

Lt. Sidney James Smith, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack on enemy trenches. He rushed forward and bombed two machine guns out of action which were causing heavy casualties to his platoon. By his fine courage and promptitude he saved many lives and set a splendid example to all ranks.

Lt. Percy James Whittaker, Infy.

As signalling officer during an attack he displayed such energy and devotion to duty that within five minutes of the objectives being taken all companies were in telephonic communication with battalion headquarters and with one another. During the whole night he worked unceasingly at his duties, and twice went through heavy barrage to restore communication. He behaved gallantly and set a fine example to those around him.

Lt. Rupert Roy Frederick Willard, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading a fighting patrol to capture an enemy strong point. He was the first into the enemy trench, silenced a machine gun and killed one of the team. Having completed the capture of the post he made his way in daylight across open country and obtained touch with troops on the flanks, apprising his company commander of the situation.

Lt. Herbert Duncan Willis, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while commanding his platoon in an attack. Sixty yards from the jumping off position he encountered an enemy machine-gun post which he rushed, killing an officer and man. He then moved forward through marshy ground and tangled undergrowth and mopped up a second machine-gun post. Finally, he established himself on the final objective, pushed out a battle post, and consolidated the line.

Lt. Alfred Benjamin Reginald Edward Willison, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack on enemy positions. He led his platoon with great ability and determination and carried two objectives. On taking the final objective he reorganised his platoon in such a manner as to strengthen the whole company front. This organisation, under most trying conditions, was excellent, and his brilliant leadership enabled his platoon to capture and consolidate the objectives with very slight losses.

Lt. Stanley Walton Young, M.M., Infy.

For indomitable courage and leadership during a raid, when he led his party against two enemy strong points and mopped them up, he himself killing five of the enemy and putting a machine gun out of action. After the raid he picked up his sergeant, who had

been badly wounded, and carried him back through a regular hail of machine-gun bullets.

SOUTH AFRICAN FORCE.

T./Lt. Ernest Rupert Begley, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative. When the objective had been reached he moved forward with a patrol towards an enemy strong point, which he captured, in spite of heavy machine-gun fire, taking six machine guns and 40 prisoners. Our flank, which had been held up by this strong point, was then able to advance and conform to the line.

T./2nd Lt. Edwin Goddard Hughes Dickson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative. In company with another man he rushed an enemy group who were holding up our advance. He inflicted severe casualties by bombing, and they surrendered. By his prompt action he saved many losses to our men and greatly assisted the success of the operation.

NEW ZEALAND FORCE.

Lt. Charles Frederick Atmore, Otago R.

He led his platoon forward under heavy fire to meet an attack on his posts. He repulsed the enemy with the bayonet, and then, with a party of bombers, drove them out of a position they had captured. He thus re-established our line of outposts. He displayed excellent qualities of leadership and conspicuous courage throughout the operation.

2nd Lt. Edwin Hoffmann Blomfield, Cyclist Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. This officer, on his company commander being wounded, took charge and led the company to the final objective, showing great skill and ability as well as fine courage and devotion to duty under heavy enemy fire. After consolidation he was particularly active in patrolling.

Lt. Angus William Gordon, Auck. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and powers of command in an attack on enemy positions. He assumed command of the fighting patrols, and personally arranged the situation of posts in the captured territory and organised the consolidation. Later, during an enemy counter-attack, his conduct was most praiseworthy. Throughout the operation his coolness and ability were admirable.

2nd Lt. William Henning, Rif. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and resource. When the enemy had retaken part of the line held by his company, he reorganised his