

Lt. Thomas Ridley, D.C.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer was in charge of a platoon of the support company during an attack by the enemy. He led his platoon against a strong party, capturing forty-five prisoners and two machine guns. He then retook the part of our trenches which the enemy had penetrated. These two successful counter-attacks were the outcome of his initiative and determination.

Capt. Alexander Maxwell Robertson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company with fine courage and ability at night under heavy shell fire and took enemy posts, taking three prisoners and killing the garrison. He set a fine example to his men.

Lt. Ernest Robinson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy had succeeded in penetrating our front line this officer at once charged, killing one officer and three men. He also wrested a machine gun from the enemy and used it on them as they withdrew. Though wounded early in the action, he remained on duty. He did splendidly.

Lt. Samuel Leslie Robinson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer took out a night patrol to secure identification, which was urgently needed. Getting his party under cover of the noise of the guns close up to an enemy post, he rushed it, killing one and taking one prisoner himself. The enemy by this time were wide awake, but he skilfully withdrew all his men, including three wounded, being the last to return himself.

Lt. Charles James Sams, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer was in charge of a platoon in close support. When the enemy attacked he promptly brought a heavy fire to bear on them. He then led his platoon forward with the main counter-attack, exposed to very heavy artillery and machine-gun fire, and was wounded, but carried on until success was assured. He set a fine example before being sent back to have his wound dressed.

Lt. Henry Joseph August Schutze, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer led his platoon with great dash in two bombing attacks, pushing forward and establishing blocks in a trench, from which he defied all efforts to dislodge him. On another occasion he was responsible for maintaining touch with the troops of the Division in an attack, and while they were consolidating, re-organising and reinforcing them when they were counter-attacked. His initiative and determination were of great assistance.

Lt. Alfred George Selmes, Aust. Div. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of two mortars in advanced positions, which were constantly under heavy shell fire. When the enemy troops appeared to be making for an attack,

and had put down a heavy barrage lasting three-and-a-half hours, he personally conducted shooting by his section, and annihilated several small parties of the enemy.

Lt. Joseph George Frederick Senior, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With a party of men he crept into "No Man's Land," and at an appointed moment leaped into the enemy trench, bombing his way along. He was largely instrumental in the capture of a large number of prisoners. He also assisted to construct a barricade under heavy machine-gun fire. Later, with a small party he made a raid on enemy trenches, and captured two machine guns. His devotion to duty, gallantry and initiative contributed largely to the success of these operations.

Lt. George Small, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer commanded a company in support, all lines had been cut by the heavy barrage, and communication destroyed. He went through the fire, and, observing a critical situation on the left, returned and brought up two platoons, co-operating in a counter attack on the trenches taken by the enemy. After the trench was cleared, he led a second attack against some of the enemy who had got round the flank, capturing fifty prisoners and two machine guns. He did excellent service.

Capt. George Stewart Smith, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a night attack he led his company to the assault in the face of intense machine-gun fire with such dash that he dislodged and either killed or captured ninety of the enemy, and six machine guns were taken. His leadership on this and previous occasions has been of a very high order.

Lt. Louis Victor Smith, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an intense bombardment this officer did splendid work in keeping communications open, working tirelessly in mending the lines. When the wireless section were all disabled by a shell he soon organised a fresh squad in a new site.

Lt. Malcolm Shore Stanley, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He supervised the construction of posts, moving from post to post under heavy fire, and made a valuable reconnaissance which contributed largely to the success of an attack. He did fine service.

Lt. Stanley Gladstone Stebbins, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer, in charge of a fighting patrol of eight men with a Lewis gun, went out to obtain identifications by the capture of a prisoner. He located an enemy patrol, which put up a stubborn fight, in which the Lewis gun was knocked out; but he brought back the necessary identification, after killing three and wounding two of the enemy,