

307 Sjt. C. H. Willis, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of his company after all the officers had become casualties. They dug themselves in on the second objective, and firmly established their part of the line. Though wounded in the head, he remained on duty until the battalion was relieved.

4000 Pte. W. O. Wilson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. When the leading troops were subjected to heavy enfilade fire from a pill-box, he led his section on his own initiative and attacked and captured it, putting the whole garrison out of action and taking four enemy machine guns. His courage and devotion to duty were an inspiration to his comrades.

595 (T./Sjt.) C. R. Yells, Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the enemy railway line, whereby about ninety of the enemy were killed and seventy taken prisoners; and great destruction was wrought.

CANADIAN FORCE.

436809 Sjt. A. Hunter, Can. Rail Troops.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While repairing a light railway line his party was almost wiped out by heavy shell-fire. He removed the wounded, collected another party, and returned and repaired the line under heavy fire. He set a splendid example, and showed an utter disregard of danger.

20187 Cpl. N. Purmal, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When advancing he saw an enemy M.G. crew bring their gun out of a sap. He rushed the gun, but when within a pace of it the enemy got it going, hitting him in the right arm. He threw the gun backward over the sap, took the crew of six men and an officer prisoner, and conducted them to battalion headquarters though his arm was badly shattered.

331775 Bombr. R. F. Sharpe, G. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in volunteering three times to go through heavy fire to search for wounded men of another battery. His coolness and gallantry were remarkable.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

1539 Cpl. L. Hollett, Newfldd. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With utter disregard for his own safety he went forward alone and destroyed a sniper's post, and captured a dug-out from which the enemy were firing on his platoon. He showed great courage and initiative.

2181 Sjt. J. J. Murphy, Newfldd. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He led a small party against a blockhouse which was holding up the advance, and captured it with a machine gun and seventeen prisoners. He com-

manded his platoon throughout with great courage and ability.

916 Sjt. R. J. Purcell, Newfldd. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. When the advance was held up by an enemy blockhouse, he at once went forward with an officer and captured it, together with a machine gun, two officers, and five other prisoners. He showed great courage and initiative.

378 Sjt. C. P. Spurrell, Newfldd. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He led a small party in an attack on a pill-box which had held up the advance, and captured a machine gun and three prisoners. He showed great courage and initiative.

1726 Pte. W. Sutton, Newfldd. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He collected a small party and organised an attack on a blockhouse, capturing a machine gun and seventeen prisoners. He showed great courage and initiative.

NEW ZEALAND CONTINGENT.

32495 Cpl. C. S. Alexander, Auck. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He led a small party on his own initiative to fill a gap between his company and another unit. He rushed a pill-box which was inflicting casualties on two battalions, and captured thirty prisoners and three machine guns. He showed the greatest initiative and courage throughout.

28079 Sjt. E. K. Blundell, Well. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. When his platoon commander was wounded he took command of the platoon and led it in a successful attack on a machine gun. He set a splendid example of courage and initiative to his men throughout the operations.

8/2809 C./S./M. T. A. Bunbury, Otago R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The advance was held up by uncut wire and a very heavy machine-gun barrage, and all his officers became casualties. He took command of the company and, after making another gallant attempt to advance, he successfully reorganised the company, extricated them from a body of mixed troops and dug in under heavy fire. He continued in command of the company until relieved. During the whole operation in his efforts to lead, encourage and reorganise his command, he repeatedly exposed himself to the most deadly fire, and set a magnificent example of courage, cool leadership and determination.

8/3251 Sjt. W. D. Evans, Otago R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. All the officers near him in an attack became casualties, and he rallied the men under the most intense machine-gun fire and pushed forward. By taking command in a critical situation he kept his company under control and consolidated the position. His leadership; cheerfulness, and contempt of danger were an inspiration to the men.