

it to neighbouring divisional units. By his inspiring example and disregard of danger he ensured a complete and successful evacuation of the wounded.

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

Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) Herbert Charles Hyde Smith, D.S.O., Sco. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a ten days' withdrawal he handled his battalion with great gallantry, and repeatedly organised lines of resistance. By his personal example he induced men to defend positions in a most stubborn way, although very much outnumbered, and more than once, thanks to his cool intrepidity, his battalion beat off very heavy attacks and inflicted great loss on the enemy.

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

Maj. and Bt. Lt.-Col. (T./Brig.-Gen.) Arthur Hardwicke Spooner, C.M.G., D.S.O., Lan. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He commanded his brigade in very difficult positions with consummate coolness and skill, and on every occasion displayed great initiative and resource. The clever handling of his brigade bettered the situation on the front of two divisions.

(D.S.O. gazetted 18th February, 1915.)

Lt. (A./Lt.-Col.) Ronald Sempill Howard Stafford, D.S.O., K.R.R.C., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a rearguard action lasting over a period of five days he behaved with consistent coolness and courage. On one occasion, the left flank of his battalion having been driven in and the battalion ordered to establish a defensive flank, he carried out a personal reconnaissance under direct machine gun fire, gaining valuable information as to the dispositions on his right flank, and personally placed each company in its position. During this time the enemy was fast approaching in massed formation, and artillery fire was opened on his battalion at point-blank range. His total disregard of danger and quickness of decision saved the situation on this and other occasions.

(D.S.O. gazetted 20th October, 1916.)

Capt. (T./Lt.-Col.) Arthur Christopher Lancelot Stanley-Clarke, D.S.O., Sco. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of his battalion. The enemy had driven in the troops on his right, and, seeing the danger of the situation, he went forward, and after a personal reconnaissance organised a counter-attack, which was very successful, and which prevented the enemy from advancing further that day. Throughout the operations he set a fine example of initiative and courage.

(D.S.O. gazetted 1st January, 1918.)

Capt. (T./Lt.-Col.) George Thomson, D.S.O., M.C., Yorks. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. Although his battalion was used up to reinforce the whole line, he displayed the greatest courage and energy in his efforts to clear up the situation and encourage the defence. He personally visited the left flank when it became outflanked, and

disposed the men for its safety, setting a magnificent example, by a total disregard of danger, until finally he was wounded.

(D.S.O. gazetted 1st January, 1918.)

Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) Henry Archdale Tomkinson, D.S.O., Dns.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. When the enemy had penetrated a line, and the infantry were retiring in some disorder, by his quick decision and selection of fire positions he succeeded in holding up the attack in spite of the heavy machine gun fire. Finally, when the line was re-established, he walked up and down in the open, fully exposed to heavy fire, encouraging the men, until he was badly wounded. His splendid example and leadership saved a most critical situation.

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

Capt. (T./Lt.-Col.) George Leslie Torrens, D.S.O., Lanc. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in handling his battalion with the utmost skill in the defence of the line, and also when in command of the rearguard, and being closely pressed by the enemy, in covering the withdrawal of the brigade. In subsequent actions he always had his battalion well in hand, and displayed splendid leadership and courage.

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

Capt. (A./Lt.-Col.) William Tyrrell, D.S.O., M.C., M.B., R.A.M.C., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a line of evacuation. He worked continuously for six days, and it was due to his gallantry, organisation, and energy that touch was maintained so efficiently with the brigades, and so many casualties evacuated. He displayed great courage and coolness throughout, and inspired those under him by his fine example.

(D.S.O. gazetted 1st January, 1918.)

T./Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) Campbell Newell Watson, D.S.O., L'pool R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in command of his battalion during lengthy operations. His courage, cheerfulness, and resource at all times set a splendid example to his officers and all ranks under him, and his tenacity during several rearguard actions undoubtedly inflicted severe casualties on the enemy, and delayed his progress.

(D.S.O. gazetted 26th September, 1917.)

T./Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) Hector Fraser Whitehead, D.S.O., North'd Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in operations, when by his gallantry, energy, and marked ability he was able to keep his battalion in a high state of offensive spirit. Later, when his men were really tired out after ten days' continuous fighting and marching, his splendid example encouraged them to hold on, and even to counter-attack under heavy artillery and machine-gun fire.

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