

final objective. Though slightly wounded during the attack he superintended consolidation and carried on with his duties. Throughout his coolness and determination under heavy fire and his fine leadership greatly inspired his men.

33312 Cpl. R. T. Corsbie, Rif. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while one of a patrol of one officer and four other ranks which was suddenly engaged by thirty of the enemy. The patrol was forced to retire, and on arrival at their trenches the officer was found to be missing. Corporal Corsbie with another man immediately went back and found the officer severely wounded. He bandaged him while his comrade kept the enemy back with bombs and rifle fire, and finally they carried him safely back to their trenches. This N.C.O. by his courage and coolness saved the officer's life and prevented the enemy from securing an identification.

33314 Pte. C. J. Dallard, Wellington R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when out patrolling with two officers. The patrol was attacked with bombs by a concealed enemy post. Both officers were badly wounded and Pte. Dallard slightly. He carried one to safety and went back to rescue the other, who was lying within fifteen yards of the enemy post. In face of a further shower of bombs, by which he was again wounded in three places, he got to within ten paces of the officer and found him dead. He then returned to the other officer and carried him back to the lines. He showed great pluck and determination.

33705 Cpl. F. M. Dodds, Canterbury R.

For conspicuous gallantry and intelligent daring in command of a light trench mortar. During a heavy bombardment a shell burst on the parados of the trench, wounding one of his team and burying the rest. Though badly shocked he stood by the gun, maintained continuous fire according to the barrage time table, and managed to reorganise his team. Later, when a machine gun harassed consolidation, he went forward under heavy fire to one of the most forward posts and made a personal reconnaissance, with the result that on his return he silenced the machine gun.

8/3807 C.S.M. L. L. J. Du Flou, Otago R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He organised and led personally, through an intense barrage, parties of carriers and kept the Lewis gunners and bombers of the front line well supplied with munitions, though suffering himself severely from the shock of a shell explosion. Later, he assisted in carrying out the relief of the company, which had lost all its platoon officers, displaying admirable qualities of organisation and initiative.

9/1556 Cpl. H. P. Gilbert, Wellington R.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative during an enemy withdrawal. He took five men and established an advanced post some 500 yards forward. When the enemy

attacked and tried to surround his post he, although badly wounded, bombed and killed many of them, and continued to fight on until exhausted through loss of blood. His splendid example of courage and determination saved the garrison from being captured.

24/1699 Sjt. R. S. Judson, Auckland R., N.Z.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack on the enemy positions. He led a patrol along a sap leading to the enemy. This patrol forced the enemy to retreat before their bombs for a distance of 600 yards and so enabled the troops who were following to garrison and hold the captured trench. He was indefatigable in organising the trench during the next twenty-four hours under heavy bomb and machine-gun fire, and personally bombed the enemy out of an angle in the sap where they were collecting. The work of this N.C.O. throughout was splendid, and his courage and enthusiasm inspired all near him.

25264 Sjt. J. P. Kennett, Otago R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in command of his platoon, which was attacked by a large party of the enemy. He displayed great decision and tactical skill. Pushing forward a flank of his platoon he caught the enemy under enfilade fire and broke up the attack with very heavy losses. His cool presence of mind and able leadership were very conspicuous.

8/2641 Sjt. J. McG. Lamb, Otago R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his platoon when his officer was killed, and led them to meet an enemy attack, which he completely defeated; he successfully defended his posts against every attempt of the enemy to pierce our line.

8/3006 Pte. H. Melville, M.M., Otago R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Prior to an attack he assisted to locate the enemy's positions with great accuracy by frequent patrols. During our advance he rushed an enemy machine gun that was causing delay, killing five of the team single-handed and taking a prisoner. His conduct throughout was marked by conspicuous gallantry and initiative.

8/2666 Sjt. P. T. Moir, M.M., Otago R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He handled his platoon in pursuit of the retiring enemy with great skill and determination. Having beaten off a heavy flank attack, he and another man went forward to reconnoitre and rushed a party of the enemy, killing five and taking two prisoners. He displayed fine qualities of courage and leadership.

12/2827 Sjt. T. Rielly, Otago R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in command of two guns sup-