

Lt. Walter Olveston Summers, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He led his platoon successfully against an enemy post, capturing two machine guns and fifteen prisoners, and personally shooting five of the enemy. During consolidation he reconnoitred forward, and established posts on commanding ground. He showed fine courage and leadership.

Lt. Charles Michael Taylor, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of the left team in a raid by his battalion. With twenty other ranks he entered the enemy's trenches, rushed a machine gun before it could open on them, killed the gun team and captured the gun. He then led his party through an enemy trench, killed more of the enemy and secured a prisoner. All this time he maintained liaison with the right team, and finally brought his party back to the lines in perfect order. He showed fine courage and ability to command.

Lt. Harold William Thompson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. He rushed a post of three single-handed, killing two, whilst the other was shot trying to escape. He led his party with fine courage and determination and reached his objective, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy, and returning with three prisoners and a machine gun.

Lt. Edgar Thomas Towner, M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. One of the first to reach the objective, he got his guns into action very quickly, thereby greatly assisting the right company in consolidating. He also brought a captured machine gun into action. When one of the infantry posts was badly blown in he went out at great personal risk and helped to reorganise it.

Capt. Hugh Compson Trumble, A. Med. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under heavy enemy barrage he pushed forward some 600 yards with his medical personnel to a ledge, where by his capable organisation he successfully evacuated quantities of wounded. He worked for three days and nights, and his quiet courage had an excellent effect on wounded and stretcher-bearers alike.

Lt. John Herbert Wadson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of a raiding party. He was the first to jump into an enemy trench, shot two of the enemy, and sent back eight prisoners and a machine gun. He showed fine courage and first-class leadership, and obtained valuable identifications with only one slight casualty.

2nd Lt. Richard Lewis Weir, D.C.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. On reaching his objec-

tive with his platoon, he found his position harassed by fire from an enemy trench. He crawled out and reconnoitred the position, and then, with the assistance of rifle grenades and a trench mortar, silenced the fire. In the evening he attacked and occupied the trench, killing seven of the enemy and capturing one machine gun. He showed fine courage and leadership.

Lt. Albert Marshall Widdy, M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer was engaged in a reconnaissance by daylight in "No Man's Land" when he observed two of the enemy seated in their front-line trench. He and a N.C.O. with him attacked them, killing them in the struggle. Three others of the enemy came up to their help, two of whom were accounted for, while the third retired wounded. The arrival of an enemy machine-gun team forced Lieut. Widdy, who had been wounded in the encounter, to withdraw with his party. His daring exploit had a most excellent and inspiring effect on the whole battalion.

Capt. (Hon. Maj.) Harold Arthur Faulkner Wilkinson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. With great dash he led his company forward into the enemy front line system, enabling the rest of his battalion to advance without severe casualties. He then organised bombing sections up a communication sap and trench, and cleared them for the advance. At one strong point he led a small party against a nest of enemy machine guns, capturing two guns and putting the crews out of action. He did very fine service.

Capt. William Stanley Willshire, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action with his company. He led his men to the attack with great dash. During consolidation, when other company commanders became casualties, he took charge of the front line and moved about at great risk supervising the consolidation. His energy and spirit were great factors in the success of the operations.

Lt. Phillip Wright, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He was in charge of two guns, with the front wave of infantry. Seeing the advance held up by fire from an enemy strong point, he rushed his guns about 100 yards forward, came into action, and neutralised this fire, thus allowing the infantry to advance. Throughout he employed his guns with great skill and effect.

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2nd Lt. Thomas Alexander Snelling, N.Z. Rif. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as scout officer of the battalion. His persistent attempts to secure enemy identification finally resulted in his surprising ten of the enemy, killing three and capturing one. The identification was much needed.