

2nd Lt. Frederick William Walker, Lond.  
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For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he saw that the left of his battalion was being held up by an enemy strong point. He immediately collected six men, worked round the enemy's rear, and captured the strong point, together with two machine guns and twenty prisoners.

T./Maj. Thomas Lovell Warner, Leic. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in command of a company in the front line, and held his position with very small numbers against two enemy counter-attacks of great strength. In spite of his right flank being exposed, and in imminent danger of being turned, he remained in his position and inflicted great loss on the enemy, finally handing over his line intact. He set a brilliant example of courage and leadership.

T./Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) Harold Echalez Welch, Shrops. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His battalion was in immediate support to an attack which was held up by machine-gun fire from concrete posts, and it was found impossible to continue the advance without further artillery preparation. His battalion meanwhile was held up in a most exposed position. During the hours which elapsed before the advance could continue he moved about under fire regardless of danger, reconnoitring the situation, visiting his companies, and issuing orders. Owing to his efforts his battalion was eventually able to continue the advance successfully. His leadership and courage set a magnificent example to all ranks.

T./2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) Rees John Williams, Welsh R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack on an enemy position he took command of the whole front line. Regardless of danger, under the heaviest machine-gun fire, he passed from place to place collecting his men, organising the defence, and clearing up the situation for his commanding officer. He went under heavy fire to report on the situation personally, and subsequently reorganised the whole line. His cheerful courage set an excellent example to all ranks.

#### CANADIAN FORCE.

Lt. (A./Capt.) William Winfred Thompson, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company with great gallantry to the final objective in an attack, and on arriving there took command of the whole situation in the front line, consolidated the position with great skill, and sent in very valuable reports. On the following day, when the battalion attacked again, he was put in command of three companies, and led them with great success in the attack, though the troops on his right were held up, and his flank became badly exposed. He captured the position, which was held by an enemy force of more than double his numbers and twenty machine guns. He consolidated the

position and held it with very few men against four determined counter-attacks by the enemy. His gallantry, coolness and exceptional handling of the situation were beyond all praise.

#### AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Maj. Sydney Vere Appleyard, A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He established a forward dressing station immediately in rear of the front line during an attack, and attended continuously to the wounded, frequently going out and dressing cases in the open under heavy shell fire. His dressing station was hit by a shell, and, though he was badly shaken, he continued his work with great determination and devotion to duty. His fearlessness was an inspiration to all, and was the means of saving many lives.

Maj. Henry Bachtold, M.C., Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In daylight, under fire and under direct observation by the enemy, he marked out the assembly positions for the attack by his brigade. During the attack he personally reconnoitred the whole brigade position and organised the work of consolidation. His personal courage and his skill in grasping the situation were of the highest order.

Maj. Neil McKenzie Freeman, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when his battalion was attacked by the enemy after a preliminary bombardment of great intensity. Though his right flank was exposed by the enemy attack, he held his position with the greatest determination and repulsed the enemy, inflicting heavy casualties. When reinforcements arrived he personally directed their dispositions under a very heavy enemy barrage, and continued to send clear and encouraging reports upon the situation. He was able eventually to cover the gap on his flank and to consolidate the position. On a subsequent occasion he rendered great assistance in supporting an attack and in consolidating a captured position. His courage and devotion to duty were beyond all praise.

Maj. William Wallace Stewart Johnston, M.C., A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While the enemy were shelling very heavily the positions where assaulting troops were assembled he went out into the open with an absolute disregard of personal safety and attended to the wounded where they lay. After the attack was launched he continued to work for several hours under a very heavy enemy barrage until severely wounded. On many previous occasions his fearlessness and devotion to duty while acting as regimental M.O. have been most conspicuous.

Lt.-Col. Norman Marshall, M.C., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When ordered to fill a gap in the line caused by an enemy attack he personally led his battalion through a heavy enemy barrage to its position. He rendered valuable ser-