

Lt. Eowyn Hugh Davies, Aust. Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On two consecutive nights this officer was responsible for throwing the footbridges across a river in "No Man's Land." The first night he organised the operation and his covering party so skilfully that two bridges were constructed and bridge-heads established in one-and-a-half hours. The second night he launched a bridge with sappers only, and while on his way to launch the second bridge suffered 50 per cent. casualties but got the bridge launched and reported ready just in time for the attack to commence. Then he helped to carry his casualties to the regimental aid post.

Lt. Harold Hand Davis, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Throughout more than three weeks' operations this officer continually showed initiative, leadership and courage. One morning, after a heavy bombardment, his post was strongly attacked for two hours, but the coolness with which he directed the fire inflicted such heavy losses that the attack was abandoned. Another morning, in charge of a party attacking an enemy post, he was held up by direct machine-gun fire, but placing a Lewis gun in position he made a bombing attack and then rushed the post, occupying and consolidating it. He set a fine example to his men.

2nd Lt. Daniel Robert Desbois, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a platoon post in front of the line when attacked heavily on both flanks and front. Though under heavy enfilade fire the whole time, he showed a careless disregard for his own safety, and by his courage and cheerfulness inspired his men with great confidence. The formation of the attacking waves was broken time after time by the gallantry of his post.

Lt. Francis Joseph De Vere, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his party in an attack on the enemy and gained his objective, successfully consolidating his position. He showed great personal courage and capable leadership.

Capt. Ernest Noel Brougham Docker, A.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He followed up with his bearers, picked up guides, gained touch with the regimental aid posts, and organised a line of bearer relays. This was done at night under machine-gun and heavy shell fire.

Lt. Herbert Hamilton Downey, Aust. A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as F.O.O. For two days during an exceptionally heavy bombardment he kept in touch with the battery, forwarding valuable information about the tactical situation, and during the night enabling fire to be brought to bear on bodies of the enemy massing for attack and on hostile batteries in action.

Capt. John Robertson Duigan, Aust. F Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While on reconnaissance he was attacked by four enemy scouts. Although wounded, he manoeuvred his machine with great skill, his observer using the rear machine-gun, with the result that one scout was shot down out of control. The three others continued the attack, eventually setting fire to his tail plane; after which he landed behind the front line, helped to remove the observer, who had been wounded five times, and salvaged the photographic plates in spite of being wounded three times himself.

Lt. Gelson Henry Frederick Engel, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst laying a guiding tape forward he discovered a strong enemy patrol and indicated it to the garrison of the line, who counter-attacked it successfully. While marking out a communication trench to the captured position he and another officer located an enemy machine-gun post, and with a small party rushed it, capturing the garrison and two machine guns. He rendered very valuable service.

Capt. Frank William Fay, Aust. A.M. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of the transport and evacuation of wounded from the divisional main dressing station. The station was twice hit by shells, but he succeeded in clearing all wounded, exposing himself in bringing up ambulance cars and showing great energy and devotion to duty.

Lt. John Fisher, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer was informed by the Engineer officer that an enemy machine-gun post prevented him laying a tape to mark a fire trench it was intended to dig. He immediately took six men and attacked the post with resolute courage, capturing six of the enemy and two machine guns. The initiative and prompt decision of his action, which was performed in the face of a heavy sniping fire, saved his company from heavy casualties, as the machine guns would have covered the ground over which the men would have advanced.

Lt. James Hugh William Fraser, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When acting as transport officer, he brought up rations and water through heavy shell and machine-gun fire when they were urgently needed. He was subsequently severely wounded when again bringing up rations during an enemy attack.

Lt. Harry Neville Garton, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When two platoon commanders had become casualties, he took command of the men and successfully attacked some machine guns, at the corner of a village, which were causing casualties. He then formed up his men, as a second wave, for an advance which drove the enemy entirely out of the village.