

severely wounded, and thereby unluckily precluded from leading them to the attack, his careful supervision and preliminary preparations undoubtedly ensured the success which his men attained. His adjutant was wounded at the same moment, but Lt.-Col. Stannus declined all aid until the other officer had been attended to. He had previously done splendid work when acting as O.C., on one occasion frustrating a raid with great loss to the enemy, entirely through his personal foresight and grasp of the situation.

T./2nd Lt. Frederick Lawrence Wheeldon,
E. Lan. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his platoon to the attack under very heavy fire. He was the first to reach and to push into the enemy's trench, where he was opposed by four of the enemy, all of whom he killed single-handed, although severely wounded in both arms and legs by a bomb which one of them threw at him. He continued on until eight men were left out of his platoon. This alone shows what a splendid example of leadership he displayed during the operation.

Lt. (T./Capt.) John Whitaker Woodhouse,
M.C., R.F.C., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in carrying out special missions by night, during which he has frequently been compelled to face very bad weather. In the course of numerous bombing expeditions by night he invariably descended to very low altitudes in order to use his machine gun against hostile troops on the roads. He has consistently set a very fine example.

CANADIAN FORCE.

Capt. Charles Edward Connolly, Cav.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in commanding a raid upon four lines of enemy defences, in which heavy losses were inflicted upon the enemy and many prisoners captured, as well as a great number of dug-outs destroyed. He was wounded before reaching the enemy's wire, but he continued to direct the party with the greatest courage and skill, and after withdrawal he returned to the raided area with a Serjt.-Major to make sure that none of his wounded or dead were left behind.

Capt. (A./Maj.) Fred Lister, M.C., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in commanding his battalion for ten days in the trenches, during which they took part in five successful attacks on the enemy's lines, and resisted three vigorous counter-attacks. The success of the whole of this operation was due to his tireless supervision and the personal example which he set his men in preparing for the attacks, and consolidating the ground when it had been captured. He contributed largely to the capture of ground of the greatest tactical value, which had previously been unsuccessfully attacked.

NEW ZEALAND FORCE.

Maj. Charles Hellier Davis Evans, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a party which had to prepare a cavalry track. He reorganised his men when scattered by heavy shell fire, and continued to supervise the work, which by his fine personal example was rapidly completed under heavy fire, and proved subsequently invaluable to the success of our operations.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to award a Bar to the Military Cross to the undermentioned Officers:—

T./2nd Lt. (A./Lt.) Thomas Francis Bentley, M.C., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a heavy hostile bombardment of his mortar emplacements. Realising that the situation had become serious owing to heavy casualties in his section, he left his battalion headquarters, and, aided by a serjeant, worked one of the mortars himself. By his fine example and prompt action he converted what would have been a poor bombardment into a great success, and very materially assisted the infantry operations.

(M.C. gazetted 16th August, 1917.)

T./Capt. Edwin Guthrie Bowers, M.C., North'd Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his company through a heavy barrage, and later, after suffering heavy casualties, in taking them forward to reinforce an assault under heavy fire. He rendered valuable assistance at a critical moment, and maintained communication with his headquarters throughout, in a very able manner.

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

T./Capt. Clarence Morland Brisco-Owen, M.C., R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in making numerous daring reconnaissances of enemy wire and trenches at very low altitudes, during which he and his pilot constantly emptied their drums into the enemy trenches, undeterred by violent machine-gun fire. He secured information of the utmost value, which could not have been obtained by any other means.

(M.C. gazetted 10th January, 1917.)

Capt. Humphrey William Butler, M.C., K.R.R.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty under exceptionally trying conditions. At a time when his battalion headquarters were isolated in a tunnel, one entrance of which was on fire and the others being bombed by the enemy, he was of the greatest assistance to his commanding officer in steadying the men, getting out orders and maintaining the organisation. He went out later when the entrances were cleared and reconnoitred the position with the C.O., after which he displayed very great ability in getting his men away, eventually swim-