

Lt. Richard Joseph Tuckett, M.G. Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of a machine gun. In order to get a better position he was moving his gun, when he found that a party of the enemy had got in behind him, and their fire caused all his team but one to become casualties. He shot one of the enemy with his revolver, carried the gun away himself, and got two men and some ammunition from another detachment and brought his gun into action again.

Lt. James Vincent, D.C.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was of great assistance as scout officer, going forward time after time through heavy fire, gaining information and reconnoitring the ground for fresh positions, to which he subsequently led the various companies. Through his energy and ability battalion headquarters were kept well informed as to the situation.

2nd Lt. Leslie Norman Ward, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He maintained his post against heavy odds. Though temporarily out of action by a shell burst, he resumed duty and organised another post with some details, manning it with a Lewis gun, which he fired point-blank at the enemy. At the end of the day he took part in a counter-attack, falling exhausted when he reached the objective.

Capt. Charles Eric Watson, A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under very heavy artillery fire he continued to dress the wounded for 2½ hours. Though many of the bearers were killed and wounded, he stayed with the stretcher cases, and it was owing to his fine courage and energy that many of the wounded were saved.

Lt. Maurice Henry Oakley Whitaker, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst leading his company in an attack. During the advance he was wounded, and all the remaining officers of the company became casualties. Nevertheless, he kept perfect control, and led the company, under very heavy fire, with the greatest courage and determination. Although wounded, he remained on duty for twenty-four hours until sent back.

Lt. Ernest Wicks, M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while acting as battalion signal officer. Under heavy artillery fire he superintended the repairing of telephone ground lines between headquarters and companies. Whilst so employed he organised a party of men of various units, and led them to support the left flank of a company which was holding up a strong enemy attack.

Lt. James Henry Williams, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to

duty while in charge of a section of trench mortars during an enemy attack. He rendered great assistance to the defence by the manner in which he handled his guns, and ably covered the withdrawal of infantry until obliged to destroy his guns to prevent their falling into enemy hands.

Lt. James Young, D.C.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On reaching the outskirts of a village with a patrol, two machine guns opened fire fifteen yards to his right, and a post faced him in front. He immediately dealt with the situation, sending a section against the guns and leading an assault on the post himself, forcing them to beat a hasty retreat.

NEW ZEALAND FORCE.

Lt. Ronald Hart Buchanan, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When under a heavy fire of rifles and machine guns, he pushed his guns forward and skilfully placed them so that they were enabled to inflict very severe losses on the enemy and prevented an attack, thereby enabling the infantry to deploy into position at a critical moment.

2nd Lt. Alexander Christie Cameron, Fd. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In a morning attack by the enemy he kept his section in action, covering the withdrawal of the remainder of the guns, then withdrew his guns to safety. He continued to work tirelessly, making three forward reconnaissances, rallying stragglers, and sending back good information. He was wounded on the fifth day of fighting while looking after his gun teams.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Daniel William Curham, Well. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while leading his company in an attack against a difficult enemy position containing many machine guns. Through his courage and fine leadership the attack was entirely successful, and resulted in the capture of eleven machine guns and about fifty prisoners.

Capt. John Gladstone Greenwood, Rif. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in command of a platoon in three bombing attacks on enemy positions, and led his men with splendid courage, contributing much to the success of these attacks and the capture of some machine guns.

Lt. Charles Albert Sidney Hind, Cant. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during recent operations. The company were attacking, and on his commanding officer getting wounded he assumed command and pushed his company forward in a most masterly manner, reorganising his men and consolidating the new position when reached. He showed coolness and good leadership. He more than once sent in valuable reports to battalion headquarters, and his work throughout was especially good.