

13/795 Sjt. S. L. Emmerson, Mt. Mach. G Sqn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On his officer becoming a casualty during the attack on an outpost, he took charge of his section and withdrew it to the main infantry position, after all his gunners had become casualties and one gun had been put out of action. Through his energetic and courageous efforts he kept all the other guns in action until all the troops had been withdrawn from the ridge.

2/488 Sjt. A. Gapes, F. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as one of a forward observation party. While going forward they were caught in a barrage, one man being killed and the officer and remaining man badly wounded. Although himself badly wounded in two places and slightly in several others, he crawled through the barrage and succeeded eventually in getting the wounded away on stretchers. He then returned to his post and endeavoured to send a report through.

6/1031 C.S.M. J. A. Godfrey, M.M., Canterbury R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of his company after all the officers had become casualties. He got the men disposed in safe positions, then organised rescue parties for men who had been buried by shell fire, and directed their work under very heavy fire.

13/2559 L./C. (T./Cpl.) F. H. Hardy, Auckland Mtd. Rif. Rgt.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed great skill and resource in handling his troop when heavily pressed by the enemy. He led forward his few remaining men to an exposed position, and greatly assisted in repelling an attack by superior numbers of the enemy.

8/2614 Sjt. G. Hayton, M.M., Otago R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the attack he followed the advancing troops through a severe machine-gun barrage and laid a telephone wire forward. On the N.C.O. in charge of the forward signal station becoming a casualty, he immediately took command of all the battalion signal communications, and when his forward post had been severely damaged by shell fire he established communication over an area continually swept by heavy shell fire. For two days he maintained all his lines as well as a visual station at brigade headquarters, and by his thorough organisation of the means of communication at his disposal he displayed high powers of leadership and resource.

11/1338 Sjt. M. P. Malone, Mtd. M.G. Sqn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his officer was wounded early in the attack he took command of his section and pushed forward and covered the advance with his fire. When the enemy counter-attacked he rushed his gun forward to a ridge under intense fire, and completely broke up the leading waves of the attack and

inflicted heavy casualties on the remainder as they retired. He set a splendid example of courage and initiative.

23/1861 Sjt. W. R. Walker, Canterbury R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a platoon in an isolated trench when a party of the enemy about 50 strong attempted a raid. He showed great tactical ability in bringing a Lewis gun to bear on the threatened flank, covering it with a section of bombers, and caught the raiders with enfilade fire and decimated them. He had previously shown marked courage and devotion to duty.

13/483 Sjt. C. N. White, Auck. Mt. Rif. Reg.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led a party forward and carried out a reconnaissance with great skill and gallantry. He drove in an enemy post and established himself in their position to cover the advance of his squadron.

#### SOUTH AFRICAN FORCE.

16047 Sjt. J. H. Botha, S. Af. Infy. and Nig. R., W.A.F.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Remaining in action throughout the day, he used his machine gun with great effect and set a splendid example of courage and determination to his men. It was owing to his skill and initiative that his section was extricated from a difficult and dangerous situation.

16092 Sjt. W. J. Boyd, S. Af. Infy. and Nig. R., W.A.F.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On one occasion during the action he left the trench, and rushing forward with his machine gun fired it through the fork of a tree with telling effect upon the enemy. Throughout the great gallantry and coolness which he displayed were most meritorious.

152 C./S./M. C. Calvert, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company commander and two other officers had become casualties, he rendered valuable service in helping to re-organise the firing line, and in bringing up ammunition under concentrated machine gun fire. His fearlessness and bold initiative were only equalled by his energetic efforts under conditions of great danger and difficulty.

689 Cpl. R. L. Chapman, R.G.A., S.A.H.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When one of the battery dugouts was blown in and three men were buried, under heavy shell fire he cleared the debris and rescued the three men. When a man was severely wounded in the legs, after dressing his wounds under heavy shell fire he organised a stretcher party, and eventually, in spite of casualties, got him to a dressing-station  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles away.