

he displayed great coolness, courage and determination, and, though badly shaken by the explosion of a shell, he remained in command until his battalion was relieved. His personal example was an incentive to all ranks.

2nd/Lt. Arthur Percival Foley Rhys-Davids, M.C., R.F.C., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in bringing down nine enemy aircraft in nine weeks. He is a magnificent fighter, never failing to locate enemy aircraft and invariably attacking regardless of the numbers against him.

Capt. (T./Lt.-Col.) John Anthony Sydney Ritson, M.C., Durh. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the attack was held up by machine gun fire, he went forward to reconnoitre, reorganised the attack, and led it forward successfully. His initiative and gallantry saved what might have been a serious situation.

T./Lt.-Col. Sydney Douglas Rumbold, M.C., York & Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His battalion having taken over a portion of the captured front, this officer organised the defences, arranging and superintending the digging for the protection of his flank. It was in great measure due to the able organisation and gallant leading of Lt.-Col. Rumbold that a counter-attack was repulsed. Though his battalion had been relieved, he voluntarily remained in the front line through another more violent counter-attack, supported by powerful artillery concentration. His valuable aid to the new commanding officer as to the terrain, his able leading of the men and his skilful handling of the situation resulted in the enemy being again repulsed.

T./Capt. John Caruthers Sale, M.C., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He collected the wounded over a large tract of country exposed to heavy fire, and continuously went out by night in advance of the front line searching for the wounded, many of whom he brought back over most difficult ground and under heavy fire. His coolness and determination were a splendid example to his stretcher-bearers.

Capt. (A./Lt.-Col.) Patrick Douglas Stewart, Dgn. Gds.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his battalion with great skill in an attack, capturing all the objectives and holding them against several counter-attacks. By his example and training he inspired all ranks in his battalion with a very fine fighting spirit.

#### CANADIAN FORCE.

Maj. Ernest Victor Collier, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a company in a raid on the enemy's position. He led his company with great skill and courage, and was the first to enter the enemy trenches. He was at once wounded by machine gun

fire, but continued to lead his men. When the objective had been reached and the enemy's works had been destroyed, the enemy launched a counter-attack, which he broke up completely. His splendid leadership contributed largely to the success of the enterprise.

Lt. William Hope King, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid on the enemy's trenches. During the advance his Company Commander was killed and he was severely wounded, but he at once took command of the company, and led it into the enemy trench, where heavy fighting took place, and he was again wounded. He continued to direct his company until the entire enemy garrison had been killed or captured and the dug-outs and machine gun emplacements destroyed. He then directed the withdrawal with the greatest skill and coolness, being the last to leave the enemy trenches, and carried in a wounded serjeant under heavy machine gun fire. Before having his wounds attended to he personally made a report to his Commanding Officer. His magnificent courage and determination were an inspiring example to all ranks.

Lt. James McCormick, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his men through a very heavy barrage to the attack. When held up by an enemy machine gun, he led a bombing party and captured the gun and killed the crew after a hand-to-hand fight lasting ten minutes. He finally reached the objective, where he took command of the remainder of another company, consolidated the position, and beat off four counter-attacks. His cheerfulness and courage inspired all his men.

#### AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Maj. Joseph Henry Peter Eller, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He led his company under heavy fire with great skill and complete contempt of danger. When he came under heavy machine-gun fire from a pill-box, he bombed the enemy machine gunners and put the gun out of action singlehanded, thus preventing many casualties. He captured and consolidated his objective. His courage and leadership contributed largely to the success of the operations.

Lt. Leonard George Prentice Errey, M.C., Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After the objective had been captured, an enemy strong point caused many casualties. With four men he rushed through the barrage and attacked it under heavy machine-gun fire, and captured the position, with five officers, sixty other prisoners and two machine guns. His courageous and determined action undoubtedly saved many lives and restored a critical situation.

Maj. Frederick Stephen McClean, Pnr. Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while engaged on road construction. The road was subjected to concentrated shell fire every night while his party was at work,