

Capt. Walter John King, Rif. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while with an advanced guard. The enemy opened heavy enfilade rifle and machine gun fire on his left flank. By skilful handling of his platoons he completely held in check for two hours the superior numbers of the enemy, and finally withdrew his men in good order. He showed fine courage and leadership.

Capt. Joseph Leo McAlister, Rif. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while commanding a company. He led two bombing attacks on an enemy sap with the object of closing a gap on his flank. His work was of a high order throughout. His party captured five machine guns.

2nd Lt. Donald Stewart McCathie, Auckland Mtd. Rif. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack on a strong enemy position. He reconnoitred the ground under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire before taking his men up, and saved the squadron many casualties.

Capt. Hylton Colin Meikle, Rif. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in attack. He led his company with daring and rapidity, driving the enemy from strong positions and capturing objectives with splendid dash. He showed fine courage and leadership, and was foremost in taking positions.

Lt. John Trevor Thomas, Well. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a platoon. When his platoon was outflanked by the enemy, he organised a party and rushed the enemy position, capturing a machine gun and forty-two prisoners. He showed a fine personal example throughout.

2nd Lt. Gordon Hammond Tomline, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when the infantry, having been checked in their advance by heavy fire, he boldly pushed his guns forward, and silenced the enemy's guns, which enabled the infantry to advance and capture high ground dominating the position. Again, the enemy having captured one of his guns, he led a bombing party, which recaptured it.

SOUTH AFRICAN FORCE.

T./Capt. Edwin John Burgess, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a withdrawal, he collected about sixty men, formed a rearguard, and maintained his position against heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, although nearly surrounded by the enemy, and then successfully withdrew. Later, he again collected stragglers and formed a defensive flank, when the enemy, advancing in large numbers, threatened to envelope the left flank. Throughout three days' retirement he showed wonderful skill and daring.

T./2nd Lt. Thomas Girdwood MacFie, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the evacuation, when he went from position to position, under heavy fire, encouraging his men, and was largely responsible for the orderly nature of the withdrawal. Later, although wounded, he rallied stragglers from various units and led them forward through a heavy barrage, and in view of the enemy. By his action he secured a flank position and established that part of the line, maintaining it until relieved by fresh troops.

T./Lt. Bransby William Goodwin, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion during a hostile attack, when in charge of the right company. The front line was driven back, and realising the situation, and although under heavy shell and direct machine-gun fire, he held up the enemy until a counter-attack which was formed in the rear had time to materialise. When our counter-attack waves came on, he went forward with them, and drove the enemy back. His splendid coolness and determination were the means of stopping the enemy's advance until the counter-attack was ready, and thus saving the situation.

T./2nd Lt. Arthur Maasdorp, Hy. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a hostile attack in command of his section. For a long period the battery position was subjected to heavy shelling and machine-gun fire, causing severe casualties, but by his courage and resource and fine example he inspired his men, and kept his guns in action throughout the day, affording support to the infantry at a very critical time.

2nd Lt. Voley Noel Pougnet, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of a rearguard, when he fought a brilliant action and held the enemy up at a bridge, until driven back by weight of numbers. He killed two enemy machine-gunners himself.

Capt. William Smith, S.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during active operations. He displayed great courage in carrying on his duties, after being blown up by a shell, which wounded him and killed two of his orderlies, and he remained at duty until the battalion was relieved.

AMENDMENTS.

The following are the correct descriptions of Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men upon whom rewards have recently been conferred:—

Maj. (T./Lt.-Col.) Charles Faunce Hitchins, D.S.O., R.W. Kent R., Spec. Res., attd. N. Lan. R.

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

Capt. Kendall Trelawny Blamey, M.C., Lanc. Fus.

(M.C. gazetted 3rd June, 1918.)