

His magnificent courage and determination helped greatly in breaking up the enemy's attack, and cannot be too highly praised.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Garnet Francis Malley, Aust. F.C., attd. R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When on offensive and low-flying patrol he attacked one of two hostile scouts, which eventually turned over and fell out of control, being seen to crash by another pilot. Later, a general engagement ensued with four enemy scouts, one of which he attacked, with the result that it fell completely out of control and crashed. Prior to this occasion he had also shot down out of control another hostile machine. His courage and able leadership have resulted in his patrol carrying out excellent work under the most adverse conditions.

Lt. Albert Roy Retchford, Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of a patrol, he and an N.C.O. pushed forward in advance of the party and succeeded in reaching the enemy wire. They were observed by the enemy, who opened up machine-gun fire, by which the N.C.O. was wounded. He started to return, carrying the N.C.O. with him, and though he was himself wounded on the journey back, he succeeded in bringing the wounded man to our lines. He showed courage and endurance of a high order.

Lt. Albert Ernest Robertson, Aust. F.C., attd. R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When carrying out a low-flying bombing patrol, he observed a hostile triplane, accompanied by three scouts. He fired a burst of 30 rounds at very close range, and the hostile plane turned over on its side and crashed. Then, seeing an enemy scout below him, he fired 20 rounds into its cockpit, and it fell down vertically out of control. In addition to these, he has shot down one other enemy machine, which finally crashed to earth. His dash and daring have been at all times most marked.

Lt. Francis James Scott, F.C., attd. R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After carrying out a bombing attack, he observed an enemy plane, into which he fired 80 rounds. The hostile plane turned on its back and crashed to earth. Four days previous to this he had destroyed an enemy two-seater machine and had sent down out of control a hostile scout. In addition to these, he has destroyed another hostile two-seater machine. He has displayed marked courage and determination.

Lt. Charles Watson Smith, Fd. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of a gun and wagons, which came under heavy shell fire, he assisted to release the teams, and, aided by two other men, unloaded the ammunition and carried 150 charges to a place of safety. Later, when getting the gun into position, his party came under shell fire, but by his splendid example of courage and coolness, he encouraged his men and succeeded in placing the gun in position.

Lt. Thomas Sefton Ware, A.S.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an enemy advance he saved a large quantity of supplies from falling into the hands of the enemy, and succeeded in removing them all by rail while the enemy infantry were approaching. He showed great coolness and skill.

NEW ZEALAND FORCE.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Frederick Edwin Ashby, Wellington R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He encountered an enemy strong point garrisoned by about fifty of the enemy with six machine guns. He organised bombing attacks and then led his men with splendid dash in the final rush which captured the machine guns and twenty-five prisoners. Later, when all the other company officers in the front line were wounded he directed the consolidation of the captured position. He set a splendid example of courage and initiative to his men.

2nd Lt. Martin Blamfield, Auckland R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as battalion scout officer. He led his men in an advance of over $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles in perfect order after a long march. By his skilful observation and reports he was the means of inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. He also led his scouts as an organised platoon behind a threatening gap and prevented the enemy from penetrating a thin line at a critical time. He showed great courage and skill.

Lt. John Clarence Carter, Auckland R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his men in an advance of over $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles in perfect order after a long march. He went to the assistance of a company which had suffered many casualties, reorganised it and helped to maintain the position for two days under heavy shell and machine-gun fire. His courageous bearing had a splendid effect on the men.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Robert Duffus McFarland, Auckland R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company in an attack, and though wounded, remained at duty for some time. He showed the greatest courage and resource when his right flank was held up by a strong point, and his splendid leadership contributed materially to the success of the operation.

Capt. William Esmonde Lennox Napier, Auckland R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of a company when the company commander was wounded and showed great resource in repelling the enemy's bombing attacks. Later, during an attack, he went forward and organised the final capture and consolidation of part of the objective with great courage and skill.