

Lt. (A./Capt.) Samuel Richard Cobden Plimsoll, M.C., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in command of trench mortar batteries supporting two infantry raids. He moved about from one battery to another under very heavy enemy fire throughout the operations, reorganising teams when casualties occurred and encouraging his men by his fearlessness and courage. He was largely responsible for the success achieved.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Harold Arthur Redding, M.C., Suff. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of his company in a raid on the enemy's trenches. He led his party of supports through a heavy artillery barrage over three belts of uncut wire. On hearing that the leading troops had suffered heavy casualties, he led forward his party to their assistance. He superintended the withdrawal and the removal of the wounded, and by his courage and leadership contributed largely to the success of the enterprise.

2nd Lt. William Henry Richardson, M.C., Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a company in an attack. His company was held up close to the enemy's position, and he was wounded in seven places. Nevertheless, he at once organised a flank attack with covering fire, took the position, and captured fifty prisoners and two machine-guns. He captured all his objectives and organised the consolidation of the position before he would have his wounds attended to. He set a magnificent example of courage, endurance, and resource.

T./2nd Lt. Richard T. Robins, M.C., Suff. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid on the enemy's trenches. The raiding party lost direction owing to the heavy enemy barrage, and were held up by three belts of uncut wire. In spite of heavy casualties from close range machine-gun fire, he led his party over the wire and into the enemy's trenches. Though wounded, he continued to lead his men in close hand-to-hand fighting. He showed the greatest gallantry and determination under heavy fire.

2nd Lt. Alfred Clarence Youdale, M.C., R.F.C., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in attacking enemy troops from an extremely low altitude. On one occasion he attacked from the rear, from a height of about 150 feet, the enemy that were holding up our infantry.

T./Capt. Henry Waldo Yoxall, M.C., K.R.R.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He marked out the assembly position and assembled the battalion for the attack with great success under heavy shell fire. When the objectives had been captured he went forward under intense shell and machine-gun fire to the advanced positions, where he assisted in reorganising the men and forming strong points. During the suc-

ceeding days he continually moved about under fire encouraging and inspiring the men by his fine example.

CANADIAN FORCE.

Lt. Edward Lyman Abbott, M.C., Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a company in a raid on the enemy's trenches. He led his men with the greatest courage and determination, drove the garrison from the enemy's position, and also attacked and dispersed a hostile working party which outnumbered his force. He blew up the enemy dug-outs, and held the position covering the withdrawal of the remainder of the raiding party, and was the last to leave the enemy's trench. His gallantry and leadership contributed materially to the great success of the enterprise.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Lt. Leslie Kenneth Browning, M.C., Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Though badly wounded before the battalion had reached his first objective, this officer insisted on carrying on, and took over the command of his company. When the objective had been gained, he superintended the work of consolidation, until the pain and loss of blood caused by his wound forced him to lie down. Still refusing to be evacuated, he continued to receive and send messages. On a further advance and re-consolidation by the battalion, he again insisted on being carried up to the new point, where he supervised the work of consolidation, though under very heavy hostile shell fire. His wonderful grit and determination proved a fine example to all ranks.

Lt. Frederick Fisher Christian, M.C., Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was detailed at very short notice to take charge of a composite party and construct and garrison a strong point in the second objective. Under heavy shell fire he organised the party, moved forward and sited and directed the work. Owing to his splendid example and energetic leadership a strong position was constructed and wired under very difficult conditions.

Capt. John Davie Elder, M.C., Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the assembly of his company, of which he was in command, he sustained a painful wound, but refused to leave until he was satisfied that his company was in position. Finding that the shell splinter could not be removed at the aid post, he returned to his company, led it to its objective, where he reorganised and superintended the consolidation of the position, until his physical condition compelled him to leave the line.

Lt. Hector James Abbott Ferguson, M.C., Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of a cable burying party and later of all communications forward from cable head. He showed great courage, energy and powers of organisation in maintaining communication, and personally led parties to repair lines under heavy fire. It was mainly due to his un-