

the line. He established a defensive line in the face of great difficulties, and, though wounded, remained with his men until he had put the position in a sound state of defence.

Capt. Robert Francis Mitchell, Mtd. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a party carrying gas material to the front line. Though two previous parties had failed owing to heavy machine-gun fire and shelling, he succeeded by good organisation in accomplishing the work in the specified time with very few casualties. Although slightly gassed, he remained at work until he had completed his task.

Lt. Caro James Pierce, Mtd. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his company when his squadron leader was wounded, and

held his position against a superior number of the enemy, under heavy shell and machine-gun fire. He showed splendid leadership and coolness, and set an excellent example to his men.

#### NEWFOUNDLAND FORCE.

2nd Lt. Gerald Joseph Whitty, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as signalling officer. When there were very few officers left, he went forward on his own initiative and assisted in reorganising the attack, and led a charge with most successful results.

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