

Line south of Vendhuile on September 29th, 1918. He was acting as battery leader. While advancing for action the battery came under heavy shell fire. By his cool and collected work he got his guns into action in the shortest possible time, and by his personal courage and efforts set a very high standard of soldierly conduct and an inspiring example to his men. He did invaluable work at this critical period of the operations.

Lt. Walter William Winter, 50th Bn. Aust. I.F.

On September 11th, 1918, near Vendelles, north-west of St. Quentin, he very gallantly and skilfully led a daylight fighting patrol against the outpost position. Although strongly opposed by heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, he determinedly forced his way forward, and got a footing in the enemy's trench, capturing ten of the enemy. The success of his operation allowed the troops on both flanks to advance, and subsequently resulted in a gain of over 1,700 yards. Later, during an enemy counter-attack, he showed great coolness while ascertaining the situation.

NEW ZEALAND FORCE.

Lt. Eric James Anderson, 1st Bn. Otago R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the operations of October 8th, 1918, in the vicinity of Esnes, he was in command of the company, and, in face of heavy fire, captured a portion of the Masnieres-Beauvoir line, consisting of a trench heavily wired in front with the wire intact, together with twenty-five enemy and four machine-guns. On October 10th, in the advance to the River Selle, he pushed on not only to his objective, but to a point 1,000 yards in advance of it. Throughout both operations he displayed marked courage and initiative.

2nd Lt. Philip Lyel Bennett, 1st Bn. Canterbury R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on October 23rd, 1918. After being wounded he continued to lead his platoon in face of heavy shelling and machine-gun fire. About two hours later he was again wounded, and although his left arm was useless he refused to leave until he had led his platoon through Beaudignies and captured the bridgehead. To his courage and determined leadership is chiefly due the success of the operations and he set a splendid example to all ranks.

2nd Lt. Henry David Burt, 1st Bn. Canterbury R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on October 23rd, 1918. Very early in the attack he assumed command of his company, all the other officers having become casualties. He led his company forward in face of heavy shell and machine-gun fire with great boldness and skill. When troops on his right were held up, he rushed the river and led his men on to the other side, thus enabling the troops on his

right to push forward. On reaching the objective he quickly reorganised his company under heavy fire. His behaviour was a very fine example to all ranks.

Capt. Herbert Campbell, 2nd Bn. Cant. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On October 5th, 1918, opposite Belf Aise Farm, and following days, he commanded his company in the front line with the greatest dash and skill, and sent back at every opportunity most valuable information. Prior to the advance on October 8th, his company was heavily shelled, and several casualties were inflicted. His personal leadership maintained the company organisation, and his men started off at exactly the right spot and time. He was shortly afterwards severely wounded, but made the most gallant efforts to continue advancing with his men. He has invariably shown a fine example of coolness and cheerfulness under the most trying circumstances.

2nd Lt. Thomas Henry Crawford, 1st Bn. Wellington R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Briastre on October 11th/12th, 1918. His company commander being early wounded, he took charge of the company and by resolute leading pushed on across the river and established and maintained a position near the objective under heavy artillery and machine-gun fire. The following day he gained and consolidated his objective and reorganised his company. Throughout these operations he displayed marked gallantry and skill.

Lt. Archibald Raymond Curtis, M. Gun Bn. N.Z.M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty between September 28th and October 10th, 1918, in operations in the vicinity of l'Escault Canal, Lesdain and Esnes. He handled his section boldly and offensively, and inflicted many casualties on the enemy. He repeatedly went forward of the infantry to make personal reconnaissance, and was the first to locate four heavy guns which were subsequently secured by our infantry. His work throughout was of a very high order.

Capt. Ladislas Aloysius Joseph Emery, 4th Bn. N.Z. Rif. Bde., attd. 3rd N.Z. L.T.M. Bty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on September 26th, 1918, near Havrincourt Wood. While supporting the attack of another division one of his gun teams was blown up by a shell. He reorganised his battery under heavy artillery fire and thus was able to man the gun and bring it into action again. Later, on October 8th, near Crevecouer, he showed great initiative and skill in getting his battery into action in a very exposed position, and when the attack commenced, maintained his guns in action, in spite of a heavy enemy barrage fire which opened on them, thereby greatly assisting the attacking infantry. His coolness and enterprise throughout these operations was of a