

wounded by rifle fire on an isolated ridge, he carried him back across the fire-swept area for forty yards under very heavy fire and under the most difficult circumstances. This prompt and gallant action undoubtedly saved the officer's life, as there was every probability of his bleeding to death if not attended to at once.

669 T./Sjt. H. C. Long, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the enemy's trenches. He forced his way through the enemy's wire and cleared the trench with his bombing party. He dealt with several dug-outs, entering them with total disregard of danger. His determination and offensive spirit were a splendid example to his men, and his work throughout the operation was invaluable.

965 S.S.M. (now 2nd Lt.) D. J. Mason, L.H.R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed great dash and gallantry in the charge on the final objective, after reaching which he was especially conspicuous in capturing a large number of prisoners and in aiding in the capture of a battery of guns. His conduct throughout is worthy of the highest praise.

1050 Cpl. K. L. Morris, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of a front line post, which was subjected to a continuous heavy barrage. When it was blown in, he immediately re-dug and consolidated it. Soon afterwards a liquid fire shell burst on the parapet, and he at once leaped out of the trench with a shovel and succeeded in putting the flames out, though under intense artillery fire. He held the post for three days under the heaviest barrage.

2624 Pte. E. H. Scott, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a runner. During an enemy attack he was sent with another runner to get in touch with posts on the right that were being hard pressed. One post turned out to be occupied by the enemy, who surrounded the runners. He however bombed his way out and got in touch with the other post. Though again surrounded on his way back, he got through and delivered his message to the company commander.

4285 Pte. J. B. Skinner, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was wounded in five places and left unconscious. When he came to and was making his way to the rear he met a carrying party who had lost direction. He at once took charge of them and guided them to the front line and then returned, but fainted on reaching the support line.

617 Pte. E. Victor, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the enemy's trenches. He was sent forward to find a gap in the enemy's wire and to return and act as guide to the raiding party. He found the gap, but was wounded in the knee on the way back, and was unable to move. He remained in

"No Man's Land" during the barrage, and, when the party advanced, refused to be moved until he had seen them through the gap. His splendid courage and devotion to duty were a magnificent example to his comrades.

3565 Sjt. F. Viney, Fld. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While he was firing his gun in support of an attack several boxes of bombs close to his position were set on fire by a shell. He at once left the shelter of his gunpit, carried the burning bombs away, and dropped them into a shell-hole. His prompt and courageous action prevented many casualties in his detachment, and set a fine example to his men.

NEW ZEALAND FORCE.

9/2049 Pte. H. Boreham, Otago R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a number of the enemy were seen outside our parapet, he went out with a patrol, engaged the enemy with bombs and dispersed them. He pursued them as they retired and captured a prisoner. By his initiative, pluck, and gallant conduct he obtained valuable information, and set a splendid example to his comrades.

6/2960 L./Cpl. K. B. Burns, Canterbury Regt.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a section leader. When a machine-gun with a strong crew threatened to hold up the advance of his company he moved to a flank and reached a position from which he rushed in with two men, capturing the gun and killing the crew, ten in number.

13/791 Cpl. A. G. de Lautour, Auckland Mtd. Rif. Regt.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a heavy enemy attack. He collected a few men and met the attack, and by his gallantry and initiative greatly assisted in driving back superior forces of the enemy at a critical time.

13/178 Sjt. T. D. S. Donaldson, Auck. Mtd. Rif. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the attack he displayed great gallantry by the manner in which he conveyed the wounded across a river during the retirement. He, with another man, under heavy fire, went out and brought back the whole of the wounded, swimming with them across the river. His gallantry and disregard of danger were most marked.

11/1255 L./C. B. Draper, Wellington Mtd. Rif. Rgt.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an enemy counter-attack he rushed forward with his machine-gun, though wounded, and took up a position from which he was able to inflict severe losses on the enemy. He was again wounded, and his gun was put out of action, but he repaired it and continued to fire until he was wounded a third time. He set a magnificent example of courage and initiative.