

Lt. Fraser McIntosh, 2nd Bn., Otago R.

For conspicuous gallantry and good work, Foret de Mormal, 5th November, 1918, when in command of the two leading platoons of his company. When the left battalion was held up he pushed these platoons forward with great dash, thus allowing the neighbouring troops to go on. Later, he encountered five enemy machine-guns in succession, and after skilfully out-manceuvring them he led the charge on each occasion and so captured four machine-guns and twenty-six prisoners.

2nd Lt. Donald Gordon McMillan, 6th By., N.Z. Fd. Arty.

On the 27th September, 1918, near Mœuvres, he went forward as brigade forward observation officer. Finding the infantry held up by machine-gun fire on the bank of the Canal du Nord, he gallantly organised sniping parties with Lewis guns and rifles, and with his own signallers did excellent work, shooting eight of the enemy, including several machine-guns working the guns. Afterwards he pressed forward under heavy machine-gun fire and sent back valuable information to the brigade. He has consistently done good work throughout the last month's strenuous fighting.

2nd Lt. Frederick Harold Mintrom, M.M., N.Z. M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative east of Le Quesnoy on 4th November, 1918. He commanded a section of machine-guns attached to an assaulting battalion of infantry and led forward two guns with the leading waves of the right leading company in the attack. By engaging strong enemy opposition he assisted the advance of infantry, and he took up a well chosen position on the objective gained.

Lt. Othenius Rudolf Olsen, 2nd Bn., Otago R.

During the operations at Foret de Mormal, 5th November, 1918, he displayed great courage and devotion to duty. The advance was a long one and communication was difficult, but he organised a visual and telephone system and supervised the work, going out and mending the wires himself under very heavy shell fire.

2nd Lt. Charles Carrington Southey, M.M., N.Z. Cyclist Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 1st November, 1918, south of Valenciennes. He was ordered to reconnoitre with

a patrol beyond the final objective. Finding this impracticable owing to the proximity of the enemy, he at once joined in with the infantry, who were few and hard pressed, and helped them through the day, especially in repelling a counter-attack. At the close of the day he sent in a clear report on the events in his area.

2nd Lt. Eric George Stewart, Otago Mtd. Rif., XXII. Corps Mtd. Regt.

For gallantry and initiative displayed on scouting patrols when attached to 33rd Infantry Brigade, 11th Division. On 8th November, 1918, near Hergies, when the infantry had lost touch with the retiring enemy, he went forward on a patrol with five other ranks. He located the enemy and returned with his valuable information. On 9th November, 1918, he and one other rank rode into Aulnois, being the first British to enter and found it clear of the enemy. He then went forward to another village, eventually bringing back the exact information required.

SOUTH AFRICAN FORCE.

T./Capt. George Bowden, S. African Defence Force, attd. 2nd Bn., Mdx. R.

On the night 10/11th November, 1918, when the battalion was ordered to fill a gap in the line north and south of Ghlin, he was commanding the outpost company. He showed great gallantry and tactical ability, and when he discovered that the enemy were holding a position nearly a mile further west than indicated to him, he attacked successfully and made an advance of some 2,000 yards. He set a fine example of energy and fearless leadership.

T./2nd Lt. John Peters, 4th Bn., S. Afr. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Le Cateau, on 17th October, 1918. When his company commander and all the other officers in his company had become casualties, he took command at an important moment in the attack, and made a personal reconnaissance of the position at great risk to himself, at close range under enemy machine-gun fire, using the information thus gained to secure the flank of his company, and enable the objective to be successfully consolidated. His courage and leadership were of the highest character and contributed greatly to the success of the operations.

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