

Lt. James Norman Baker London, M.C., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Prior to a counter-attack this officer moved up and down the jumping-off position under heavy machine-gun fire, assisting in the deployment of the battalion and starting it forward in the correct direction. The next morning he went forward with three runners to ascertain the situation and deliver important orders. Two of the runners were wounded, and he ordered the remaining runner to stay where he was, going forward alone under heavy machine-gun fire.

(M.C. gazetted 3rd June, 1918.)

Capt. Alexander Rowan Macneil, M.C., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On reaching his objective in an attack, after two of his officers had become casualties, this officer supervised the digging in of his company. Later, after reaching the second objective, he reconnoitred the front positions, and finding that they could not be held, he skilfully withdrew his company, pushing out Lewis gun posts. In the evening he went forward and finally dug in. He displayed coolness and judgment under trying conditions.

(M.C. gazetted 20th October, 1916.)

T./Capt. Ernest Henry Whitford Mills, M.C., I.C.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a hostile attack. After a heavy bombardment the enemy attacked in strength, and advanced to within bombing distance of the position. Though twice wounded, he moved from post to post encouraging his men and supervising the defence. During part of the time all communication was broken, and it was largely due to his initiative and courage that the position was maintained.

(M.C. gazetted 4th June, 1917.)

2nd Lt. John Charles Moore, M.C., M.M., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Throughout four days' fighting round a village this officer did most efficient work. When commanding a platoon in support he maintained the flow of supplies to the front line and organised the removal of the wounded. He also obtained valuable information of an impending counter-attack, and was responsible for bringing artillery fire to bear on the massed enemy. Afterwards he went along the front line, disregarding snipers, and cheering and encouraging the men who had lost their officers, returning with valuable information.

(M.C. gazetted 13th May, 1918.)

Lt. John Donald Schroder, M.C., Aust. Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his brigade was placed under orders of another division and had to make a night attack, it became urgently necessary to improvise means of communication. He volunteered to lay a cable, which he accomplished and maintained throughout the operation, despite immense difficulties, the whole area being drenched with high explo-

sive and gas. As soon as the final objective had been reached communications were opened and maintained, this officer working day and night for three days until relieved and inspiring his men by his example.

(M.C. gazetted 26th July, 1918.)

Lt. Charles William Stoerkel, M.C., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of a "mopping up" party, when he led his men through a terrific machine-gun barrage. After clearing the cellars and houses of the enemy and despatching prisoners to the rear he was almost cut off, but extricated his party with great dexterity. The thoroughness with which he executed his task in the face of heavy odds was magnificent, and his courage a great inspiration to the men under his command.

(M.C. gazetted 25th August, 1917.)

Capt. John Percy Gilbert Toft, M.C., M.M., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a company. By his skilful arrangements an enemy raid in considerable strength and under cover of intense bombardment was beaten off with heavy casualties. During the night he drove the enemy from the front where they were established. Later, he fought the enemy throughout the greater part of a day with bombs and rifle grenades, and prevented them from establishing machine guns. Throughout he showed untiring energy, and by his courageous and cool behaviour set a splendid example to his men.

(M.C. gazetted 25th August, 1917.)

NEW ZEALAND FORCE.

Lt. Magnus Earle Johnson, M.C., Auckland M. Rif. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when his regiment had crossed the river and a squadron was sent forward to attempt a surprise attack. He was in charge of the advanced guard, and came suddenly on a post of nineteen enemy infantrymen. Calling to his troop to follow him, he galloped straight at the enemy and in spite of determined resistance captured the whole post.

(M.C. gazetted 11th April, 1918.)

Lt. John Clark Maclean, M.C., N. Zealand Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under continuous shell fire he assisted the R.A.M.C. at their advanced posts in bringing wounded to the light railway trains. By his courage and determination he maintained the train service to the most forward points, thus rendering invaluable aid to ambulance units.

(M.C. gazetted 17th December, 1917.)

Lt. John Murdoch Campbell McLeod, Cant. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer was in charge of a company when the enemy attack on the right had been successful, and he moved into a switch line to form a defensive flank. He engaged