

Capt. (A./Maj.) William Clavering Hartgill, M.C., 55th Fld. Amb. R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when supervising the evacuation of brigade casualties during the attack on Ronssoy, September 18th, 1918. He early established his various posts and went forward and assisted in clearing wounded of his own and other brigades under heavy machine-gun and shell fire. He worked unceasingly, and it was greatly owing to the co-ordination of the arrangements and his personal supervision that casualties were cleared in a markedly efficient and speedy manner. Throughout he has done fine work.

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

Lt. Percival Hay, M.C., 6th Bn. Welsh R., T.F., attd. 24th Bn.

For most conspicuous gallantry and initiative. During the operations east of Ronssoy on September 19th, 1918, while his battalion was advancing on Orchard Post, he, with only one other rank, forced an enemy post containing two machine guns which had been harassing the left flank of the battalion to surrender, thereby greatly assisting the advance. Later, he and the same man again captured an enemy post containing two machine guns. During these operations he and the man captured four machine guns and over fifty prisoners. These splendid acts of courage were invaluable.

(M.C. gazetted 4th February, 1918.)

Capt. George Frederick Hayhurst Hayhurst-France, M.C., 4th Bn. K.R.R.C.

At Le Catelet, on October 3rd, 1918, he behaved with conspicuous gallantry. He led his company through a maze of strongly-fortified streets and machine-gun nests in face of very heavy machine-gun fire, and by his personal gallantry and leadership compelled large parties of the enemy to surrender, driving back the remainder in confusion. He was severely wounded by a bullet in the right hand, but continued to lead his men until the main objective had been won. Throughout the operation, he set a magnificent example to all ranks.

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

Capt. (T./Maj.) Robert Alexander Hepple-M.C., M.B., R.A.M.C. (Spec. Res.), attd. 28th Fd. Amb.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the operations at Roulers, Menin Road, and Ledeghem, September 28th to October 5th, 1918. As officer in charge of bearers he worked incessantly day and night, personally keeping in touch with the battalions in spite of shell and machine-gun fire; he never once lost touch with the regimental medical officers, evacuating the wounded with the utmost rapidity, thereby saving numerous lives.

(M.C. gazetted 26th July, 1918.)

T./Lt. Richard Leo Higgins, M.C., 10th Bn. R. Dub. Fus., attd. 9th Bn. R. Innis. Fus.

On October 15th, 1918, when in command of a company, he displayed conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in the advance on the village of Heule. He led his company through the heaviest fire and when he had reached his

objective, although unsupported on his flanks, he consolidated his position in the face of heavy fire and held on till reinforcements arrived. His fine example and determined gallantry contributed in no small degree to the successful advance of the battalion.

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

T./Lt. James Curzon Hilton, M.C., Hood's Bn., R.N.V.R.

On October 8th, 1918, at Niergnies, when the front was being driven in by enemy counter-attacks with tanks, he showed exceptional gallantry and initiative, jumping out in front of the line under heavy shell and machine-gun fire: and within 200 yards of the nearest tank, which was also firing, he rallied the men and prevented a further withdrawal. When the leading tank was struck he rushed forward with a handful of men, killed the crew who were attempting to escape, and then rushed on to the village, where, with the few men he had gathered together, he assisted in ejecting and killing those of the enemy who had reoccupied it and then disposed the men in posts beyond. His gallantry and initiative at a most critical phase of the battle were mainly responsible for the regaining of all objectives.

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

Lt. (A./Capt.) Gilbert William Hindle, M.C., 3rd Bn. R.W. Kent R., attd. 10th Bn.

For conspicuous courage and initiative during the attack near Comines on September 29th, 1918. When the left of the battalion had lost direction, he pushed his company into the gap and protected the exposed flanks. He led his men to the final objective with great skill, and when severely wounded directed operations and organised his men to repulse a counter-attack before being carried back to be dressed. He behaved splendidly.

(M.C. gazetted 22nd April, 1918.)

T./Lt. (A./Maj.) Frank Alfred Hooper, M.C., 32nd Bn. M.G. Corps.

On September 29th, 1918, during the breakthrough and advance beyond the Hindenburg Line at Bellenglise he showed conspicuous courage and initiative in reconnoitring a temporary bridge and getting his guns across the canal and pushing them forward to their positions. In face of close-range shell and machine-gun fire he got his guns forward into action, giving magnificent support to the advancing infantry and silencing many of the field guns and machine guns. In subsequent operations he showed great boldness and ability.

(M.C. gazetted 1st February, 1919.)

Capt. (T./Maj.) Frederick Elliott Hotblack, D.S.O., M.C., Norf. R., attd. H.Q. Tank Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry, dash, and initiative as Intelligence Officer near Quennemont Farm on the morning of September 29th, 1918. When the mist lifted and disclosed a strongly-held enemy position he at once ran across to two tanks and directed them on to this strong point, himself going into action in one of the tanks to make certain of success. Heavy machine-gun fire made it impossible for the gunners to work their guns, so he opened the revolver loopholes and fired his revolver into