

Capt. (A./Lt.-Col.) Arthur Lumley Thomson, R. Suss. R., Comdg. 7th Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership while commanding his battalion during an intricate relief. He personally saw every company into position under heavy and continuous shell fire. Throughout the operations the success achieved by his battalion was largely due to his courage, energy and power of command. He was slightly wounded, but remained at duty.

T./Lt. (T./Capt.) Frederick Cuthbert Tonkin, M.C., E. York. R., attd. 7th Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He led his men with great skill and determination, and personally under heavy machine-gun fire reconnoitred the only crossing across a canal, after which he led his company across and covered the crossing for the remainder of the battalion. Throughout the whole of the operations he displayed great initiative and energy.

Major Nathaniel Ivo Edward Twisleton-Wykeham-Fiennes, 66th Bty., 4th Bde., R.F.A. (MESOPOTAMIA)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although exposed to heavy and accurate fire throughout the day he handled his battery with marked coolness and courage, pushing his guns well forward and inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Herbert Charles Walby, M.C., 4th Bn., N. Staff. R., attd. 9th Bn., Y.L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. He led the support company and eventually came up with the leading wave and took the objective, where he reorganised his men under very heavy fire. In a second attack later in the day his fine example inspired those under him, and when the enemy counter-attacked he personally led forward two platoons to a position from which he could bring fire to bear on them.

Major Theobald Alfred Walsh, Som. L.I., attd. 9th Bn., Y.L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and ability while carrying out two attacks in command of his battalion. After the first attack he went forward under heavy shell fire and personally reorganised the leading companies; and finding his left flank exposed he crawled out with a N.C.O. across the open under heavy machine-gun fire, got in touch with troops on the left, and then returned and sent forward a platoon to deal with counter-attacks on the flank. His example and courage enabled his battalion to reach its objectives, and when forced to withdraw later he did so most skilfully. Though twice wounded he remained at duty until his battalion was relieved on the following night.

Lt. Robert Hall Welch, R. Lanc. R., attd. 127th L.T.M. Bty.

For conspicuous gallantry, devotion and fine leadership in command of two Stokes gun detachments. Under heavy shell and machine-gun fire he directed and controlled his guns, obtaining many direct hits and causing heavy enemy casualties, and finally leading his men forward he captured several machine guns. After all his ammunition

had been expended he rallied the men and, dumping the guns, led them forward with the battalions on either flank and helped to drive back the enemy until the objectives were reached and consolidated.

T./Maj. Richard David Williams, 13th Bn., Welsh R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer commanded the leading companies in the attack, gaining the final objectives in spite of stiff opposition, and supervising the consolidation under heavy machine-gun fire. He made a personal reconnaissance of the left flank, and, finding it exposed, made dispositions for its defence, which proved their soundness when the enemy were beaten off in several attacks. For two days he maintained his position in spite of one successful attempt to penetrate his line, which was immediately rectified.

Capt. (A./Maj.) James Dugald Forbes Woodhouse, 14th Hussars. (MESOPOTAMIA)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He commanded his squadron with skill, and by his personal ability and coolness under fire materially assisted in beating off the enemy's attack. Later, when his commanding officer became a casualty, he took command of three squadrons, reorganised the line, and made preparations to meet any further attack, being compelled to expose himself to fire at close range in doing so.

T./Capt. Robert Meredydd Wynne-Edwards, M.C., 13th Bn., R. Welsh Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer, while in command of his company in the front line, found another company in difficulties, so, after making a personal reconnaissance, he reorganised it, and got it on to its objective. Later, with his own company of only 35 men, he re-took a hostile strong-point of three fortified mounds with deep dug-outs, which the enemy had rushed in the morning. His personal reconnoissances under machine-gun and rifle fire entirely cleared up an obscure situation.

CANADIAN FORCE.

Maj. James Stark Bell, M.C., 18th Bn., Can. Inf., W. Ontario R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the officer commanding had become a casualty he took command of the battalion and handled it in critical circumstances with great ability. His fine example of personal courage under heavy fire and his energy encouraged his men and inspired them with great confidence.

Capt. (A./Maj.) Robert Hamilton Bliss, 19th Bn., Can. Inf., 1st Cent. Ont. Regt.

For conspicuous gallantry and cool courage. This officer was given charge of all the attacking troops of his battalion. Shortly after crossing the enemy front line he received word that his left was held up. He at once organised the troops in the vicinity, leading them personally in the attack against a strong point under heavy machine-gun fire, overcame the opposition, killing all the garrison, and enabling the attack to steadily advance. He rushed with a few men the