

kept his guns firing till the last moment at point-blank range, then withdrew them section by section under machine-gun fire at close range.

(M.C. gazetted 17th December, 1917.)

Lt. (T./Capt.) John Cecil Coombes, M.C., Ox. and Bucks. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He did invaluable work holding up the enemy with his trench mortar battery when all troops in his vicinity had been forced to withdraw and his unit was more than half depleted by casualties. He then collected a party of men and fought a gallant rearguard action from house to house through a village, inflicting considerable casualties on the enemy and holding him up till almost cut off with only eight men left. Two days later, when the situation on the right flank of his division was critical, he on two occasions went over to the brigade on the right under heavy shell fire and brought back valuable information as a result of his reconnaissances. He displayed fine courage and initiative throughout the operations.

(M.C. gazetted 1st January, 1917.)

T./Capt. George Leonard Crandon, M.C., Suff. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He successfully repulsed repeated enemy attacks accompanied by very severe trench mortar artillery fire. His personal example of coolness and daring greatly inspired those under him, and it was largely due to his able handling of the company that the position of the battalion was maintained.

(M.C. gazetted 4th June, 1917.)

Lt. (A./Maj.) William Cripps, M.C., R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in command of three advanced guns, and despite heavy casualties maintained his guns in action all day until the enemy were within 500 yards, when he successfully withdrew them. Throughout the day he displayed great courage and determination, and inspired all ranks with confidence.

(M.C. gazetted 18th July, 1917.)

T./Capt. William Young Darling, M.C., R. Scots.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a retirement across a river, when owing to casualties amongst leaders, some of the men did not know their allotted positions, he at once reorganised stragglers and leaderless men, taking them to their positions under heavy machine-gun fire. Later, when an assault was delivered by the enemy and there was a tendency to withdraw on the left flank, he rushed to the point threatened and by cheering vigorously led the troops forward and held the position.

(M.C. gazetted 27th October, 1917.)

Lt. (A./Capt.) Emlyn Berkeley Davies, M.C., Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in command of a reserve company of his battalion. At a critical moment he moved his company up to a ridge, in face of heavy machine-gun fire, and held it for two hours.

(M.C. gazetted 14th November, 1916.)

Qr.-Mr. and Hon. Capt. John Disselduff, M.C., Arg. and Suth'd Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under heavy shell and machine-gun fire he came up to the front line trenches every night and supervised the distribution of rations. He displayed great courage and energy, and substantially helped to keep up the spirits of the men during thirteen days' severe fighting.

(M.C. gazetted 1st January, 1917.)

Capt. (A./Maj.) Henry Bryan Frost Dixon, M.C., M.B., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer remained behind in "No Man's Land" and dressed three officers under extremely heavy machine-gun fire, and helped to carry a wounded man more than two miles to a place of safety. Later, he continued to dress all wounded although practically surrounded by the enemy. His cheerfulness and disregard of personal danger under these exceptionally trying circumstances, inspired all ranks.

(M.C. gazetted 14th November, 1916.)

Lt. (A./Capt.) Albert Donaldson, M.C., Cam'n Highrs., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. Throughout the operations he showed marked ability, particularly during the withdrawal, when his fearlessness had a most inspiring effect on his men. Later, he was put in command of two companies, when he showed great skill in reorganising under most difficult circumstances.

(M.C. gazetted 26th September, 1917.)

Lt. (A./Capt.) Leonard Dudbridge, M.C., Glouc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of the redoubt company. Although outflanked by the enemy on both sides, and heavily attacked by superior numbers, he maintained his position with the greatest courage and determination, and when ordered to retire, he personally supervised the withdrawal, though exposed to short-range rifle and machine-gun fire.

(M.C. gazetted 18th February, 1918.)

T./Lt. (A./Maj.) Robert Blair Dunlop, M.C., R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action and during a retirement. He commanded his field company and some infantry with great ability, repelling determined attacks and covering the withdrawal of infantry until outflanked by the enemy, when he successfully withdrew with all his men. His courage and example inspired great confidence.

(M.C. gazetted 16th August, 1917.)

T./Capt. William Duns, M.C., Notts. & Derby. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When two front-line companies had been captured by the enemy, he led forward his own company in face of an intense and accurate fire, and seized a position where he arrested a further determined advance. Heavily enfiladed from both flanks and hotly engaged in front, when the company was