

tion where he was able to keep in touch with three companies of another battalion which were under his command. He showed splendid initiative and skill.

Lt. Guy Randolph Westmacott, G. Gds.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His flank was completely exposed, both during the attack and after reaching the objective, and he had to form a defensive flank with his company throughout the whole action. On the enemy delivering a heavy counter-attack on this exposed flank he formed his company to the right, and shattered it with steady and admirably controlled fire. On reaching the objective he consolidated, covering the flank of the battalion by digging a very strong line, and also providing further protection for the flank of the division by means of several machine guns. The complete success of the attack and the immediate defeat of the hostile counter-attack were largely due to his resource and prompt action.

Capt. and Bt. Maj. (A./Maj.) Bevil Thomson Wilson, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He reached some canal bridges with the leading waves of infantry, and destroyed the charges of explosives before the bridges could be blown up. During an enemy counter-attack he collected what men he could and drove the enemy back, spending the rest of the day and night in organising a defensive flank under heavy fire. During the withdrawal across the canal he remained behind until orders were received for the destruction of the bridges. He showed splendid courage and initiative.

#### CANADIAN FORCES.

Capt. (A./Maj.) Samuel Buttrey Birds, M.C., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in support during an attack, and when the leading companies were held up he advanced straight to the position and captured it, together with three machine-guns and a large number of prisoners. He reconnoitred the whole position and sent in most accurate sketches and reports. He showed great courage and skill.

Lt.-Col. Allison Hart Borden, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. By his personal reconnaissance prior to the attack, in the face of great danger from machine-gun and rifle fire, he obtained sufficient information to modify his plans so as to deal with the unexpected situation caused by the enemy's counter-attack. With complete disregard for his own safety, he made a tour of the line, making the necessary adjustments in dispositions to ensure its being held. His example to his battalion was magnificent, and his determination, courageous conduct, and skilful leadership inspired all ranks to hold on to their objective, even though their losses were very heavy.

Maj. Alexander Grant, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company to the final objective and organised the defence. When

his company was in support and a counter-attack was imminent, he led his company forward through heavy shell fire, established it immediately behind the front line, and took charge of the situation. He set a splendid example to his men.

Maj. John Alexander McEwan, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. When all the other officers of his company became casualties, he placed himself in front of his company, under heavy fire, and led them with the greatest skill and determination to their final objective. Though three times buried by shells, he continued to hold the line for four days.

Lt.-Col. Andrew George Latta McNaughton, Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as counter-battery staff officer. He carried out daring reconnaissances, and observed the enemy's batteries from an exposed position under very heavy fire. On one occasion he crossed the enemy's lines in low-flying aeroplane, obtaining valuable information as to the enemy's batteries. He rendered most valuable service during a long period.

#### NEWFOUNDLAND FORCES.

Capt. Bertram Butler, M.C., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When two attacks had been held up, on his own initiative he organised and led another attack and captured the position. He set a magnificent example of courage and determination.

#### AWARDED A SECOND BAR TO THE MILITARY CROSS.

T./Capt. Fred Roland Berridge, M.C., North'n R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In carrying out a reconnaissance, he twice passed through a heavy barrage of gas and other shells, and brought back valuable information. He insisted on returning to headquarters to report, and, although he was suffering from the effects of gas, he carried on his duties. He rendered valuable services throughout the operations, and set a fine example of endurance and devotion to duty.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Edward Budd, M.C., I. Gds., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company with great skill and judgment, and during the subsequent consolidation displayed marked ability and disregard of danger, reorganising his own company and rendering great assistance to neighbouring company commanders. Later, when, during an enemy attack, all communications were cut, he volunteered to go up to the front line and clear up the situation. He successfully accomplished this task, in spite of continuous sniping and machine gun fire. Throughout the operations his coolness was most marked, and his sound judgment was of the greatest help to his battalion commander.