

42881 R./S./M. W. Bates, 1st Bn., Auckland R.

In the operations north of Crevecoeur, from the 1st to the 3rd of October, 1918, he did excellent and gallant work. During an enemy counter-attack he organised and led forward under heavy shell fire a party for consolidating. Later, he delivered an important message under very heavy fire.

11375 Sjt. C. G. Buckworth, 1st Bn., Auckland R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the morning of 29th September, 1918, at the attack on Bonavis Ridge. Touch was lost between the left flank of the battalion and the next division, and it was imperative to regain it. He volunteered for the task, and accomplished it successfully, passing through Masnieres, which was held by the enemy. He did good work, and with his small party captured five field guns.

10/3519 Cpl. W. E. Cooksley, M.M., 2nd Bn., Wellington R.

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership on 29th September, 1918, near La Vacquarie. Early in the advance his platoon commander became a casualty; he took command, and in the course of the attack his men captured five machine guns and forty prisoners. Later on he again led a platoon to the final objective, and formed a defensive flank, which protected a wide gap.

40191 L./Cpl. M. H. Coppel, 2nd Bn., Canterbury R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 15th October, 1918, on St. Quentin Canal. He succeeded in capturing in succession four machine guns and 16 prisoners, who were harassing the left flank from a sunken road. On one occasion the enemy officer, after holding up his hands, endeavoured to stab one of his party. L./C. Coppel immediately shot him dead.

11/1271 Cpl. S. T. Dibble, M.M., 2nd Bn., Wellington R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations near Crevecoeur, on 29th September and 1st October, 1918. The first day he was wounded, one of his party killed and one wounded, but he established early communication with the attacking companies. The next day three of his section were killed or wounded, but he kept his wire working, and although wounded a second time carried on for 24 hours.

9/919 Sjt. L. R. Dickinson, M.M., 2nd Bn., Otago R.

During operations at Foret de Mormal, 5th November, 1918. Coming on an enemy position he organised a party and charged, capturing 25 of the enemy and killing several. Later, seeing a large party out in the open, he went out alone, taking his Lewis gun team, and dispersed the party. His gallantry and great dash throughout materially contributed to the success of the day.

6/625 Sjt. R. C. Ecclesfield, 2nd Bn., Canterbury R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On 8th October, 1918, in the assault on the Masnieres Support Line, two hostile machine guns caused his section heavy casualties, and were holding up the advance of the rest of the company. He with two other men worked round the flank and engaged the attention of the guns. His gallant action was largely instrumental in the success of the operation.

32945 C.S.M. J. H. Evans, 2nd Bn., Auckland Regt.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At Crevecoeur, on 30th September, 1918, after crossing the canal on three occasions, he made a reconnaissance under heavy fire from enemy machine guns and snipers, and brought back valuable information. Throughout the day he set a fine example of courage and resource, and was of great assistance to his company commander in a very difficult position.

24/1657 Sjt. R. Fitzgerald, 2nd Bn., Otago R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the attack on Vancelles, on 30th September, 1918. With a patrol of three men, in full view of the enemy, and finding that the footbridge at the lock was mined, he cut the wires and fuse of the mine. He then found a party of four preparing to mine the traffic bridge, and killed one, driving the others off. He then crossed the bridge and penetrated the enemy's lines, returning after seven hours with valuable information.

38690 L./C. J. H. Griffiths, 2nd Bn., Wellington R.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative on 29th September, 1918, near La Vasquerie. Leading a section he attacked a crew of 10, who were working four field guns over open sights, being mainly responsible for the capture of both men and guns.

23/1431 Rfn. J. G. Langrish, 1st Bn., N.Z. Rif. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 5th/6th October, 1918, near Crevecoeur. He did fine work in carrying and caring for wounded under intense artillery and machine-gun fire. Notwithstanding that he was twice blown off his feet by bursting shells, he continued his work until completed.

14651 Sjt. W. J. Lewis, M.M., 1st Bn., Wellington R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Briastre, on 12th October, 1918. He showed fine leadership and great gallantry during the attack. He led his platoon to the objective and repelled an attack from the rear, the enemy having worked in behind him from the flank. He re-organised his platoon, directed the consolidation of his sector, and established communication with the right.