

by fog and uncut wire and heavy machine gun and artillery fire, carried out his duties in a most gallant and skilful manner. On reaching the first objective he went ahead to reconnoitre, and located a large party of the enemy. He threw bombs at them and twenty surrendered. These he brought back with him, and then got together a party of men and again attacked the enemy, taking further prisoners. At the first objective he had received a painful wound in the leg but carried on right to the final objective. He behaved splendidly.

Lt. William Stanley Bennett, M.C., 10th Bn. Aust. Infy.

For most conspicuous gallantry near Villeret on September 18th, 1918. Whilst leading his platoon with the first wave he observed a nest of machine guns firing through our barrage and holding up our advance. He ran out ahead of his men into the barrage, worked his way round to the rear of the nest and shot five of the enemy with his revolver, made thirty men surrender and captured their five guns. Thanks to this fine action which was accomplished single handed under a hail of bullets, the advance was enabled to continue.

Maj. (T./Lt.-Col.) Alexander Kenneth Macenzie, M.C., 1st Bn. Aust. Infy.

In the attack on Hargicourt and subsequent operations, September 18th/21st 1918, in command of a battalion he showed great skill and gallantry in preparing the attack and during the advance. The attack was in every way successful and resulted in the capture of several hundred prisoners and some field guns. During the difficult period of holding the line he showed ability in disposing his troops, and his work was of the greatest value to the brigade during a delicate situation.

Maj. Leonard May, M.C., Aust. A.M.C., attd. 11th Bn. Aust. Infy.

During the attack near Villeret on September 18th, 1918, he displayed great gallantry and devotion to duty whilst attending to the wounded. In consequence of his excellent organisation for clearing the wounded he was able to keep in touch with the advance, constantly moving his aid post forward with the barrage, and maintaining liaison with the attacking companies throughout. He showed great disregard of danger under heavy artillery and machine-gun fire, and by his skill saved many lives.

Lt. John McLean, M.C., 42nd Bn. Aust. Infy.

On August 11/12th, 1918, during operations on the Somme, he, with a Lewis gun section attacked an enemy strong point north of Rosieres which was holding up the advance of a flank company, whose success meant the success of the line. With extraordinary gallantry he accounted for five enemy machine guns, two by himself, cleared the strong point, and enabled the flank company to continue their advance. Just before reaching his final objective he was wounded, but continued to control his platoon until the capture of the final position, and then superintended consolidation. His magnificent example of courageous conduct produced a great moral effect

on the whole of the attacking troops and did much to ensure his company's success. He did most splendid work.

Maj. William Robert Wadsworth, M.C., 14th Bn. Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and valuable services near Ascension Wood, north of St. Quentin, on September 18th, 1918. He led his company with the greatest dash until the whole battalion was held up by intense machine-gun fire on the wire of the Hindenburg outpost line. At this stage he took charge of the battalion and displayed great tactical skill in manœuvring the men to take the position on a flank. He constantly moved up and down the line supervising the action of the companies and showed a complete disregard for his own personal safety. Having successfully reorganised the battalion he, by a series of skilfully planned bombing attacks, succeeded in carrying the enemy line on a frontage of 1,400 yards.

NEW ZEALAND FORCE.

Capt. Patrick Augustine Ardagh, M.C., N.Z. Med. Co., attd. 1st Bn. Auckland R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack east of Masnieres. Being forced to place his dressing station in a spot constantly shelled by the enemy for thirty-six hours, he continued to dress wounded while shells fell on the station. He attended, not only his own battalion wounded, but men of three other battalions, and worked continuously without sleep all the time. He displayed high courage and resource and was the means of saving many lives.

AWARDED A SECOND BAR TO THE MILITARY CROSS.

T./Capt. George Oliver Fairclough Alley, M.C., M.B., R.A.M.C., attd. 2nd Bn. R. Ir. Regt.

For conspicuous courage, energy and initiative during the operations on October 8th, 1918, in front of Niergnies. He followed up the battalion in the attack, dressing and evacuating wounded under heavy shelling, eventually establishing his aid post right forward in a section of trench in the rear of the front line. Here he dressed and evacuated wounded, not only of his own battalion and brigade but of battalions operating on the right and left flanks. Throughout the day he behaved splendidly and by his fine devotion to duty saved many lives.

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T./2nd Lt. Walter George Bailey, M.C., attd. 2nd Bn. Suff. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Seranvillers on October 8th, 1918. He assembled the troops, and afterwards with a few scouts moved forward with the attack. He cleared the village and, with four men, captured prisoners and machine guns. He reorganised men of the battalion who had lost their companies and then went out and ascertained the enemy's dispositions under very heavy machine-gun and shell fire. Greatly owing to his gallant and determined leadership all objectives were gained.

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