

been destroyed, four while being brought forward in tanks, and two during the actual attack, he left the remaining two in charge of an officer, and forming up his other three sections, led them into the attack as infantry. In this way he gave valuable help, outflanking and surrounding a machine-gun nest, which surrendered. He proved himself ubiquitous either as an infantry or T.M. officer.

Lt. Robert Macintosh Isaacs, 8th Fd. Coy., Aust. E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Prior to an attack this officer carried out good work in marking out Brigade assembly positions. He closely followed the attack, and vigorously set to work on consolidation when it was successful. As no stores had arrived he organised parties for collecting captured stores, and thanks to his energy and leadership rapidly completed the consolidation.

Lt. Walter Lancelot Oscar Mallard, 4th Bn., Aust. M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the Tank which was bringing up his guns was put out of action two miles from the objective, he at once started to man-handle his guns forward, and got them forward with the first wave of infantry. Thanks to his energy and determination they were able to inflict heavy losses on the retreating enemy.

Capt. Edward Daniel McBurnie, 51st Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and able leadership. This officer, in command of the left company during a night attack, led his men through hostile shell and machine-gun fire to the final objective, where he quickly reorganised and consolidated. The two companies in this attack were so well led that they advanced 2,000 yards and captured 182 prisoners at the cost of only five men wounded.

Lt. Wilfred Crosbie Pleasance, 46th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and determination. Under a heavy barrage he succeeded in laying tape for the jumping-off line, and led the battalion up to it by zero hour through dense fog and smoke. He then kept well forward with the leading wave and sent back reliable and accurate information, his work being of great assistance to the attack.

Lt. Harold Conrad Renshaw, 6th Fd. Coy., Aust. E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After seven nights of work in heavily shelled and gassed areas, this officer undertook the strengthening of tunnels under a road to enable armoured cars to pass. He organised and guided a large carrying party under intermittent shell and machine-gun fire, and got all materials up before dawn. Although suffering from gas he continued at work all day and completed his task before dark. But for his resource and leadership the road would never have been ready for the cars to use in support of the attack.

Lt. George Thomas Trewheela, 14th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer handled his company with skill when the attacking enemy forced an entry into the trenches on his flank. He promptly stiffened the danger points and kept the brigade flank intact. He then organised a bombing party and drove the enemy along the trench. Later, by adroit dispositions of snipers and Lewis guns he inflicted heavy casualties on the retiring enemy. His initiative and coolness under intense fire readjusted a critical situation.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Stanley Richard Warry, 42nd Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer led his company with marked initiative in a successful attack, reaching his objective with very few casualties, although strongly opposed by the enemy, not by machine-gun fire and artillery, but by bombing from aircraft. He kept battalion headquarters constantly informed of the situation, and contributed greatly to the success of the operation.

#### NEW ZEALAND FORCE.

2nd Lt. Frederick Leslie Bowron, N.Z. Cyclist Corps, attd. XXII. Corps Cyclist Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, especially in carrying out dangerous reconnaissances, both by day and night, under artillery, machine-gun fire, and gas shelling. He sent back excellent information under great difficulties, and always carried through the work with energy and determination.

2nd Lt. William Keith Cameron, N.Z. M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He made many valuable reconnaissances under heavy shell and machine-gun fire, and by his initiative and skill pushed his guns boldly and intelligently forward into positions that gave material assistance to the infantry battalion with which he was co-operating.

2nd Lt. Charles Victor Ciochetto, M.M., New Zealand Mach. Gun Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative while supporting the attack of an infantry battalion with his section. At a critical period he reconnoitred the situation under heavy machine-gun fire, and then placed his guns well forward to a flank, and with their fire assisted the infantry to advance by knocking out several machine-guns in succession. He did splendid work.

2nd Lt. Leslie Brightwell Foster, 13th Bn., N.Z. F.A.

Acting as forward observation officer during an action, he carried on under heavy artillery, machine-gun and rifle barrage with conspicuous courage and skill, sending in valuable information. In order to maintain communication he personally laid a new wire over a crest for 200 yards when the old one had been shot to pieces. Throughout he set a fine example of energy and determination.