

which formed the front line during an attack. On reaching his objective, although slightly wounded, he personally organised the work and sent back valuable information to his commanding officer. The success of the operation was largely due to him.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Noel Meredith Vibart, M.C., R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when making a reconnaissance with a view to discovering the positions of our forward posts. This task was extremely difficult owing to the darkness of the night, the absence of notable landmarks, and the almost impassable nature of the ground. On two occasions he found himself within ten yards of an enemy post and narrowly escaped capture. In spite of these difficulties he succeeded in locating our forward troops and in bringing back a most valuable report.

T./Capt. Philip Randal Woodhouse, M.C., M.B., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the battalion was formed up in the assembly area all the battalion medical staff except himself were wounded. He carried the medical haversacks all day and tended the wounded under fire. He was slightly wounded, but continued to work single-handed for two days.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Lt. Herbert William Carlton, M.C., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of the brigade forward party. Although shelled out of his position three times and losing ten of his party killed and wounded, he maintained communication throughout the day, repairing lines himself wherever necessary. By boldly pushing his station forward he enabled the forward battalion commanders to send back their reports without delay.

Capt. Edmund Warhurst Cornish, M.C., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in personally supervising the laying of the jumping-off tapes in "No Man's Land" under heavy shelling. On the same evening he skilfully stopped a retirement of a neighbouring unit which left the flank of the brigade in a precarious condition.

Lt. Philip Edward Michael Vowels, M.C., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With thirty N.C.O.s and men he carried out a raid which, owing to his previous thorough reconnaissance and able leadership, was a complete success. Without suffering a casualty, he inflicted heavy losses on the enemy and brought back fifteen prisoners and one machine gun.

NEW ZEALAND FORCE.

2nd/Lt. George Reginald Park, M.C., Fd. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While taking his guns forward he was caught in a heavy barrage, which caused casualties to men and animals. He was himself wounded in three places, but continued

at his work and got the guns to the required positions, when he collapsed.

Capt. Robert Gleadow Purdy, M.C., Rif. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the position was very obscure he reconnoitred the whole of the brigade front under severe sniping fire, visiting each of the posts and establishing communication with the flanks. The information which he brought back enabled the position to be held.

AWARDED THE MILITARY CROSS.

T./Capt. Everard Cecil Abraham, M.B., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a bearer division during seven days' operations. The rapid and efficient clearing of wounded from the field was largely due to his efforts. During a heavy gas shell bombardment he led his bearers through the barrage to rescue men affected by the gas.

Lt. Arthur William Acland, G.G.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading the first waves of his company with a skill which would have done credit to a much older soldier. He organised the line on his objective under very heavy fire.

T./2nd Lt. Berthold Adams, North'd Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in reorganising his company, having frequently to go over the top from shell hole to shell hole exposed to the enemy's snipers. He went out and bandaged several wounded who were lying in the open, and remained with his company although wounded.

T./Capt. William Robert Addis, M.B., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in superintending the clearing of wounded from regimental aid posts. The whole area was being heavily shelled, and during the latter part of the period he was gassed, but remained at work until the relief was finished.

T./2nd Lt. William Percy Allen, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a battery of machine guns under very adverse conditions during six days' operations. At very short notice he brought a barrage to bear on a large number of the enemy massing for a counter-attack.

Lt. (A./Maj.) John George Anson, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of his battery during heavy shelling. The battery suffered twenty-six casualties, but he so reorganised the detachments that he carried out the programme of fire without cessation.

Capt. Matthew Thomas Ascough, R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in dressing wounded in the open for forty-eight hours, without sleep or rest, under heavy shell fire, after his shelter had been rendered untenable by four direct hits.