

Lt. Nigel Fletcher Wastell, 9th A.L.H.R.  
(EGYPT)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At the Jordan crossing near Jisr Benat Yakub, on the 27th September, 1918, while in dismounted action, he ably led the firing line to the River Jordan under heavy machine gun and rifle fire. During this operation he was severely wounded in the arm, but continued at his post until after dark. He showed fine leadership and set a splendid example to his troops.

Lt. Edwin Dubrelle Weston, 40th Bn., Aust. Infy.

Near Bony between 29th September and 2nd October, 1918, his company commander, having become a casualty, he led the company with courage and ability. He personally led small reconnoitring parties into enemy territory when the advance was held up; and particularly on the night 30th September-1st October he volunteered and carried out a difficult night reconnaissance, so obtaining information which was greatly needed by brigade headquarters.

Capt. George Herbert Wilson, 31st Bn., Aust. Infy.

During the operations between 29th/30th September, 1918, he led his company with great skill and dash. After making a daring reconnaissance he led his men to forward positions giving cover, thereby saving many casualties. In these dispositions he showed a thorough grasp of tactical value of the ground, and, fire having been brought to bear, the advance was enabled to continue. Throughout he rendered valuable service.

Capt. Edward Albert Woodward, 8th Fld. Amb., Aust. A.M.C., attd. 29th Bn., Aust. Infy.

At Bellicourt during the 29th/30th September, 1918, with his R.A.P. in an open trench under heavy shell and machine-gun fire, he carried on day and night dressing and attending the wounded. He showed a total disregard of danger and untiring devotion to duty under the most trying conditions, working without rest for forty-eight hours.

Lt. Leonard Langdale Wrathall, 2nd Tunnel'g Coy., Aust. Engrs.

On the 3rd October, 1918, in the vicinity of Estrees and Ramicourt, he was engaged in the reconnaissance of roads captured during the advance. He examined roads up to our front line, and in many cases beyond it, and during the whole of both days worked under heavy shell and machine-gun fire. On the 4th October he removed an enemy road mine from a spot which was under heavy direct machine-gun fire. He showed great gallantry and untiring devotion to duty.

#### NEW ZEALAND FORCE.

2nd Lt. James Lawson Brown, 1st Bn., N.Z. Rif. Bde.

For marked gallantry and good work during the attack on Le Quesnoy on 4th November, 1918. On reaching the

objective he found that the enemy was holding the farms on the road in great strength, and developing a heavy machine-gun fire. With several men he worked round behind the houses and rushed three machine guns in succession, shooting down the gunners and taking many prisoners.

2nd Lt. William Symington Brown, M.M., 2nd Bn., Wellington R.

For most conspicuous gallantry and skill. On 4th November, 1918, near Le Quesnoy, when an enemy machine gun threatened to check his platoon, he attacked the gun, capturing it and killing the crew. Again, near Villereau, he similarly overcame machine-gun resistance. His work during the operation was most brilliant, and led in a great measure to the capture of several field guns.

Lt. Robert Gordon Charters, 2nd Bn., Otago R.

For marked gallantry and devotion to duty. On the 23rd October, 1918, in the operations near Salesches, he led his platoon to the attack under heavy machine-gun fire, and when close to the enemy wire he charged, routing the enemy, killing many and capturing the remainder. He then led his platoon on to the final objective, and though severely wounded on the way, he remained at duty till it was captured.

Lt. Walter Cobb, 1st M.G. Sqdn., N.Z.M.G. Corps, attd. N.Z. Mtd. Rif. Bde.

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For conspicuous gallantry and good work near Amman on 25th September, 1918. He made a personal reconnaissance under rifle and machine-gun fire to help on attack by troops on the right, and at the critical moment rushed his guns forward and brought enfilade fire to bear on the enemy position, thus greatly assisting in the capture of six machine guns and 100 prisoners.

Lt. Herbert Alison Collins, Auck. Mtd. Rif. R.

(EGYPT)

For devotion to duty and fine leadership at Damieh on the 22nd September, 1918. He led his troop forward to a most exposed position, and when the enemy counter-attacked, and part of the line was forced back, he held on to his position, although under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, remaining there until our line attacked, when he was able to inflict very heavy casualties on the retiring enemy.

Lt. James Courtney, 2nd Bn., Wellington R.

For marked gallantry and able leadership. On 4th November, 1918, during our operations near Villereau, he was in charge of a leading platoon. When the advance was held up by machine-gun fire, he personally reconnoitred forward, and then leading a party of his men to the flank, rushed the machine gun, killing a number of the crew and taking the remainder prisoners, also capturing the gun. The capture of this gun undoubtedly saved many casualties.

Lt. Leslie Hunter Denniston, 2nd Bn., N.Z. Rif. Bde.

For gallant leadership in command of a reserve company at Le Quesnoy on the 4th