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Lt. (T./Capt.) Alton James Nimmo, 1st Bn., Wellington R.

For conspicuous gallantry in command of a company east of Le Quesnoy, on the 4th November, 1918. He controlled his men with noticeable ability, both when supervising them in assembling and forming up for the advance, and, later, when leading them in the attack. After the capture of the first objective he rushed forward one of his platoons to fill a gap, thus causing touch to be maintained and the captured ground to be cleared.

Rev. George Trevor Robson, N.Z. Chaplains Dept., attd. 1st Bn., Canterbury R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During operations in the vicinity of the Foret de Mormal on the 5th November, 1918, he worked unceasingly among the wounded, helping and cheering them under heavy shell fire. He remained behind after the battalion had been relieved to bury the dead, and worked the whole day under very heavy shell fire, completing his task at dark. His cheerfulness and disregard of danger were admirable.

Lt. (T./Capt.) William James Rodger, D.C.M., 1st Bn., Canterbury R.

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership. During the operations in the vicinity of the Foret de Mormal, on the 5th November, 1918, he was in command of the support company. When the left leading company was surrounded by the enemy he promptly led his company forward and relieved a very difficult situation. He then reorganised the two companies, and under heavy fire captured the edge of the wood on his sector.

2nd Lt. Edward Ernest Scholes, Wellington Mounted Rif. R. (EGYPT)

During the attack on Amman, on the 25th September, 1918, he skilfully led his troop down a wadi, and coming upon a body of the enemy with three 7.5 mm. guns and four machine guns, rushed the head of the column, shooting those who tried to escape and capturing the remainder. By his coolness under fire and the bold and skilful way in which he led his troop he set a splendid example to his men.

2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) Charles Gordon Stewart, 1st Bn., Wellington R.

Near Le Quesnoy, on the 4th November, 1918, he led his platoon with determination and skill, and controlled the necessary clearing up of posts and buildings in a most able manner. Later, during the evening he led two platoons through the forest to the allotted line of exploitation, and pushed out patrols and held a line of outposts to protect securely the troops passing through at dawn. He showed great coolness and initiative.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Henry James Thompson, 1st Bn., N.Z. Rif. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry in command of a company, on 4th November, 1918, during the attack on Le Quesnoy. He made a daring reconnaissance under heavy fire, and so disposed of his platoons that he succeeded in capturing four machine guns and a 77 mm. gun and forty prisoners, thereby enabling another battalion to pass through and attack the enemy on the flank. Later, on reaching his objective, he made another reconnaissance, and established posts safeguarding his flanks.

Capt Edward White, 1st Bn., Wellington R.

In command of a company east of Le Quesnoy on 4th November, 1918, he pushed forward with his company well under control and successfully gained his objective, which included the mopping up of a village, where prompt action and quick thought on his part enabled his company to capture many prisoners and much material with small loss. He behaved throughout with fearless dash and determination.

2nd Lt. John Hugh Wilson, M.M., 1st Bn., Otago R.

For fine courage and determination. During the attack near Neuville, on the 23rd October, 1918, he was in command of the leading platoon, and helped the company on his right to clear a machine-gun post. He then discovered three enemy machine guns in a strong point. He brought up his Lewis gun, got his No. 1 to place it on his shoulder, and enabled fire to be opened with good effect. Dropping the Lewis gun, he rushed forward, and single-handed captured the guns and the survivors of their crews.

2nd Lt. Robert Alfred Young, Canterbury Mtd. Rif. R. (EGYPT)

At Amman, on the 25th September, 1918, when in charge of the advance troop he went forward towards the station with such dash that he demoralised superior numbers of the enemy and opened up our pursuit, which resulted in numbers of prisoners falling into our hands. At one period, under very heavy fire, he manœuvred his troop with such skill that he checked the enemy's advance, and although dangerously wounded continued to encourage his men until reinforcements arrived.

SOUTH AFRICAN FORCE.

T./Capt. Gideon Albertyn Beyers, S. African Med. Corps., attd. 1st Bn., S. African Infy.

During the operations from the 8th to 19th October, east of Bearevoir, and at Le Cateau, he showed great energy and gallantry in attending the wounded under heavy shell and machine-gun fire. On the 8th October he worked incessantly for nearly twenty-four hours attending to a very large number of cases. On the 17th-18th October he again did splendid work, and did not spare himself in any way, and was the cause of saving a great number of lives.