

November, 1918. The centre company suffered severely at the start. He moved his company forward at once, and went on until the capture of the objective, on which he established his company, and succeeded in gaining touch with the flank companies. He had previously organised and directed several successful raids.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Harold Roy Domigan, 1st Bn., Otago R.

For conspicuous gallantry and able leadership on the 23rd October, 1918. On the 23rd/24th his company was detailed to advance a distance of 1,000 yards, cross the l'Ecaillon River east of Beaudignies, establish bridgeheads, and then make good the high ground 1,000 yards beyond the bridgehead. This he successfully accomplished, securing as prisoners three officers and seventy-five other ranks and seven machine guns.

2nd Lt. Ernest Cameron Drummond, 3rd Bn., N.Z. Rif. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and daring near Le Quesnoy on the 4th November, 1918. He immediately charged an enemy party, suddenly encountered in the mist, and as the latter were getting a machine gun into action, fired several revolver shots into their midst. The party, though fully armed, surrendered. The prompt action of this officer saved the attacking troops and their supports from being intercepted.

2nd Lt. James Duncan, 2nd Sqdn., N.Z. M.G. Corps. (EGYPT)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Dumar on the 30th September, 1918. With great skill he worked his guns forward on to the edge of a pass which was packed with retreating enemy troops and transport. From a range of 100 yards he inflicted heavy casualties, which resulted in blocking the road for further passage of the enemy, and the capture of many wagons, machine guns, and a train which was on the line which ran through the pass.

2nd Lt. James Greenwood, M.M., 1st Bn., Auck. R.

For gallant leadership of a platoon during the attack north of Le Quesnoy on the 4th November, 1918. Severe machine-gun fire was encountered on the left flank 100 yards away. He, with two men, immediately attacked this machine-gun nest, advancing 100 yards over open ground swept by fire from the guns. His fine courage and dash caused the surrender of two machine-guns and eight enemy.

Capt. Henry Seddon Hills, 2nd Bn., Otago R.

On the 23rd October, 1918, in the operations near Salesches, he commanded a company. When, during the advance, the right company was held up, he manœuvred his company so that the enemy was outflanked, and this had the effect of breaking down the defence. Going on, he rushed a line of enemy posts, and then pushed straight on to his objective. His excellent leadership and cool daring enabled the whole battalion to go on.

Capt. James Alexander Daniel Hopkirk, M.G. Bn., N.Z.M.G. Corps.

On the night of 3rd/4th November, 1918, near Le Quesnoy, he displayed great courage and devotion to duty. He conducted S.A.A. and ration limbers through an intense gas and high explosive barrage, and established a forward battery position for the operations of 4th November. In the succeeding days of the advance the resourcefulness displayed by him in the supply of S.A.A. and rations to forward guns was a striking lesson to junior officers.

2nd Lt. Charles Brison Lepper, M.M., 1st Bn., Wellington R.

For conspicuous gallantry in command of a company east of Le Quesnoy on the 4th November, 1918. He was mainly responsible for the forming up of his company under machine-gun fire on the correct position, when preparing to pass through the leading battalion, and then for keeping proper direction. He then directed the advance over a difficult country, directing mopping-up operations and clearing of posts with extraordinary skill and ability.

Lt. Maurice George Luxford, 1st Bn., N.Z. Rif. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and energy on the night 28th/29th October, 1918, near Le Quesnoy. When the situation was very obscure he made a complete reconnaissance of the front, greatly assisting in getting the battalion properly disposed. On the 30th October he led a daylight patrol, and succeeded in gaining some very valuable information about positions of enemy machine-gun posts. Again, on 4th November, though slightly wounded, he made another daring reconnaissance.

Lt. William Galder Mackay, 1st Bn., Auck. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the operations on the 4th November, 1918, north of Le Quesnoy, he was acting as adjutant. Prior to the attack he made a thorough reconnaissance of the position and supplied information which was of great importance to the battalion. After our troops had reached the Blue line he reconnoitred the dispositions of the battalion under shell fire and rendered a complete and accurate report on the situation.

Lt. William Murphy, 2nd Bn., Otago R.

For great gallantry and fine leadership. During the operations of 23rd October, 1918, near Salesches, when his company came under very heavy machine-gun fire, he rushed his support platoon into the front line of attacking troops. Later, when machine-gun fire again checked the advance, he swung his troops to the right and attacked a strong position in enfilade. By this movement he secured a large number of machine guns and prisoners, killed many of the enemy, and drove the remainder from their positions.

Lt. Frederick Leslie Murray, Canterbury Mtd. Rif. B. (EGYPT)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of the advance troop at