

On all occasions he has worked with a total disregard to his own safety, and has always inspired his men with confidence.

4/1376 Spr. K. B. McLean, N. Z. Tun. Coy., N.Z. E.

For courageous devotion to duty and initiative in execution of his work. On 10th March last he was detailed to a battery as instructor in dug-out construction. At the commencement of a hostile attack on 22nd March, the message to recall him having miscarried, he stayed with the battery for five days and assisted both in working the gun and establishing a new position when the battery withdrew. On his own initiative he opened up a partly demolished dug-out, and so provided cover for the gun crew during a period of intense hostile shelling.

8/616 Sjt. A. C. Mills, 1st Bn., Otago R.

For gallantry and devotion to duty throughout the period during which the battalion held the sector Hebuterne-La Signy Farm, March-July, 1918. For several nights during this tour he took out patrols in face of heavy fire from a machine-gun post, located it, and also succeeded in wiring-in our own post. His work in the field has always been characterised by disregard of personal danger and by coolness under fire, while the example he has shown by fearless patrolling has always been an inspiration to the younger N.C.Os.

7/1121 Sjt. T. Muir, 2nd Bn., Wellington R.

He has served as transport serjeant to his battalion from 25th February, 1918. He has been present with his unit during all active operations throughout. He has at all times displayed marked courage and devotion to duty in reconnoitring routes for his transport and leading it forward to the battalion throughout enemy shell fire by night and day. He has never once failed to deliver a single load of either ammunition, water or food. He has set a fine example to those under him.

12/3449 Sjt. W. A. Proctor, 2nd Bn., Auckland R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At La Signy Farm on 30th March, 1918, when an enemy machine gun was firing at his platoon, he shot three of the crew and captured the gun. After that he cleared up the trench by bombing, attacking the enemy in a most fearless manner. Throughout he has displayed great courage. Later he has been battalion gas N.C.O., and has rendered very valuable service, being with the battalion continuously till wounded near Bapaume on 30th August, 1918.

28216 Pte. F. A. Stade, N.Z. M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the advance on Biefvillers on 24th August, 1918, he led his pack mule through heavy shell and machine-gun fire to replenish the ammunition of his sub-section at a critical period. Again at Havrincourt Wood, on 3rd September, he brought up his pack mule three times through heavy shell fire with ammunition, retiring each time to replenish his load. His gallant conduct was most marked on each occasion.

10/2778 Sjt. J. Tannahill, 1st Bn., Wellington R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the period 25th February to 16th/17th September, 1918. He was a platoon serjeant during an attack near Beaumont Hamel on the 30th March, when he displayed splendid dash and initiative and fine leadership. In the consolidation of the captured position, under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, his coolness and courage spurred on and inspired his men, and it was mainly through his efforts that the work was completed. Since then his work, both as platoon serjeant and A./C.Q.M.S., has been consistently excellent.

8/859 Sjt. N. B. Thompson, 1st Bn., Canterbury R.

For conspicuous courage and daring initiative. During the attack on Avesnes-les-Bapaume on 25th August, 1918, he single-handed engaged with rifle fire an enemy bombing post which was holding up the flank of his company, afterwards collecting some men and rushing the post and killing or capturing the garrison. Later in the same operation he showed considerable gallantry and leadership in mopping up the captured area, quickly overcoming machine-gun opposition and sending back prisoners.

12/878 Sjt. L. Tribe, 1st Bn., Auckland R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He is the senior N.C.O. of the battalion scouts, and has organised and carried out scouting work of the very highest importance to the battalion. During the recent enemy retirement he organised his scouts with considerable skill, and kept in such close contact with the enemy that the smallest retirement was reported immediately to battalion headquarters, and proved of immense value. His own patrol work produced valuable information. He has frequently shown gallantry and initiative under fire.

23/1239 Sjt. C. Wilson, 1st Bn., 3rd N.Z. (R.) B.

For consistent gallantry and devotion to duty near Miraumont on 23rd August, 1918. He made a particularly fine reconnaissance of the whole battalion front under heavy fire, bringing back the exact location of forward posts. The clearness of his report was a great factor in making the second attack a success. He is scout serjeant of his battalion, and during all active operations has shown great keenness, and set a fine example to his men.

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SAMR/2352 R./S./M. W. Baker, 1st S.A. Fd. Arty. Bde. (EGYPT)

For consistent and good work during the period under review. He has set a splendid example to all junior ranks of the brigade not only by his coolness and efficiency in action, but also by the use of his unrivalled knowledge and experience earned by a lifetime spent in the service.