

he took command of his company and displayed great initiative and gallantry under fire.

Lt. Phillip Edward Michael Vowels, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his men with great dash and skill against two enemy machine-gun positions and captured them under heavy fire. When the objective was reached he showed a coolness and determination during the consolidation under heavy fire which was an example to all.

2nd Lt. Joseph Dudley Westwood, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a fighting patrol. He captured an enemy patrol, and going forward again he encountered a large party of the enemy. After a fight against strong opposition, in which four of the enemy were killed, he skilfully withdrew his party, bringing back two of his men who had been wounded.

Lt. Walter John Whettam, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of a construction party engaged on an important piece of work. For two days the party was under continuous shell fire, and despite heavy casualties he successfully completed a very difficult task. He set a splendid example throughout.

Lt. George Henry Wilkins, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon to their final

objective and consolidated it under heavy machine-gun and artillery fire. His fearlessness and contempt of danger have on many occasions been a magnificent example to his men.

Lt. George William Young, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as signalling officer. He carried out his duties under heavy shell fire, which caused many casualties, visiting eight batteries and organising and superintending the laying of lines for each. He remained at his post until all the batteries were connected up, setting a splendid example of energy and determination.

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Lt. Allan Cameron Solomon, Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When an ammunition dump and a truck full of ammunition were set on fire by enemy shells, with a small party he went to the spot and extinguished the fire, in spite of several explosions, after fifteen minutes' work, thereby saving many lives and a large quantity of ammunition.

NOTE.—Since the publication of these Officers' and Warrant Officers' names in the Gazette of 19th November, 1917, promotion has, in some cases, been conferred, and the ranks herein shown are not therefore in all cases those now held.

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