

tion resulted in the repulse of the enemy with heavy losses, and only slight casualties to his own men. His work has at all times been characterised by admirable thoroughness and quick grasp of any tactical situation.

Lt. James Baird Trotter, Cav.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack upon four lines of enemy defences. He remained with his troops for twenty hours nearly a mile in advance of our outpost line, in order to ensure the capture of the position from which our attack was to be launched. From this point he was able to seize that position, attacking and killing a strong patrol of the enemy, and thereby preventing the enemy discovering the approach of our attacking force. His skill and courage thus ensured the success of the operation.

Lt. Richard Scougall Cassels Webber, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although severely wounded in two places and suffering intense pain, he stopped on his way to the dressing station to dig out two of his platoon who were buried by a shell. He did not cease until his efforts had proved successful, working with splendid fearlessness and devotion under heavy shell fire. His coolness and determination on this and all other occasions when under fire have been most marked.

Lt. Henry Newton Wootton, Fld. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of an ammunition dump. He had ordered his men to shelter from an intense enemy bombardment, when a pile of ammunition was set alight by enemy shells. He promptly and fearlessly went out with one of his men, and separated the burning material, thereby saving the rest of the pile. He had just regained the entrance to his dug-out when he was severely wounded by a shell, which killed the man who was with him. His coolness and devotion under fire at a very critical moment set a splendid example to his men.

15017 Sqdn./S./M. Charles Johnstone Pollexfen, Cav.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid against four lines of enemy defences. At a moment when his troops were disorganised by heavy enemy rifle and grenade fire, he rallied them with great coolness and presence of mind, and charged the enemy, killing four and driving the remainder into our artillery barrage. He killed one of them himself, and by his splendid personal example and exceptional gallantry inspired his men with confidence at a critical moment, and restored the situation, enabling them to gain their objective.

NEW ZEALAND FORCE.

2nd Lt. Norman Fenwick Little, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his platoon. Though he had

a very short time in which to make his arrangements, his coolness and quick grasp of the situation enabled him to carry out his allotted task with efficiency and complete success. He maintained excellent control over his men, and set them a very fine example of courage and leadership. He personally killed several of the enemy, and obtained identifications.

Capt. Henry Dolphus McHugh, Cyc. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when constructing a track. He completed his work with the utmost efficiency and thoroughness, afterwards giving valuable assistance to another officer. His exceptional coolness under fire set a splendid example to the whole of his battalion.

2nd Lt. Cuthbert Hargreaves Taylor, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his patrol with exceptional ability, and completed the task entrusted to him with thoroughness and rapidity. He has on all occasions shown himself to be a fine leader of men, and by his coolness and vigorous energy has set a splendid example to his platoon, especially at times when casualties were heavy and their task a difficult one.

2nd Lt. Thomas Lindsay Ward, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With a comrade he crossed a river by a damaged enemy pontoon, entered a village occupied by the enemy, reconnoitred it, and then entered an enemy dug-out, where he captured three prisoners and brought them back to our lines. The same night he led a patrol along the river bank and brought back a valuable report upon the state of the bridges. The extreme fearlessness and initiative which he displayed during both of these operations were responsible for much valuable information being obtained.

Lt. Edwin Royden Wells, Mtd. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his party through heavy shell fire in an attempt to gain information. Finding it impossible to take his men further owing to machine gun fire, he went forward alone, gaining valuable and definite information, and by his fine leadership and good judgment finally withdrawing his troop with very few casualties.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of a 2nd Bar to the Distinguished Conduct Medal to the undermentioned Non-Commissioned Officer:—

240252 Sjt. C. Leadbeater (Leicester), Linc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a post on the left flank of his battalion during an attack. His position was one of great responsibility, to which, however, he proved himself thoroughly equal. He displayed the utmost energy in keeping touch and in pushing forward to harass the enemy, on one occasion