

6/1128 Sjt. J. Vincent, Canterbury B.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as battalion signalling serjeant in an attack. His commanding officer was killed during the attack and he went forward three times to find another officer to take command of the battalion, but in each case the officer for whom he was searching was wounded. He returned and established his communications, and finally found an officer to take command. Throughout the whole time he was exposed to the heaviest machine gun fire, and his cheerfulness and disregard of danger was a splendid example to all ranks.

12/960 Sjt. T./C.S.M. M. Ward, Well. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. When all his company officers became casualties he took command of the company and led it in the attack on the final objective. He showed great courage and good leadership throughout.

34458 Pte. J. H. Wilson, Auck. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. When the advance was held up by a party of the enemy, he attacked them with another man and captured them with two machine guns. This prompt and courageous action undoubtedly saved many lives and overcame an important point of resistance. He did excellent work throughout the operations.

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5258 C.S.M. D. Brown, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an action. On many occasions he exposed himself for long periods superintending the work of consolidation. He carried messages under fire, and when the fighting was over, though wounded himself, he assisted in the search for wounded, saving the lives of several wounded men by his coolness and courage.

713 L./Sjt. T. T. Stewart, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He attacked an enemy machine gun which was inflicting casualties on his company and hampering the work of consolidation. With one man he advanced 200 yards through the barrage, captured the position and put the gun out of action. By his courageous action many lives were saved.

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