

Maj. and Bt. Lt.-Col. William Thornton Wilkinson, D.S.O., K.O. Sec. Bord.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under difficult circumstances he extricated his battalion in good order, holding two rearguard positions to cover the withdrawal. On another occasion, with two battalions, he held on to some high ground from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., although his right flank was in the air. Exposed to heavy machine-gun fire, he went up and down the line encouraging his men, being subsequently wounded in the head.

(D.S.O. gazetted 27th September, 1901.)

Capt. (T./Brig.-Gen.) Charles Rupert Peter Wincer, D.S.O., R. of O., S. Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the progress of repeated enemy attacks. He displayed the utmost skill, coolness, and gallantry whilst in command of his brigade, rallying the men, re-forming the line, and inspiring all those about him with confidence by his complete disregard of personal danger.

(D.S.O. gazetted 25th August, 1916.)

T./Lt.-Col. Ernest Arthur Winter, D.S.O., M.C., R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his battalion received orders to withdraw from the line they had been holding since the previous evening he, though suffering severely from the effects of gas, successfully withdrew his battalion and organised his headquarter runners and servants into a rearguard, being himself the last to leave. On another occasion, though completely under enemy observation, he successfully withdrew his transport, his cool courage causing the men to successfully carry out the dispositions made by him.

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

CANADIAN FORCE.

Lt.-Col. Frederick Fieldhouse Clarke, D.S.O., Can. Rly. Troops.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a hostile attack lasting for four days. He organised from his battalion sixteen Lewis gun teams, and made all arrangements for ammunition and supplies to be brought up to the front line by his own lorries. Except for the higher direction of the defence, the unit was entirely self-contained. The promptitude and alacrity with which this unit responded for volunteers, the splendid manner with which the defence was organised, the coolness and sustained enthusiasm displayed by all ranks under his command, were largely due to the courage, inspiring example, and fine leadership of the commanding officer.

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AWARDED THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.

2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) George Henry Garstin Anderson, M.C., Rif. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during ten days of continuous fighting, when he carried out the duties of adjutant

with exceptional skill under almost impossible conditions. By his splendid example of courage and cheerfulness under the hottest fire, he was mainly instrumental in keeping the battalion well in hand, when it might otherwise have become demoralised, and in every withdrawal he was always the last to leave. When any stand was made he moved about, regardless of personal danger, encouraging the men, and although frequently without food or drink, and exhausted from lack of sleep, his exertions for the good of the battalion never failed. No praise can be too high for his devotion to duty.

Capt. (A./Maj.) Horace Anderson, M.C., R. Ir. Regt., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was sent to take a hill with two companies. In advancing they were exposed to heavy machine-gun fire, causing some wavering. He showed complete disregard of danger, and by his fine example encouraged his men and took his objective.

Capt. (T./Maj.) Patrick Campbell Anderson, M.C., Sea. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during seven critical days of a withdrawal, when he commanded his battalion with the greatest courage and skill under most trying conditions. Again and again he rallied his men, and, on his own initiative, held on to vital points, keeping his men steady by his magnificent example. When relieved, noticing that some of the troops then in the line were slightly unsteady, he remained with them for several hours, helping to keep the situation in hand. His able leadership and constant courage were of inestimable value during these critical days.

Capt. (A./Maj.) William Fortescue Armstrong, M.C., R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a period of withdrawals. He used his guns to the very last moment in covering the infantry, and had to run them back under machine-gun fire.

Maj. Beckham-Arthur, M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when handling his motor machine-gun battery during a defence, and the subsequent withdrawal. It was largely due to his action that two battalions of infantry were enabled to carry out a successful retirement, for his guns inflicted heavy losses on the enemy and materially held up their advance.

T./Maj. Joseph Dean Atkinson, L'pool R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. By skilful disposition of Lewis guns during the withdrawal of a brigade, he prevented the enemy from occupying a ridge, thereby enabling the move to be carried out without a casualty. Later, he assisted in a withdrawal from a very difficult position, with the enemy on three sides, successfully accomplishing it without loss, and bringing back all the wounded.

Maj. Kenneth Moore Ball, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack, when, although