

fine example of good leadership during the twenty seven-and-a-half hours occupied by the operation.

CANADIAN FORCE.

Capt. Gerald Gardiner Anglin, M.C., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer led his company through to its objective, which he consolidated under the most trying conditions, due to his men having to change direction under the heaviest shell fire. He directed and controlled his company, displaying the greatest coolness and courage, until seriously wounded. The success of the operation on the battalion front was largely due to the good leadership displayed by this officer.

Capt. Edward James Clark, M.C., Mtd. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company to reinforce the attacking troops who had met with strong resistance. He found them without officers and at once took command and consolidated the captured position under heavy fire. He successfully dealt with a very difficult situation, and by his untiring and courageous efforts made good the position. He set a splendid example to his men.

Capt. (T./Maj.) The Hon. Francis Egerton Grosvenor, M.C., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His work throughout the operation and previous to it was most valuable. He reconnoitred the captured area to locate our new positions. This had to be done under very heavy and sustained shelling. He displayed great courage and gallantry, and obtained invaluable information. He had previously carried out two reconnaissances successfully, both of which required pluck and determination.

Capt. (A./Maj.) Melville Mason Hart, M.C., Mtd. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company in a successful attack on strong enemy positions. When the units on his flanks failed to get through, and all the officers of two companies became casualties, he took command of the entire line, established a strong position under heavy fire, and successfully covered both his flanks. He set an example of resource and courage which was largely responsible for the success of the operation.

Capt. Donald Bruce Martyn, M.C., Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He organised and directed an attack, and when the centre was held up he made new dispositions and led up reinforcements, with the result that the attack was successful after several hours' fighting. Later, when an enemy attack drove in some advanced posts during a relief, he quickly gathered scattered parties of men, led them forward, and cleared and re-established the position under heavy machine gun fire. His prompt and decisive action undoubtedly saved the position, and his daring leadership in the face of enemy fire was a fine example to all.

Lt. Merrick Rennie McCracken, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He supervised the maintenance of communications throughout the operations in a most efficient and capable manner, personally visiting the captured area to reconnoitre positions for visual stations. His efforts met with marked success, and the energetic and indefatigable manner in which he carried out his duty for four days without rest or sleep, and many times under heavy shell fire, materially contributed to the success of the operations.

Lt. Harry Leonard Nowell Salmon, M.C., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On his company commander becoming a casualty during an attack, he immediately took charge of the company, which he led to the final objective with great skill and courage, directing the consolidation and organisation for the defence under very heavy enemy fire. He was constantly up and down the line, encouraging and inspiring the men. Though twice buried by shell fire and badly shaken, he nevertheless continued his duties without assistance. His devotion to duty was most outstanding, and his courage and gallantry were of the highest order.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Lewis Younger, M.C., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as intelligence officer. By personal reconnaissance he obtained valuable information as to the enemy's defences and the ground to be covered by an attack. After the attack he made a report on the position and strength of the attacking troops, which proved to be of the greatest value. His energy and resource contributed materially to the success achieved.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Capt. David MacDonald Steele, M.C., A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of the evacuation of the wounded from a whole divisional front during thirteen days' operations. On several occasions, when it was impossible to bring casualties through by the existing route, he personally inspected the new line of evacuation on each occasion, and made admirable arrangements for getting them clear and avoiding further casualties.

AWARDED THE MILITARY CROSS.

2nd/Lt. Leslie Abraham, Yeo.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy attacked his position, by his skilful leadership he beat off three separate attacks, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy, and maintained his position intact.

2nd Lt. Johnson Morris Affleck, North'd Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as platoon commander. Seeing that the platoon on his right was held up by fortified huts, he succeeded in outflanking the enemy and reached his objective, holding it for ten hours until ordered to withdraw.