

Lt. William Godfrey Wurtele, R. Can. Regt., Nova Scotia Regt.

For conspicuous gallantry during eight days of the operations, in which he commanded his company. He led it in an attack, and his dashing leadership was largely responsible for the rout to which the enemy was put. He captured five 4.2 guns, six machine guns, and sixty prisoners. During a night attack on a village his company cleared it of the enemy under very difficult conditions. He set a splendid example to his men by his initiative and personal courage.

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Lt. Frederick James Baxter, 38th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the advance this officer skilfully organised and led an attack on an enemy strong post, capturing one officer and twenty-eight other ranks. His work throughout was up to a high standard of efficiency.

Lt. George Malachi Seward Brain, 3rd Bn., Aust. M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During some operations, in order to bring a barrage fire on a wood, it was necessary to get sixteen guns into position in a village. This officer was given the task, and completed it during the night, although he had to cross a river, where all the bridges were broken, and he had to get some timber from an enemy dump to improvise one, and was under fire the whole time.

Capt. Paul Francis Calow, 41st Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer led the directing company in an advance through dense fog, and his accurate leading was mainly responsible for the safety of the whole line. His company reached the final objective up to time, and immediately consolidated. Three nights later, he again led his company on a difficult enterprise with success, until he was severely wounded and had to be evacuated. He showed marked efficiency in two difficult operations.

2nd/Lt. Arthur James Crampton, 8th Fd. Coy., Aust. E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer moved forward with the attacking infantry to search for and remove land mines and traps from main roads. Assisted by one man he removed twenty-seven mines, and the fact that there was only one accident due to land mines on the main roads proved the thoroughness with which he carried out his task, and thereby enabled guns and limbers to get forward safely and quickly.

Lt. Alexander Dunn, 8th Fd. Coy., Aust. E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Following an attack this officer was in charge of the reconnaissance of roads, railways, wells, dumps, etc., in the captured area. By keeping close up and organising his various parties he was able to furnish

Headquarters with prompt information regarding water supply, tools and stores, etc., found. After seeing two tanks and a waggon blown up by mines, he, at great risk, removed or destroyed a number of others. He set a fine example of initiative and courage.

Lt. Maurice Alfred Fergusson, 10th Bde., Aust. F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He got his guns quickly into action in five successive positions, in close support of the infantry. On one occasion his prompt initiative in selecting a different route to that traversed by his Battery Commander, not only saved the guns but the lives of many of his men. His cool judgment and foresight set a high standard to all ranks of his battery.

Lt. Harold John Filshie, 10th Aust. M.T.M. By.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer, under heavy shell and machine-gun fire, succeeded without the aid of a carrying party in getting his 6 in. trench mortar emplaced, and by its fire cleared off some machine guns which were holding up the infantry. In five days' advance he silenced many machine-gun posts, firing no less than 662 T.M. bombs in the process. He showed untiring energy.

Lt. Frank Hardy, 32nd Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The battalion had to advance to its final objective, a distance of 4,000 yards, through dense fog. This officer, who was Adjutant, superintended the movement, and guided the battalion in good formation to its destination. He was largely responsible for the success of the operation, as regardless of personal danger, he was always at hand to keep the C.O. informed of the general situation.

2nd/Lt. George Kingston Baron Hay, 51st Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and resource. When the enemy attacked his company, penetrating the line, he reorganised his platoon and held a defensive position under heavy fire. Later, he went out with a patrol and reconnoitred the ground occupied by the enemy, and was of great assistance in restoring the line. His coolness and prompt action in a difficult situation were an example to all.

2nd/Lt. Herbert William Henningham, 3rd Aust. Pioneer Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer, while leading his platoon in an attack on a village, was checked by machine-gun and rifle fire from an enemy post. He rapidly organised and led a party against it, killing or capturing the whole of the garrison, and enabling the advance to be continued. He showed great coolness and disregard of danger during the consolidation, and set a fine example to his men.

Capt. Walter Hubert Hind, 30th Bn., Aust. Infy., secd. 8th Aust. L.T.M. By.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When six out of his eight guns had