

very high order, and his cheerfulness and gallantry set a great example to his men.

Lt. William Kemp Fowler, 1st Bn. Wellington R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Briastre on October 12th, 1918. He was in charge of the left flank platoon of his company in the attack on Belle Vue. Our barrage came down on a part of his platoon, necessitating immediate reorganisation. Then, when starting to follow the barrage, he was shot through the right arm by machine-gun fire, but he continued on with his platoon to the objective, staying there until he obtained a clear idea of the position. He then reported back to his company commander, bringing back valuable information. He showed great courage and fine leadership.

Capt. Leslie Bertram Hutton, 2nd Bn. Cant. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On October 5th, 1918, at the St. Quentin Canal, he led a patrol through the village of Vaucelles and the trench system in this vicinity, which established the fact of the enemy's withdrawal. He then saw the commander of the troops on the spot and succeeded in getting him to advance his men. In the operations of October 8th, it was largely due to his driving spirit and resolution that his company stormed the road south of Lesdain, inflicting many casualties and securing over 300 prisoners. His dashing leadership and courage have always been a strong incentive to all ranks under his command.

2nd Lt. Alexander Leslie McCormick, D.C.M., 1st Bn. N.Z. Rif. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on October 8th, 1918, near Crevecouer. During the attack this young officer's company commander was wounded, and he carried on the action. The only officer left in his company, he led his men with the greatest dash and determination right to the furthest objective. Then he pushed out his Lewis gunners and engaged an enemy battery of field guns at point-blank range. At one point the Lewis gunners were driven back, but he rallied them again, shot the enemy gun teams and occupied the gun positions. His marked courage and cool and capable handling of his company inspired great confidence in the men.

2nd Lt. James Mitchell, 2nd Bn. Cant. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On October 5th, 1918, near Cheneaux Wood, this officer's platoon was acting as advance guard to his company in advance. He discharged his duties in the boldest and most skilful way and without suffering casualties. His platoon killed fourteen enemy and made eleven prisoners and gained their objective. On October 8th, 1918, at Le Grand Pont, when it was desirable to pass through the village, he cleared it of the enemy while our

heavies were still shelling it. His fine conduct and leadership throughout contributed greatly to the success of his company in these operations.

2nd Lt. Henry Clyde Nolan, 1st Bty. N.Z. Fld. Arty.

On September 27th, 1918, near Ribecourt, he was acting as forward observation officer for the group. Seeing an enemy 7.7 cm. gun shooting at our infantry at close range from a sunken road, he worked up to them single-handed and covered them with his pistol. They bolted, and he pursued them, whereupon the No. 1 of the detachment turned at bay with his pistol. This N.C.O. he shot, on which the other four gunners surrendered. After bringing them in to the nearest party of infantry, he used the gun against the enemy for some hours as long as suitable targets offered themselves. He did splendid work.

2n Lt. Sydney Stephen Pennefather, D.C.M., 1st Bn. Wellington R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Briastre on October 11th, 1918. By patrolling the banks of the River Selle for half a mile, he found a bridge and guided the remainder of the company across after skilfully disposing his own platoon on the east side to cover the crossing. He then led two platoons forming the first wave of the attack over open country until held up by a nest of hostile machine guns; on which he collected and held his men together and disposed them in a defensive position to meet any counter-attack. Throughout the operation he acted with marked skill and coolness.

Lt. Arthur Osborne Ponder, 1st Bn. Cant. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at La Vacquerie on September 29th, 1918. When a company had lost direction in the dark and got completely out of touch with the remainder of the battalion, he went forward to get in touch with the company and ascertain their location. He reconnoitred right across the front of another battalion for four hours under very heavy shell, rifle and machine-gun fire, and reached a point well in front of this battalion's forward posts and within a few yards of a strongly held enemy post. He remained there three hours under fire all the time and gained most valuable information as to the enemy dispositions. He has at all times shown great gallantry and initiative, and has carried out many valuable reconnaissances.

2nd Lt. George Hume Seddon, 1st Bn. Otago R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the operations in the vicinity of Briastre on October 10th, 1918. When troops on the left were held up he went on horseback into heavy machine-gun fire to find out the situation and returned with valuable information. In the evening, when a further advance was decided on, he rode forward and stayed