

2nd Lt. Wesley Hall Taylor, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He personally rushed a machine-gun post that was holding up our advance and killed two of the team, capturing the remainder with the gun. His courage and initiative throughout the operation were worthy of high praise.

Lt. Edward Thomas, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership. Having taken command of the company at very short notice, he led his men with great ability in an attack, and captured the first and second lines of enemy trenches, in spite of determined resistance and hand-to-hand bayonet fighting. On reaching the objective, he personally led a patrol forward and drove away the enemy, who were harassing the work of consolidation. His calm and cheerful demeanour had a great effect on his men, who had suffered heavy casualties.

Lt. Frederick Richard Thompson, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of two Vickers guns during an attack. He pushed his guns forward into a dangerous gap between his brigade and the brigade on the left, and he rushed two machine-gun nests, capturing thirty-five prisoners and six machine guns. He showed great courage and initiative.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Alick David Turnbull, M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry during an advance. He led his platoon with great coolness under heavy fire. On reaching the final objective, he took a patrol well forward and brought valuable information as to the enemy dispositions. His conduct throughout set a splendid example to his men.

2nd Lt. George Albert Williams, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He took his gun forward with the attacking infantry and forced two enemy machine guns to surrender. He reached the final objective at the same time as the infantry, and brought fire to bear on two parties of the retreating enemy. Throughout his courage and energy were most marked.

Capt. Norman Wilson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. Under most difficult conditions he led his company splendidly, taking his objective and capturing many machine guns and over 200 prisoners. His brilliant success enabled the following battalion to come through, and was largely due to his personal courage and leadership.

Capt. William George Wilson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative. He led his company forward during an attack with great judgment and skill under heavy fire. Though there was a gap of several yards between his flank and the unit on his left, he pushed on and reached the

objective with very small casualties. His courage and splendid example of determination materially contributed to the success of the operation.

Lt. Harold Goldie Witcombe, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while reconnoitring a road for artillery. Accompanied only by a N.C.O. he rushed a party of twenty of the enemy with a machine gun, killing two and capturing the remainder and the gun. He then returned for his party and made the road good for artillery. He behaved splendidly.

Lt. Clarence Meredith Wrench, Infy.

In an operation against an enemy position this officer displayed great gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon with great dash and ability and rushed a machine-gun post, killing or taking the occupants prisoners and capturing a machine gun. He set his men a fine example of courage and determination.

#### NEW ZEALAND FORCE.

2nd Lt. Robert Edgar Fyfe, Otago R.

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership. He led his platoon with great dash on the flank of the enemy, who were holding up our advance with heavy sniping fire from an entrenched position. The enemy were routed and our line was able to advance. The next day he executed a similar manoeuvre, capturing three machine guns and inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. Throughout the operations he displayed great courage and qualities of leadership of a high order.

2nd Lt. Robert Vincent Hollis, Well. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and good work. He carried out several reconnaissance patrols over difficult country when the position of the enemy was unknown, and by his daring and skill obtained much valuable information. Later, during an advance, he led a bombing party against an enemy machine-gun post and caused the crew to be captured. Throughout he set a splendid example to his men.

2nd Lt. Hugh Miller, Auck. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He was leading his attacking sections, and, coming under heavy fire from an enemy machine gun in front, he promptly rushed forward with a Lewis gun and, under cover of his fire, enabled his sections to advance and take the position, capturing two machine guns and seventeen prisoners. He showed great courage and promptitude.

Lt. William Nicholas Sievers, Fd. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while acting as brigade forward observation officer. The situation being obscure, he proceeded in front of the infantry and made a daring reconnaissance under heavy fire, locating a large enemy force massing for