

far bank and a line of blockhouses. Ten minutes after the attack began there were 95 prisoners back at Battalion Headquarters and several machine guns were captured. By his initiative and skill he contributed largely to the success of the attack.

Capt. (T./Maj. and A./Lt.-Col.) William Allsop Wistance, M.C., S. Staffs. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of his battalion during an attack. He maintained complete control of the situation under extraordinarily difficult conditions.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Maj. (T./Lt.-Col.) Robert Christie, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of his battalion. Owing to his excellent arrangements the approach march and deployment were carried out without casualties. He went forward with the battalion in the attack, and established his headquarters close to the final objective. His tactical handling of the battalion reflected great credit upon him.

Capt. William Henry Collins, A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Finding that his regimental stretcher-bearers were unable to find a Regimental aid post which he had established in a German "pill-box," he personally led the first party of them through an intense artillery and machine gun fire barrage. Although knocked down by a bursting shell, he immediately resumed the dressing of the wounded. Although, owing to casualties, he had only two men to help him, he courageously persevered with his work and himself helped to excavate a dug-out for the wounded under heavy shell fire, during which several of the wounded were killed. He remained on duty for sixty hours and refused to leave his post till the last wounded man had been evacuated. By his constant cheerfulness under the most adverse conditions, and by his utter disregard for his own safety, he kept up the spirits of the wounded and stimulated his surviving helpers to their utmost effort.

2nd Lt. William Arthur Fraser, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon was checked by a machine gun, he located it and, accompanied only by his runner, attacked the dug-out from the rear, killed ten men and captured twenty others, together with the machine gun.

Maj. Geoffrey Hurry, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of his battalion in action. He showed a fine example to all ranks, and fought his battalion with great skill, contributing largely towards the success of the operations.

Maj. Eric Lloyd Hutchinson, A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of the evacuation of wounded from the forward area. He led a relief of stretcher-bearers over a track knee deep in mud, and at times over his waist in water. Another time he led a party through an intense barrage, thus relieving a tempo-

rary congestion of the wounded. He had very little rest during the whole four days.

Maj. Tristram Bernard Wordsworth James, Fd. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After the men had been ordered to safety owing to heavy shelling, when a gun-pit caught fire he extinguished it single-handed. By his efforts his personnel were rendered safe and his guns were all maintained in action.

Maj. Russell Fulton Manton, Fd. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his battery was being heavily shelled, the Infantry sent back an S.O.S. call on the battery sector; he personally led the detachments to the guns, attended to the wounded and kept every gun in action. By his determination and personal disregard of danger he set a magnificent example. On several occasions he showed the greatest gallantry and ability when in command of his battery.

Maj. Philip Alan Maplestone, A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of all stretcher-bearers and forward posts he showed the utmost coolness under very heavy fire, during which several shelters were hit. By his example he prevented any panic and prevented serious casualties from gas shells. Although gassed himself, he remained on duty till the forenoon of the following day, having been on duty for over thirty hours. Even then he refused to be treated as a casualty, but after a short rest he returned to the advanced dressing station and carried on his duties.

NEW ZEALAND FORCE.

Maj. Robert Charles Wickens, Fld. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a gun-pit was set on fire, causing an explosion which killed one man, he set to work personally to localise the fire. As men arrived he organised them into a fire party, and eventually succeeded in extinguishing the fire, thereby saving the other gun and ammunition and probable loss of life.

SOUTH AFRICAN FORCE.

Lt.-Col. Frank Henry Heal, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all his company commanders were casualties and the advance appeared not to be progressing satisfactorily, he went up to his battalion on the first objective and accompanied it in the advance to the second objective, which was gained, two counter-attacks being repulsed.

AWARDED A SECOND BAR TO THE MILITARY CROSS,

Rev. John Thom, M.C., A. Chaplans. Dept.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in remaining throughout an attack at an advanced aid post. He also went up to the front line in daylight in full view of enemy machine-guns and snipers, visiting the wounded and comforting the dying, and superintending the burial of the dead under heavy shell fire.