 9th. He showed exceptional skill and daring in the handling of his guns under heavy fire and was largely responsible for the success of the operations. On October 10th he commanded five batteries working in a very advanced position in support of the infantry attack on Neuville. Finding that his communication was cut between himself and the 4.5 inch howitzer battery, he went forward under very heavy shell fire to ascertain the situation; and superintended from a very exposed position the shooting of this battery