

Lt.-Col. Norman Marshall, D.S.O., M.C., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer commanded his battalion in a night counter-attack on a village, which was completely successful. At an early stage in the advance in the dark the column lost direction, owing partly to the ground being soaked by enemy gas, necessitating a detour, and to sunken roads and copses, but owing to his personal exertions he got on the move again in the right direction. As soon as the battalion had reached the final objective he supervised its consolidation, and then organised an attack on some strong posts on the left of his line, capturing seven machine-guns.

(D.S.O. gazetted 19th November, 1917.)

Lt.-Col. George Francis Murphy, C.M.G., D.S.O., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during attack. He received information that the objective had been gained, but that all but one of the officers in his left company were casualties, and that the position on the left of the brigade sector was doubtful. He went forward in company with one N.C.O., and, noticing that an enemy machine-gun post with seven men had been left undestroyed, he and the N.C.O. rushed this post across 100 yards of open country and captured it entirely. He then went along the whole of the new front and assisted in the consolidation. His fine courage and cheerfulness under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire were a great example to all ranks.

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Lt.-Col. Alfred George Salisbury, D.S.O., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer commanded his battalion in a difficult night operation with great ability. The battalion, having already marched six miles, was ordered to counter-attack and retake a village. The ground was strange to everyone, and there was no time for reconnaissance, but the approach march and deployment were carried out without a hitch, and the attack was a brilliant success. This officer moved about amongst the men, encouraging and directing them, and finally established his headquarters in an open trench well forward, which was heavily shelled, but from which he was able to see and control his battalion.

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Maj. (T./Lt.-Col.) John Joseph Scanlan, D.S.O., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer commanded a battalion in a counter-attack on a village. The battalion formed the right of the attack on the first and second objectives, and the village, being strongly held, it was necessary to mask the advance of the troops between the two objectives by facing part of them to the right. They had thus to advance into a pocket in which they were enclosed on three sides by the enemy. When the troops were checked by heavy machine-gun fire, he urged them forward in an irresistible rush, gaining the second objective with few casualties, but inflicting heavy losses on the enemy. The masking movement was ably carried out,

and enabled another unit to pass through to the third objective.

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Capt. (A./Maj.) William Aldworth, Essex R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in clearing a village of a strong force of the enemy. He himself led an attack on a group of houses strongly held by the enemy, who were supported by machine-gun fire. He had only 17 men, and the operation was successful, resulting in the capture of 60 of the enemy and three machine guns. It was entirely due to his great skill and gallantry and splendid courage that the village was cleared.

Maj. (T./Lt.-Col.) Jerome Boileau Allsopp, S. Lan. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. By skilful organisation and cool handling of his battalion he restored the situation on more than one occasion when the troops on his flanks had been driven in. On one occasion the gallant stand made by his battalion, for which his courage and example were largely responsible, materially helped to save the situation by giving time for the reorganisation of the line.

T./Maj. Charles Anderson, M.C., R. Scots.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He, on his own initiative, constructed a pontoon bridge across a river, enabling guns to be saved from falling into the enemy's hands. He showed an utter disregard of danger at all times, and set a fine example to all.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Jehu Fosbrooke Gerrard Aubin, M.C., D.L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The battalion was holding a village, covering the retirement of another unit, when it was attacked by the enemy, and withdrew, leaving one company as rear-guard under this officer. He remained with his rear platoon under machine-gun fire and sniping, and beat off the attack while the rest withdrew. Later, three companies were ambushed in the marshes, and he collected almost all the men, organising a rear guard, so that each company in turn could cross by a bridge, he himself being the last to cross. A few days later his company was in support, when the three forward companies began to fall back. He went up under intense fire, rallied them, and re-established the front line. His grasp of the situation saved the battalion from what might have been annihilation.

Capt. (A./Lt.-Col.) John Cecil Baines, Leic. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer commanded the battalion during a week's fighting with great skill in difficult circumstances, having only joined it the day before. He was constantly in touch with them all, and kept the brigade well informed of the situation, besides filling up gaps with his reserve companies. On one