

2nd Lt. George Hartshorn, 2nd Bn., Canterbury R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations near Ruyaulcourt. He was in command of a company which was temporarily held up by machine-gun fire and 4.77 m.m. guns, which were firing over open sights. After reconnoitring the position he directed fire on the enemy's guns, and then went forward to reconnoitre again. Running against an enemy machine-gun post, he rushed it single-handed, capturing eleven prisoners and a light machine gun. During the whole day he set a very fine example of determined courage, and, although seriously wounded, carried on until his company was reorganised.

2nd Lt. Albert George Holden, 18th Bn., N.Z. Rifle Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Havrincourt Wood on 12th Sept., 1918. Heavy casualties having occurred this officer was sent forward to take charge of the company. He showed great initiative and skill in getting his company reorganised and the line established. In spite of heavy fire, he organised bombing parties to work down the saps and push our line forward. He made a particularly fine reconnaissance of his position under heavy fire, and sent a very clear report to battalion headquarters. It was largely due to his personal efforts and initiative that the enemy was prevented from working into our line and cutting off some detached posts.

Capt. Humphrey Holderness, 3rd N.Z. Rifle Bde., attd. H.Q., N.Z. Inf. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Crevecoeur from 29th September to 3rd October, 1918. He personally supervised the ammunition and ration supplies to battalions under intense hostile fire. He invariably saw the whole issue carried out, and no battalion went short.

2nd Lt Alfred William Johnson, XXIIInd Corps, Mtd. Troops (Otago Mtd. Rif.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 24th Aug., 1918, in the vicinity of La Boisselle, in charge of his troops detached to reconnoitre in front of the infantry line. He found a gap of some 1,500 yards between two brigades, and after sending back this information pushed on, and shortly afterwards, in face of heavy machine-gun fire, captured a strongly held enemy trench, taking seventy-two prisoners and killing many of the enemy. He maintained his position there under very heavy fire until the infantry advanced to close up the gap. He showed fine courage and leadership.

2nd Lt. James Adam Jones, 1st Bn., Auckland R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 28th Sept., 1918, prior to an attack on the enemy position east of Ribecourt. He took the place of an officer who was wounded while on a forward reconnaissance, and collected useful information, which ensured the easy and correct deployment of the battalion during the darkness. For a week he furnished good information of roads and approaches for transport, etc.,

having to obtain it almost always under heavy fire.

2nd Lt. Ferdinand Wilson Lang, 2nd Bn., Auckland R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Crevecoeur on 30th Sept., 1918. He was on the left flank of the attack, and after several attempts crossed the canal, making excellent dispositions to protect the flank. The next day he took command of patrols, assisting in clearing the town, and gaining touch with the unit on the left.

Capt. John Davis Marks, N.Z. Medical Corps, attd. 2nd Bn., Canterbury R.

For conspicuous gallantry during operations near Ruyaulcourt on the 4th-5th September, 1918. While his R.A.P. was twice heavily shelled and several casualties occurred he continued at duty, binding men up and shifing them to shelter in spite of the heavy bombardment. Again on the 7th September, when the R.A.P. had been established on the edge of Havrincourt Wood, near Quotient Avenue, the enemy bombarded the place heavily. Under this fire, which had inflicted a number of casualties, he continued with his work. On both occasions his devotion to duty was admirable.

Lt. John Mayer, 2nd Bty., New Zealand Field Art.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 6th September, 1918, near Neuville in command of a forward section of guns. He kept them close up to the infantry in face of intense machine-gun fire, and kept them in action all day in close co-operation with the infantry, dealing with field guns and machine guns near Havrincourt Wood. One of his guns was put out of action, and he had heavy casualties to men and horses. This is not the first time he has distinguished himself.

2nd Lt. Walter Edwin McMinn, 2nd Bn., Rifle Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack on African Trench, near Gouzeaucourt, on 12th September, 1918. He led his platoon forward and captured the objective in spite of strong enemy resistance. He organised his position for defence, but was forced to retire on his left flank owing to his supply of bombs running out. He formed a defensive flank, and securing another supply of bombs, led his party forward again, driving the enemy from the recaptured position. He established a block on the left flank and held out, despite two subsequent attacks by the enemy. Throughout he set a splendid example to his platoon.

Lt. James Alexander Miller, 1st Bn., Otago R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Bapaume during the period 25th August-5th September, 1918. On the 25th August, in the attack on Favreuil, he was commanding a platoon. His company commander and the other officers were casualties, and this officer on his own initiative assumed command and pushed through the village. Then he advanced about 300 yards beyond his objective. This company