

teered to carry out a personal reconnaissance of the newly-captured ground. On arrival in the firing line, he sent back valuable reports on the situation and made a daring reconnaissance of the most advanced outposts under direct machine-gun fire.

Lt. James Taylor Vinton Smith, 113th (Howr.) By., 13th Bde., Aust. F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 17th October, 1918, at the capture of the high ground E. of La Selle river. His battery occupied a position 1,000 yards in rear of the front line, and suffered many casualties from machine-gun and artillery fire. The battery commander and another officer being both wounded, he took charge, and supervising the removal of the wounded, handled the battery most capably until its task was completed.

Lt. Charles William Stewart, 24th Bn., formerly 21st Bn., Aust. Infy.

During the operations at Montbrehain, on the 5th October, 1918, he led his platoon with great dash and ability. When opposition was encountered from an enemy machine-gun post, he attacked this post, and repeated this performance on six separate occasions successfully. On gaining his objective, he went forward with a party and dispersed another machine-gun crew. Throughout he showed splendid courage and determination.

Lt. Keith Sutherland, 22nd Bn., Aust. Infy.

For great gallantry and devotion to duty during operations near Estrees, on night 3rd/4th October, 1918. While the battalion was massed in the assembly trenches, amended orders were received ordering the attack to be launched at once. He carried these orders to the leading company and accompanied the leading attacking wave under the heaviest fire, in order to ensure their full explanation to all concerned. Throughout the day his work was excellent.

Lt. Archie Snowden Thomson, 1st Tun. Coy., Aust. Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the night of 3rd/4th November 1918, at Rejet de Beaulieu, where he was entrusted with the delivery of heavy bridging material for the construction of a bridge to carry tanks. The work was conducted under heavy fire, and the completion of the bridge within five hours after zero was largely due to the fine example of this officer.

Lt. Leslie Tweedie, 16th Bn., Aust. Infy., attd. H.Q. 4th Aust. Infy. Bde.

As staff captain of the brigade during the preparatory stages and subsequently during the operations against Le Verguier, on the 18th September, 1918, it was due to his very complete arrangements and the gallant manner in which he personally attended to the requirements of the firing line, that constant supplies of all materials required were kept up to the troops throughout the fight.

Lt. Walter Thomas West, M.M., 24th Bn., Aust. Infy.

During the attack on Montbrehain, on 5th October, 1918, he acted in a very skilful and

courageous manner. When his platoon was held up by an enemy strong post, he rushed forward alone under heavy machine-gun fire, threw a bomb at the post and captured the gun and crew of three. Later, when his flank was being held up by a strong post manned by two enemy guns he crawled forward and rushed this post. One gun he captured, killing three of the enemy and took three prisoners.

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2nd Lt. Leslie Henry Browne, N.Z. Cyclist Bn.

On 2nd October, 1918, he was sent with a patrol to reconnoitre Artres. Under heavy fire he gained valuable information regarding enemy dispositions, etc. Later, near Autreppe he led his platoon to final objective, and under heavy fire successfully consolidated his position. He did well throughout the operations, and showed great gallantry.

Capt. Walter William Chapman, 2nd Bn., Otago R.

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership, Feret de Mormal, 5th November, 1918, when in command of one of the leading companies, which, after advancing about 2,000 yards, came under heavy machine-gun fire from the enemy. He skilfully worked his men forward and rushed the position. He then pushed on and eventually took his final objective, taking forty prisoners and leaving many dead on the field.

Capt. Douglas Goodhall Cody, XXII Co. Mtd. Troops, N. Zealand Cyc. Co.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in the advance east of Cambrai from 30th October to 11th November, 1918. In temporary command of a company, he organised it into several patrols, and continually kept in touch with the enemy, sending back a valuable supply of information to the G.O.C. Brigade to which he was attached. He personally supervised the establishment of forward posts, which at the time were subjected to severe machine-gun fire. He invariably displayed exceptionally bold and able leadership.

2nd Lt. Ernest Winsloe George, 3rd Fd. Coy., N.Z. Engrs.

On the night 23rd/24th October 1918. He was detailed to construct a bridge over the St. Georges River at Pont-a-Pierres. The crossing was subjected to very heavy shell fire and his party was driven off the bridge three times, but by his coolness and courage he kept his men together and completed the bridge in time.

Lt. Henry Ashton Highet, XXII Co. Mtd. Troops, New Zealand Cyc. Co.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty east of Cambrai, from 13th October to 11th November, 1918. He led his patrol through several villages in search of information regarding enemy dispositions, and, despite bad weather and heavy hostile fire, he carried out his work successfully. Throughout the operations he showed remarkable courage and initiative of the highest order.