

pushed forward his attack and accounted for a great many more, showing exceptional dash and a very fine offensive spirit.

(M.C. gazetted 3rd June, 1916.)

Lt. (A./Maj.) William Martin Wood, M.C., R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although wounded in the hand, he continued to set an example of pluck and tenacity under heavy shell fire that very largely contributed to the excellence of the work done by his battery.

(M.C. gazetted 27th July, 1916.)

T./2nd Lt. Thomas Newton Woof, M.C., attd. S. Staff. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when commanding a raiding party. He led them through heavy fire of every description, reaching the enemy's trench with only one man. He entered it, however, although it was strongly held, and carried on a vigorous fight with bombs and revolver until forced to retire by superior numbers. He then took up a position in a shell-hole within a few yards of the enemy parapet, and maintained himself there for half an hour, in spite of heavy bombing by the enemy, in hopes that fresh reinforcements would enable him to make another attack on the trench. He remained until the signal for a general retirement was given. Throughout the operation he showed an exceptionally fine dash and utter contempt of danger.

(M.C. gazetted 18th July, 1917.)

T./2nd Lt. Alexander Frederick Worster, M.C., E. Kent R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when commanding his company against a hostile raid. He collected every available man with the greatest coolness under intense barrage, and posted them at points of advantage, moving up and down the line encouraging his men with a complete disregard of danger. His great courage and personal example caused the raid to be repulsed with great loss to the enemy. Later, though heavily sniped, he brought in a wounded enemy from "No Man's Land," thereby obtaining important identification.

(M.C. gazetted 18th June, 1917.)

#### AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Capt. (now Maj.) Alexander Sanderson, M.C., Eng.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid upon enemy trenches. He did excellent work in reconnoitring and destroying the enemy's mining system; also blowing in two dug-outs, and very largely contributing to the success of our operations.

(M.C. gazetted 26th September, 1916.)

#### CANADIAN FORCE.

Capt. Samuel James Mathewson, M.C., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid upon enemy trenches.

He directed the advance of two companies with the utmost skill and courage, and improvised and led a bombing party, with which he cleared a large section of trench which was holding up our advance. He kept in touch with the troops on his flanks, and, later, displayed exceptional coolness and leadership in conducting the withdrawal, bringing with him all his wounded and three enemy machine guns.

(M.C. gazetted 14th November, 1916.)

Lt. Evan Edward Price, M.C., Cav.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when brigade intelligence officer. Five nights in succession he crawled out 2,000 yards beyond the outpost line to the enemy's wire, and accurately located the precise point of attack. On the night of the attack he successfully led the first torpedo party to its objective, and then went through the wire with them into the enemy's trenches, where he remained throughout the engagement, obtaining valuable information. His fearless and skilful action very greatly contributed to the success of the enterprise.

(M.C. gazetted 11th May, 1917.)

#### NEW ZEALAND FORCE.

Lt. Alexander George Melles, M.C., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his platoon in hand-to-hand fighting in a village. Though the supports which were expected failed to appear, he carried out his task [that of a fighting patrol] unaided, exercising admirable control over his men, and setting a fine example of personal gallantry.

(M.C. gazetted 16th August, 1917.)

**His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to confer the Military Cross on the undermentioned Officers and Warrant Officers in recognition of their gallantry and devotion to duty in the Field:—**

T./2nd Lt. Alfred Dunston Adams, Gen. List, attd. Bord. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of an advanced post. He held it for a considerable time under heavy hostile fire of all descriptions, and in spite of many casualties. Being eventually compelled to retire, he carried out the operation very pluckily, and held his men together on the new line for thirty hours. He has previously displayed the utmost gallantry under fire, and has consistently set a splendid example to his men.

2nd Lt. Harold Hedley Artus, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of trench digging parties. He worked for twelve hours under heavy fire of every description, rallying his party three times after being scattered by shell fire, and successfully completing the task. He shared the work with his men, setting them a splendid example of coolness and devotion to duty.