

NEW ZEALAND FORCE.

7/659 Sjt. J. A. Barr, M.G. Sqdn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although badly wounded in action, he refused to leave the field until he had given every possible assistance to his officer in getting his section together after it had suffered heavily from shell fire. His pluck and devotion to duty deserve the highest praise.

24/1635 Sjt. J. Cusack, Auck. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Having established an advance post 300 yards in front of our line, he found an enemy post close by, which he promptly attacked with bombs, capturing one prisoner and killing the remainder, twenty-two in number. This action was marked by great courage and determination, as the enemy post was strongly protected by wire.

10/3878 Lce.-Sjt. S. C. Foot, Well. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack upon a strong enemy position his platoon was held up by an enemy post in some hedgerows. The position was serious until he and a private crept round the flank and by rifle fire compelled the entire enemy post to retire. Not content to let them do this, however, he continued firing upon them until they surrendered to him—twenty-four in all. After this dashing piece of initiative the platoon was then led forward by Lce.-Sjt. Foot to its final objective.

7/90 Sjt. (T./Sqdn. S./M.) A. Martin, Canterbury Mtd. Rif. Rgt.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on two occasions. During an advance he showed great skill and daring in advance of his squadron, meeting two of the enemy and killing them single handed. Later his coolness and gallantry were particularly noticeable whilst directing his men in digging in under heavy hostile shell fire.

11/1570 C.S.M. W. McKean, Well. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack upon an enemy position. His coolness under intense shell fire was magnificent and he was of the greatest assistance to his company commander when all but one of his platoon commanders had become casualties. Time after time he visited the outposts and kept his officer informed as to the situation, and the example which he set throughout the whole operation was most inspiring to all with whom he came in contact.

29449 Pte. D. Murphy, Well. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when one of a garrison of a forward post. On three occasions he passed through very heavy shell fire to bring up stretcher bearers. On the last one, though buried by an explosion, he completed his errand and, failing to obtain bearers, returned to the shelled area and carried out a badly wounded comrade on his back. During the same

period, half the post being destroyed by shell fire, and all the rations with it, he volunteered to go back and bring up food. This he successfully did. Finally, when the post was relieved after a terrible ordeal, in which half of the garrison were killed, he remained behind to look after the wounded until stretcher bearers could be sent up. His magnificent devotion and exceptional fearlessness cannot be too highly praised.

10/1318 Sjt. S. S. Pennefather, Well. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in making daring personal reconnaissances of a hostile post. In order to do this he twice swam a river, on the second occasion discovering the position of the enemy and taking possession of two rafts which were moored on their side. On his return he constructed a ferry out of one of the rafts and that evening took a party across the river and led them to the attack and capture of the hostile post. This was effected after a stubborn fight, during which he himself was wounded. His initiative and fine leadership on this occasion greatly inspired all ranks in his battalion.

10/3994 Pte. J. E. Ryan, Well. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when acting as company runner during an attack. Although all the other runners were lost early in the day he reduced the loss to a minimum by the promptness and rapidity with which he performed this arduous duty single handed, showing the most utter disregard of the intense enemy shelling, which continued throughout the whole operation, lasting twenty hours. Had it not been for his exceptional gallantry and coolness communications back would have been greatly impaired. He was the first man to volunteer for more work later in the evening of the same day, when guides were required for the relieving company.

11/557 Sjt. L. Strachan, Wellington Mtd. Rif. Rgt.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in rushing forward and bayonetting an enemy sniper who was inflicting casualties amongst our men. By this prompt and gallant action he greatly assisted our advance.

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801 Cpl. H. R. Raynes, Newfd. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company was held up in front of a road by rifle fire, he with two others went out on their own initiative, crossing from shell hole to shell hole, and finally getting in rear of the road, where they bombed out dug-outs containing two or three men each. They killed about nineteen of the enemy and then signalled for their company to advance.

1438 Sjt. T. J. Dunphy, Newfd. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack on the enemy's