

36573 C./S./M. W. Deuchrass, 2nd Bn., Otago R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the 24th August, 1918, during the operations round Bapaume. In the face of very heavy shell and machine-gun fire, he did very good work in reorganising the company when the attack was held up. When the company was well advanced he noticed a tank in difficulties, and the crew who were locked in were calling for help. At great personal risk he went forward and liberated them by bursting open the door with a crowbar. The tank at this time was drawing heavy fire from artillery, anti-tank and machine guns.

20512 Sjt. (T. C./S./M.) F. Ellery, 2nd Bn., N.Z. Rif. Bde.

For the greatest gallantry and good leadership during the attacks on the enemy positions east of Gouzeaucourt Wood on 9th to 12th September, 1918. During the attack on 9th September, he was in charge of a platoon, and with great courage and skill he led his platoon on to the objective, and consolidated. On the 12th September he captured his platoon objective, and part of that of the platoon on the right, and owing to the failure of these troops to hold their objective his flank was exposed. He placed himself on the extreme flank, and his platoon kept up a continuous fight against vastly superior numbers of skilful and brave enemy troops for twelve hours, when they were at last relieved. His gallantry throughout the operations was a splendid example to his men.

28874 Cpl. A. Gillan, 4th Bn., N.Z. Rif. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in the attack on Trescault Ridge on 12th September, 1918. The advance of our troops was held up by an enemy's strong point with three machine guns. With one man he worked around to a flank of the position, and then with great dash they both rushed the machine guns across the open. They threw bombs into the position, and then jumped in and either shot or bayoneted the entire garrison of three officers and twelve men, thereby saving many casualties to our troops and facilitating the capture of our objective. He showed great initiative and utter disregard for danger.

52995 L./Cpl. L. Greenbank, 1st Bn., Wellington R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the 13th September, 1918, during the operations near Gouzeaucourt. When in command of his section, he showed the utmost disregard for danger during an attack on a strongly held enemy post. He personally led his section and rushed an enemy machine gun, which he put out of action himself. In spite of heavy casualties in his section, he with two men continued the attack by bombing a superior enemy force from a strongly fortified post, and gained his objective. He remained with his section until wounded. He set a splendid example to his men.

No. 24/186 Pte. M. Healey, 2nd Bn., N.Z. Rif. Bde.

For most conspicuous gallantry during the attack on enemy positions near Gouzeaucourt on 12th September, 1918. He was one of a patrol which pushed on after capture of the

objective to the position held by the enemy support company, 800 yards in front of our line. During the attack on the enemy support company he was placed in the most dangerous position where, though isolated from the rest of the patrol, he carried on the fight alone, killing ten of the enemy with bayonet and bullet and wounding an officer who appeared to be of high rank. His fine work was largely responsible for the surrender of those of the enemy company alive.

25/887 Sjt. J. Keatley, 3rd Bn., N.Z. Rif. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Gouzeaucourt on the 9th September, 1918. This N.C.O.'s company, after an advance over ground swept by machine-gun fire, was driven back, leaving several wounded men lying out in the open. Although wounded, he went back to report the situation to Company H.Q., and on his return, finding that the attempts to rescue the wounded had only resulted in the would-be rescuers becoming casualties, he went out himself under a hail of bullets, and rescued two men. On reaching a third man, he found he was already dead. He saved these two from becoming prisoners, and set a magnificent example to all ranks.

24/815 Sjt. T. R. Kennerley, 2nd Bn., N.Z. Rif. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Gouzeaucourt on 9th-12th September, 1918. On the 9th his officer having become a casualty, he led his platoon forward, clearing the wood of the enemy. When continuing the advance the enemy opened fire on his platoon from a machine-gun post. In company with a W.O. he rushed the post, killed the crews, and captured two machine-guns, thereby saving many casualties, and allowing the advance to proceed. He assisted in the subsequent consolidation, and organised the remainder of the men to repel a counter-attack. On the 12th his company was attacking, and he again showed great gallantry. The crew of a Lewis gun had become casualties, and he took the gun into action himself and gave covering fire to enable his platoon to move forward. After the objective had been gained he ably assisted his platoon commander in beating off a counter-attack, and was wounded while using his Lewis gun on the retreating enemy.

24/2026 Sjt. B. V. Livingstone, M.M., 2nd Bn., Canterbury R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Ruyaulcourt during 4th-6th September, 1918, when he, with another battalion signaller, was continuously mending wire. During all the actions which his battalion has been in since the 23rd August, 1918, he has again and again faced almost certain death, and continued to maintain telephonic communication between units. On one occasion during very heavy shelling and in the dark, although thrown over by concussion from a shell, he, accompanied by another battalion signaller, mended ten breaks between Bn. H.Q. and Metz, and enabled the battalion to keep in touch with Bde. H.Q. at a very critical time. His coolness under fire and disregard for his own personal safety were an inspiring example to all ranks.