

but he disabled the convoy and it was taken possession of next morning when our line advanced. He displayed great courage and presence of mind in peculiarly difficult circumstances.

Capt. (A./Maj.) Charles Beresford Topp, M.C., 42nd Bn., Can. Infy., Quebec Regt.

This officer, acting as second in command of the battalion, was in charge of operations in which the battalion bombed its way through a complicated trench system for a distance of a mile, encountering very stiff opposition. When the objective was reached the enemy repeatedly counter-attacked, and was driven off with heavy casualties. The success of the operation was largely due to his great skill, initiative and personal courage, on numerous occasions making reconnaissances of the situation in person.

Capt. (A./Maj.) George Philius Vanier, M.C., 22nd Bn., Can. Infy., Quebec Regt.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As second in command he led a portion of the battalion to the attack and capture of a village. The O.C. the battalion being then called to the command of brigade, this officer took charge of the battalion and led it with great skill to the attack and capture of a large village. His courage, example and will to conquer imbued all under him with the finest fighting spirit.

Lt.-Col. Richard Worrall, M.C., 14th Bn., Can. Infy., Quebec Regt.

Under difficulty of mist he personally led and directed his battalion in the attack and capture of the front line system of enemy positions, including the guns. He displayed great skill and courage in directing the operations on this and other occasions during which the battalion had lost 23 officer casualties.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Maj. John Charles Campbell, 7th Fld. Amb., A.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer was in charge of stretcher-bearers, evacuating all wounded from the right sector of the advance throughout five days' fighting. He kept close behind the infantry and kept in touch with the various medical officers under constant heavy fire. One night a direct hit completely demolished his aid post, but he got his men to a place of safety and continued the evacuation of the wounded. He superintended the work for five days continuously with great courage and persistence, setting a fine example to all under him.

Maj. Reginald Havill Norman, M.C., 48th Bn., A.I.F., attd. 12th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty under heavy artillery and machine-gun fire; this officer went forward and got into touch with advanced troops, ascertaining their position and establishing liaison between units. He was untiring in his efforts to promote the success of the operation.

Maj. Herbert Peter Phillips, M.C., 3rd Aus. Pnr. Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer carried out reconnaissances immediately behind the infantry advance, reporting on damaged bridges, etc., and within 24 hours after zero had collected the necessary information for putting the work in hand. He was engaged in this work for three days under heavy shell fire, completing his task under most trying circumstances.

2nd Lt. James Shorrock, 28th Bn., A.I.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer led his platoon in the attack with the greatest dash. On one occasion, well ahead of his men, he jumped into a trench, and single-handed captured twenty men and two machine guns. A few days later, when the advance was held up by a strong point, he worked round to a flank, and again single-handed captured ten men and two machine guns. These most daring actions saved the situation, and enabled the advance to continue.

NEW ZEALAND FORCE.

Lt. Donald Kennedy, M.C., 2nd Bn., N.Z. Rif. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Prior to the attack this officer gained valuable information by a reconnaissance, and in the attack he guided his company through a wood, which was partly held by the enemy, and seized the ridge beyond. Although both his flanks were exposed, he beat off a counter-attack. During the following days, with little sleep, continually exposed to shell and machine-gun fire, and in an area deluged by gas, he was in the thick of the fighting, encouraging his men in every way.

AWARDED A SECOND BAR TO MILITARY CROSS.

T./Lt. Tom Buckley, M.C., 1st Bn., R. Marines.

He led an advanced bombing party up a trench towards the objective and gained a footing on the bridgehead, which he maintained till reinforced. He displayed the greatest gallantry and determination under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire from both flanks and from the rear, and set a splendid example to his men.

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T./Lt. (A./Capt.) John Alexander Edwards, M.C., 11th Bn., R. Scots.

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For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed exceptional zeal and untiring energy, leading his men through forests and swamps to successful attacks on two villages under heavy fire. It was largely due to his example that the turning movement against the first village was successfully carried out.

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