

Lt. Edward John Scott, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of his battery while it was firing a barrage. As the advance progressed he went forward, though slightly wounded, reconnoitred new positions, and changed his battery positions very rapidly with the loss of a man.

Lt. Francis Lawrence Smith, A.S.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when engaged on forward transport work during nine days' operations. On three occasions he had to halt his convoy owing to the road being blown up, but in spite of heavy shelling managed to repair the road with his own transport men and so enabled the convoy to proceed.

Lt. Robert James Smith, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Single-handed he rushed an enemy machine gun which was in action, and with his revolver shot the crew. Later, he again single-handed attacked a "pill-box" with the bayonet and captured the occupants. He also led three separate attacks on dug-outs, the occupants of which his party killed or took prisoners.

Capt. Walter Leonard Smith, A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of stretcher-bearers and posts. He did magnificent work in attending to the wounded and organising their removal, and by his fearlessness and determination set a splendid example to his stretcher-bearers.

Lt. Richard Floyd Stanistreet, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in personally directing parties repairing lines and reorganising carrying parties under heavy shell fire. It was mainly due to his example that communications were maintained.

Capt. Arthur George Stephenson, Enrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in controlling and maintaining artillery roads and tracks which required constant attention on account of the weather and damage by shell fire. He patrolled them during the whole period of counter-attack and succeeded in keeping them open for traffic.

2nd/Lt. Walter Frederick Stevenson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in taking out a daylight patrol over a distance of 600 yards and definitely locating the enemy line. He cleared a pill-box containing ten of the enemy, capturing five, killing three, and wounding two. Though coming under heavy fire, he succeeded in bringing his patrol through with only one casualty and rendered a useful intelligence report.

2nd/Lt. Lionel Logan Summers, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a patrol, which brought back valuable information and captured seven of the enemy who were attempting to escape from a raid made by the battalion on the left.

Lt. Kenneth Darnton Watson, Fd. Art.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as forward observation officer in the operations leading up to the capture of an enemy position. He pushed right forward through an extremely heavy barrage, and while doing so was wounded, but was able to make a very useful reconnaissance and secure valuable enemy documents. He continued to move forward until prevented by his wound, and then returned to his battery to report.

Lt. Laurence Stovell Watts, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of his platoon during an advance. The skilful manner in which he dealt with different situations as they arose enabled his company to gain their objective with a minimum of casualties.

Capt. David Adie Whitehead, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He personally led his battery of eight machine guns from his barrage position to a forward barrage position about 1,000 yards away under heavy fire. He inspired great confidence in his company, which was in action for the first time.

219 S./M. Edward Frank Vining, A.S.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of pack transport. When the road was completely blocked, owing to G.S. limbers and animals being hit, he was directly responsible for having it cleared and enabling traffic to be resumed. Though his animals were continually being hit and getting bogged, he succeeded after some hours in delivering his stores to their destination.

#### NEW ZEALAND FORCE.

Lt. Richard Edward Andrew, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when, as transport officer, during prolonged and severe fighting, he showed the greatest courage and resource in procuring and distributing under heavy shell fire the supplies required by his battalion.

Lt. Robert Hector Baxter, Med. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in working for three days at his regimental aid posts under continual exposure to shell and machine-gun fire.

2nd/Lt. Robert Edward Bibby M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a critical moment in an advance he personally reconnoitred his position, leading his machine guns and men forward into action under very heavy fire. He rendered valuable assistance to the infantry.

2nd/Lt. Arthur Bongard, Rif. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when detailed to guide the signal party laying a line to brigade forward station. Owing to the advance being checked they reached the front line and came under heavy fire. He organised the party in shell-holes, and eventually extricated them without casualties.