

duty when in charge of the battalion raiding party of four groups. His fine example and initiative largely contributed to the success of the raid. Noticing that the right group were getting disorganised after losing their officer and senior N.C.O., he took charge of the party and led them to their final objective.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Hugh Frederick Bower Sharp, M.C., R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the situation was very obscure he made a complete tour of the whole front under very severe fire of all kinds, and brought back most valuable information. His reconnaissances and reports have been of great value on several occasions.

T./Capt. John Finlayson McGill Sloan, M.C., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He worked continuously for two days dressing over 150 cases in the open under heavy fire, three or four of the wounded being hit by snipers. He showed a fine example of coolness and sense of duty.

T./Lt. Samuel Sparrow, M.C., attd. N. Staff. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in successfully conducting the relief on two occasions under heavy shell fire. The encouragement he gave to the guides by his coolness was invaluable. He laid out tapes himself under heavy fire to the advance posts. His assistance to the Adjutant when the Commanding Officer had been killed was of the utmost value.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Harry Roland Stevens, M.C., Gen. List.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a trench mortar battery during an attack. Under heavy machine-gun fire he took two mortars forward to assist in an attack on an advanced objective. His teams suffered heavy casualties, but he supported the infantry, firing over eighty rounds himself. By his splendid courage and contempt of danger he inspired his battery to great efforts, which were invaluable to the infantry throughout the operations.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Talbert Stevenson, M.C., R. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He got the battalion into its assembly position with great skill. On the morning after the attack he made a very valuable reconnaissance, obtaining urgent information under heavy machine gun and rifle fire. His gallantry and courage were most marked.

T./2nd Lt. (T./Lt.) Thomas Noel Heath Stretch, M.C., A.S.C., attd. M.G. Co.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He advanced with three machine guns to the first objective and got them into position. He then returned to the advanced company headquarters, and, despite heavy shelling, did splendid work in keeping up communication. On hearing that the officers of the forward sections had become casualties he supervised the working of those sections

in addition to his own. His cheerful and courageous example greatly inspired his men.

2nd Lt. (T./Lt. and A./Capt.) Edmund Walker, M.C., Camb. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was the senior officer in the front line captured by his battalion and formed a defensive flank when his left became exposed and the companies were somewhat disorganised. By his splendid example he kept up the spirits of his men and organised the defence of the position with great skill.

T./Capt. Gideon Walker, M.C., M.B., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He worked for twenty-four hours after an attack in an advanced area getting in the wounded of two battalions, and remained in the line after his own battalion was relieved. He showed the greatest contempt of danger under heavy shell fire.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Piers Grove Eliot Warburton, M.C., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Accompanied by a 2nd Lt. he made a reconnaissance lasting several hours of the whole of the front line of the Infantry Brigade to which he was attached. The G.O.C. the brigade reports that the performance was a most gallant one, and the information supplied was of very great use to him.

2nd Lt. (T./Lt.) Victor Rodney Stokes White, S. Staffs. R., Spec. Res. and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While acting as observer on an offensive patrol he and his pilot shot down an enemy scout in flames. Later, while on a reconnaissance with three other machines, he and his pilot engaged eight enemy aeroplanes and shot down and destroyed one of them. On another occasion they destroyed one of three hostile scouts and also a hostile two-seater machine.

#### CANADIAN FORCE.

Capt. Harold Portal Burrell, M.C., Rly. Troops.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. A light railway train was derailed and the track broken by a direct hit from a shell. With a small party he at once started to get the train on to the line and repair the track. All his men became casualties, and, having attended to them, he organised another party and completed the work under heavy shell fire.

#### AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Capt. Harry Wilson Cuming, M.C., Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the brigade was suddenly ordered to send forward two battalions to take part in an attack, he displayed great zeal and energy in the dispatch of these units, spending the greater part of the night under heavy shell fire directing the troops and issuing extra ammunition and stores. Later, he reorganised the supply of ammunition, water, and rations for the front line.