

that the enemy was counter-attacking. He remained there until dangerously wounded, restoring confidence by his example at a most critical period.

(D.S.O. gazetted 3rd June, 1916.)

T./Lt.-Col. Charles Leslie MacDonald, D.S.O., Manch. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at a moment when a party of his own battalion and other units were held up by an enemy strong point. He pushed forward and organised a bombing attack, but the officer leading it was killed and it failed. Seeing a tank approach, he ran out under fire and got into it, directing the tank towards the strong point. As soon as he had given instructions, he got out again and rejoined his party in the trench under a storm of machine-gun fire. He has on all occasions set a fine example of coolness and contempt of danger.

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Capt. (A./Maj.) Oliver Nash Moriarty, D.S.O., R.G.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a prolonged and very accurate bombardment of his battery by the enemy he organised a party to put out a fire which had broken out amongst his ammunition. He afterwards showed great promptness in taking his party from the heavily shelled area to the B.C. post, where he remained until he was shelled out of it. Subsequently, when the line between the battery and headquarters was broken, he and another officer went out under heavy fire and restored communication. His presence of mind and fearlessness under very trying conditions were beyond all praise.

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T./Maj. Hugh John Chevallier Peirs, D.S.O., R.W. Surr. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst in command of his battalion. It was entirely due to his energy and splendid personal example that his part of the line was consolidated when the officers of the leading companies had suffered heavy casualties. He continually passed through a heavy barrage with utter disregard of personal danger in order to visit his advanced posts, and in spite of unforeseen difficulties which arose during the attack it was carried out without a hitch owing to his remarkable foresight and fine leadership.

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T./Capt. (A./Maj.) Arthur James Peterson, D.S.O., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst withdrawing his guns from a badly shelled position. Having completed his work he was skirting a heavily shelled corner when the gun of another battery was overturned by a shell which killed a horse and threw the team into confusion. Although shells were dropping six a minute on the corner, he and another officer rushed up and cut the team free, saving three drivers and five horses. At least eight heavy shells dropped within a few yards of them

whilst so engaged. He performed this gallant act after a particularly trying three weeks, during which he had only been away twenty-four hours from his post.

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Maj. (T./Lt.-Col.) Lewis Leslie Clayton Reynolds, D.S.O., Ox. & Bucks. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Owing to heavy officer casualties three of his companies became disorganised in an attack. He moved forward at once to the front line, and by his personal gallantry and determination rapidly organised his men and drove off the enemy's counter-attack, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. The situation was most critical and had it not been for his splendid example the enemy's counter-attack would have succeeded.

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Maj. (T./Lt.-Col.) Edward Pius Arthur Riddell, D.S.O., Rif. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a battalion in reserve during an attack. He threw in a counter-attack at a counter stroke by the enemy, and held on to an eminence of the highest tactical importance throughout the afternoon. His dispositions not only allowed the brigade to fall back in order before superior numbers, but materially reduced the enemy's strength, as he held off three counter-attacks and inflicted crushing casualties on the enemy. He eventually assumed command and reorganised two other units of the brigade, and passed four times through a heavy hostile barrage to his brigade headquarters to report on the situation. He handled a most difficult situation with consummate skill, and his utter disregard of danger not only encouraged the men to further effort but was a magnificent example of courage and determination.

(D.S.O. gazetted December 11th, 1916.)

Maj. James Samuel Yeaman Rogers, D.S.O., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Throughout several days' operations he attended to the wounded in the open under continuous heavy fire. Though all his stretcher-bearers were casualties, with utter disregard of danger he bound up the wounded and superintended their removal. His gallantry was most marked.

(D.S.O. gazetted January 14th, 1916.)

Lt.-Col. Frederick Dudley Samuel, D.S.O., Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He organised and personally carried out the re-establishment of some posts which had been lost. The ground was quite strange to his men, and it was entirely due to his efforts that the posts were re-established. Later, when all communications except by runner were broken during the operations, it was mainly due to his energy and fearlessness that information was forwarded.

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