

Capt. (actg. Maj.) John Poyntz French, Mtd. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In spite of the most difficult conditions, he succeeded in gaining his objective, displaying a splendid example of courage and initiative. Later, he went forward under heavy fire, and made a most valuable report on the situation.

Lt. (actg. Maj.) Harry Hutchison, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in command of two companies he led them with great dash to the final objective, capturing a large number of the enemy, machine guns and mortars. He showed great initiative and resource in so disposing his forces, under heavy fire and with inadequate support, as to obtain and retain possession of high ground which was essential to the success of the attack. His coolness at a critical juncture was directly responsible for the safety of three battalions. His fearlessness in personally supervising the work of digging in under heavy barrage was most conspicuous, and his work throughout the engagement was splendid as an example to all ranks.

Capt. (actg. Maj.) Kenneth A. Mahaffy, M.C., Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After capturing his own objective, he took command of the second wave, which was without leaders, and led them to their objective, forming a defensive line 150 yards in front of it. Throughout his coolness and bravery were a striking example to all.

Maj. Stanley Counter Norsworthy, M.C., Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of his battalion. He went forward under very heavy fire and established a firm defensive flank. He continued in personal command for thirty-six hours, his example and forethought being an inspiration to his battalion and ensuring the success of operations at a critical time.

Capt. (actg. Maj.) Edson Raymond Pease, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of his company. He consolidated the final objective with great skill, and maintained his position under the most difficult conditions. He has on many previous occasions rendered invaluable service.

Capt. (actg. Maj.) George Eric Reid, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company with great skill and energy. He finally led them to the successful assault of the guns, capturing four field guns, one machine gun, and over fifty prisoners. Throughout the advance he showed the utmost gallantry and good leadership, and set a splendid example to all.

Maj. Malcolm Nugent Ross, Fd. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed great zeal and initiative in moving his battery forward and coming into action with the minimum loss of time.

He also displayed great enterprise in repairing two captured howitzers and bringing them into action again.

Maj. Albert Walker Sparling, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Upon leaving the first objective he was the only officer of the two companies, and directed the capture and consolidation of the second objective. He was a most splendid example to all ranks under his command.

Maj. Joseph Harry Thornley, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in personally supervising repairs to a light railway upon which the supply of artillery ammunition entirely depended. It had been broken in twenty places by shell fire. He had previously shown great ability and courage whilst engaged in similar work under very trying circumstances.

Maj. Charles Richard Edward Willets, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went forward to the front line under very heavy fire and organised the defence of the position with great skill. He has at all times displayed the greatest courage and initiative.

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

Temp. Capt. Allen Coulter Hancock, M.C., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He established his A.D.S. in the village, although it was under very heavy shell fire. He attended and evacuated a very large number of wounded, working all night, finally going out himself along the front to see if there were any left.

(M.C. gazetted December 11th, 1916; 1st Bar, February 15th, 1917.)

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

2nd Lt. James Bliss, M.C.; Seaf. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in continuing to command his company though wounded, at a critical moment when the enemy had broken through our front. With great skill and gallantry he first held up the enemy and then drove them back. He subsequently led a successful bombing attack, and whilst directing a counter-attack was wounded for the second time.

(M.C. gazetted January 10th, 1917.)

Temp. Lt. Francis George Bull, M.C., R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as battalion signalling officer, in establishing and maintaining communication with his headquarters in spite of continuous