

pletely, destroyed the other. The success of his battalion was in a very large degree due to his fine leadership.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Capt. Arthur Samuel Allen, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company with great dash and determination against enemy trenches, through heavy artillery and machine-gun barrage, and against a stubborn resistance of the garrison, of whom he captured 100 prisoners. He continued to rally and lead his men to the attack, gaining further ground by his aggressive spirit and setting a fine example of initiative and organising ability.

Lt. Norman Frederick Bremner, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He made his way through an intense enemy artillery barrage to a company which had become isolated and cut off from all communications, extricated it, and enabled it to capture the objective and eighty prisoners. He carried a wounded officer back under heavy fire of every description, during which he was attacked by five of the enemy, of whom he killed four and captured the fifth. His great gallantry saved the company and imbued fresh spirit into the men.

Maj. Rupert Iggulden Furber, A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He had charge of an advanced dressing station for five days, during which it was under heavy shell fire most of the time. He displayed the greatest ability and devotion to duty in organising the dressing and evacuation of a large number of the wounded, on several occasions helping to bring them in himself.

Maj. Alexander Robert Heron, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company to the relief of a battalion through extremely heavy shell fire, with great success and very few casualties. Throughout the operations, although under heavy barrage, he kept in touch and sent back information to his battalion headquarters. His skill and devotion contributed largely to the successful holding of our line, and throughout the whole period in the trenches his work has been consistently thorough.

Maj. Sydney Francis Hodgens, Fld. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In spite of difficulties occasioned by destroyed roads, shell torn ground and heavy shell fire, he kept his guns continually in action with an ample supply of ammunition, thereby giving most effective support to our infantry attack. He also did valuable service as forward observation officer, displaying great energy and resource in keeping up communication.

Capt. Arthur Mainwaring Maxwell, M.C., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He made a valuable reconnaissance at

a critical moment to restore touch between two brigades, taking great risks under heavy shell fire, and leading his men with great skill and courage. Throughout the whole engagement his actions were marked by sound judgment and promptitude, especially when the command of his battalion had devolved upon himself.

Lt.-Col. John Alexander Milne, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed great capacity and initiative in commanding his battalion when on carrying party duty. He kept the front line well supplied with stores, ammunition and water, and arranged for the relief of the parties in a most efficient manner, although constantly depleted by casualties and exhaustion.

Lt.-Col. John Smith Purdy, A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although continually under shell fire for seven days, he exercised close personal supervision over the evacuation of the wounded, and by his own example of courage and disregard of danger he animated all ranks with a similar attitude of mind. His work during preliminary preparations displayed the same untiring energy and devotion to duty.

Maj. Consett Carre Riddell, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although knocked down and stunned by shell fire, he continued to make most valuable and daring reconnaissances in advance of our front line. He has been wounded three times, but in spite of this his work has been consistently gallant throughout.

Maj. Harold Fletcher White, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company to the attack with exceptional dash over difficult ground and under heavy gas shell bombardment. By his great cheerfulness and disregard of personal danger, he kept the morale of his men at its highest, under incessant artillery fire, repulsed a counter-attack and successfully organised the consolidation.

NEW ZEALAND FORCE.

Maj. Nathaniel William Benjamin Butler Thoms, M.C., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in frequently moving forward under exceptionally heavy shell fire, personally reconnoitring the line and bringing back most valuable reports. He displayed exceptional courage and keenness throughout.

SOUTH AFRICAN FORCE.

T./Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) Erling Knapp, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At very short notice he organised and carried out a successful raid upon the enemy, and his fine example and disregard of danger