

Verguier. He moved forward with his bearers closely in rear of advancing battalions and under heavy machine-gun and shell fire, and by absolute disregard of his own personal safety was able to keep in close contact with brigade R.M.O.'s. By this action the wounded were evacuated in the quickest possible manner, all congestion at regimental aid posts was prevented, and undoubtedly many lives were saved.

(M.C. gazetted 18th January, 1918.)

Lt. Joseph James Raphael Punch, M.C., 53rd Bty., 14th Bde., Aust. Fd. Arty.

He acted as artillery liaison officer with an attacking infantry battalion during the operations from September 20/25th, 1918, in the vicinity of Leverguier, and also during the operations of October 5th, 1918, in front of Monthrehain. On both occasions when the infantry advance was retarded by nests of enemy machine guns and field guns he went out ahead of the attacking infantry located hostile field guns and machine gun nests, and sent back information to his group enabling effective fire to be brought to bear on them to clear the way for the advance. He behaved most gallantly under heavy fire and rendered valuable service.

(M.C. gazetted 7th November, 1918.)

Lt. John Edward Macartney Snape, M.C., 11th Bty., 4th Bde., Aust. Fd. Arty.

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was forward observation officer on August 31st, 1918, near Clery-sur-Somme and established an observation post in close proximity to the enemy on a commanding position in Clery-sur-Somme, which was under heavy shell fire. Noticing an enemy machine gun inflicting casualties on our advancing troops, he with an infantry runner rushed the gun and crew, and swung the gun round and trained it on the enemy. He shewed a splendid example and doubtless saved many lives by his courageous and dashing action.

(M.C. gazetted 2nd December, 1918.)

Capt. (T./Maj.) Eric William Tulloch, 11th Bn., Aust. Infy.

During the attack near Villeret on September 18th, 1918, he was in charge of the left attacking company, and showed great gallantry and devotion to duty. In company with an N.C.O. and one man he was engaged on a flank at close range by two machine guns in a trench. He immediately rushed the post and engaged the crews of the machine guns with revolver fire and enemy stick bombs, capturing the guns and six prisoners. His brilliant dash and courage contributed largely to the success of this operation.

(M.C. gazetted 1st February, 1919.)

Capt. Oliver Holmes Woodward, M.C., 1st Tunnelling Coy. Aust. Engrs.

On September 29th, 1918, at Bony, he was in charge of three sections working on forward road, under heavy enemy shell and machine-gun fire. Owing to the infantry advance being checked, the position on the forward road became very involved. By his courage and resourcefulness in patrolling the road and organising the work he succeeded in

carrying the work forward, thus enabling the subsequent attacks to be carried through. He set a fine example to his men at a time when casualties were heavy and rendered throughout the day very valuable and accurate reports.

(M.C. gazetted 27th July, 1916.)

NEW ZEALAND FORCE.

Lt. Angus William Gordon, M.C., 1st Bn. Auck. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On September 29th, 1918, during the advance east of Ribecourt he did splendid work with his platoon, and was the means of capturing two enemy guns together with their crews. In the attack on October 1st in command of his company he organised the line of defence on the Crucifix Road under enfilade fire with his own men and with those of other units. His coolness and able leadership encouraged those under him to resist an enemy counter-attack, and his reports on the situation from time to time were of immense assistance. He did fine work.

(M.C. gazetted 15th October, 1918.)

Capt. Wynne Peyton Gray, M.C., 1st Bn. Auckland R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty east of Ribecourt on September 29th, 1918. He was adjutant of the battalion and displayed great disregard of danger in reconnoitring our front line, and during an attack was of great assistance in reorganising two battalions under heavy machine-gun and shell fire, thus preparing the way for a further successful advance. On several occasions during the above operations he has set a fine example of courage and untiring energy in personally collecting elements and directing them to their respective localities under heavy fire.

(M.C. gazetted 16th August, 1917.)

AWARDED THE MILITARY CROSS.

Lt. (A./Capt.) George Duncan Macintyre Abbotts, 3rd Bn. Notts. and Derby R., secd. 2/5th Bn. M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and good work during the operations south-west of Cambrai from September 26/30th, 1918. On September 27th, finding that the objectives had not been taken in their entirety he brought up a section in face of very heavy shell fire and machine-gun fire and placed it in position to cover a gap. This point was subsequently attacked, and had it not been for the machine guns might have had serious consequences. He visited the whole of the front line under heavy shell fire and made a most valuable report to brigade headquarters as to the situation.

T./2nd Lt. Frank Adams, R. Ir. Rif., attd. 2nd Bn.

For gallantry and good leadership on October 1st, 1918, south of Dadizeele. He was in command of one of two platoons that were instrumental in the capture and consolidation of the enemy position at Carton