

enemy trenches killed a number of the garrison and put the remainder to flight. He then skilfully withdrew his party back to our trenches. He had for three nights prior to the raid shown great courage and resource in taking his patrols out to reconnoitre for weak spots in the enemy wire.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Lt. Richard Stewart Billington, L.H.R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On a large force of enemy infantry being observed advancing, he took up a position whence he could enfilade the advancing enemy with his machine gun. Although under heavy fire, the use to which he put his gun harassed the enemy considerably, and they made every effort to dislodge him. Despite this, he held on to the position, displaying tenacity and gallantry of a very high order.

Lt. Charles William Croft, M.M., Fld. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While the battery was in action one of the gun-pits was set on fire by an enemy shell. In spite of an intense bombardment he entered the pit, assisted to extinguish the flames, and carried a wounded man to safety. He then returned and assisted in the search for two missing men. He showed splendid courage and resource.

Capt. James Doherty, Fld. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while temporarily in charge of his battery. A premature explosion occurred in one of the guns which put the whole detachment out of action and set the charges in the gun-pit on fire. He at once entered the gun-pit alone and attempted to extinguish the fire. He organised a party to carry water, and, remaining in the pit himself, in spite of the flames, got the fire under control. His prompt and courageous action prevented considerable damage and loss of life.

Lt. William Hopkins James, L.H.R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While in command of his squadron he captured over 300 prisoners and four machine guns under heavy artillery fire.

NEW ZEALAND FORCE.

Lt. William Richard Foley, Mtd. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of a squadron on outpost duty the post was attacked by a superior force, but he held his position under heavy shell and rifle fire until ordered to retire. The retirement he conducted in a very able manner, and succeeded in getting all the wounded back to our lines. His gallantry throughout the action, and his disregard of personal safety, afforded a very fine example to his men.

SOUTH AFRICAN FORCE.

Capt. Robert Milward, S.A.S.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in command of a convoy of thirty cars he was attacked when five miles from camp by an enemy force, which he drove back until held up within a mile of camp. Finding it necessary then to reverse his convoy, he, with the escort, drove back the enemy again, and having despatched several mounted men into camp to obtain reinforcements, succeeded eventually in reaching camp, though three companies of enemy infantry were barring his way.

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