

34124 S./M. Alfred Percy Hatt, R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During heavy fighting he continued to lead stretcher squads to collect wounded from exposed and heavily shelled positions, and when many of his bearers had become casualties he himself assisted to carry the wounded, and continued until the battlefield was cleared. His untiring energy and splendid devotion to duty were beyond all praise.

S/10961 C./S./M. John Cecil Hines, Gord. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his company during an advance when all officers had become casualties, and led them undauntedly to their objective, greatly inspiring all ranks by his dash and energy. He continued in command throughout three days' fighting, displaying coolness and courage which were invaluable in the absence of officers.

355091 C./S./M. David Alan Barnett Marples, L'pool R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His company commander and all other officers except one having become casualties, he displayed the greatest initiative in reorganising the company, forming a defensive flank on the left of his brigade and consolidating the position. Throughout the action he bore himself in an exceptionally fine manner, and displayed the utmost courage and devotion to duty.

S/4539 C./S./M. John McCall, R. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the officers of his company had become casualties, he was a splendid example to the men during an attack. His determination and leadership were responsible for the capture of several strong points and for the efficient consolidation of captured objectives.

266073 C./S./M. William Horace Reekie, L'pool R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a hostile attack on his posts a grenade was thrown into his trench. It did not immediately explode, so with great presence of mind he picked it up to throw it away, but, unfortunately, it exploded as he was doing so, and he was wounded in about twenty places. Although in great pain, he remained at his post and drove the enemy off with bombs and Lewis gun fire. He displayed throughout the greatest pluck and devotion to duty.

29636 B./S./M. William Henry Shillabeer, R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the officers of his battery had been gassed he took command and kept it in action under fire. He tended the many gassed men until he himself succumbed to the effects of the gas, displaying splendid gallantry and devotion to duty.

8296 S.M. Alexander Smart, Sco. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an advance, although wounded in both shoulders, he organised and personally led ammunition parties under very heavy shell fire to the firing line. When the final

objective was reached he kept the firing line continually supplied with ammunition and water, and throughout the operations his splendid conduct inspired all ranks with the greatest confidence and admiration.

22383 S./M. Samuel Tucker, R.W. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty under an intense bombardment. He assisted to rally all available men at a time when part of the front line had been abandoned. By his courage and example in collecting stragglers he was able to move forward and occupy the abandoned front line position.

3/9732 Coy. S./M. David Wells, Suff. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack his personal example and able leadership under intense shelling, machine gun and rifle fire were largely responsible for the capture of most important high ground from the enemy. During the consolidation of the captured ground and the reorganisation of his company under heavy fire, his coolness and disregard for danger had the greatest influence on all ranks of his company.

11092 C./S./M. Alfred Walter Worboys, Midd'x R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After all the officers of his company had become casualties, he took command and continued fighting until nearly all his men were killed or wounded. Heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy. He then extricated the seven survivors of his company with great skill, and rejoined another company, with which he continued to fight until compelled to retire. He then proceeded to battalion headquarters and rendered a very clear and accurate account of the action, thereby clearing up the situation which, up till then, had been obscure. He set a splendid example of determination and gallant leadership.

17226 C./S./M. William Wray, E. Lan. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the right of his company was held up by a machine gun he drove the enemy back with a Lewis gun, and enabled the advance to be continued. At the end of the operations he organised and led out several parties to bring in the wounded who were lying in the open, carrying on with his work until dawn.

#### AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Lt. Robert Avenel Bennett, Fd. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When ordered to follow the infantry advance with one gun he found that there was no track by which he could proceed, whereupon he immediately made a reconnaissance, crossing four times through hostile barrage, and having found a suitable point, collected two working parties and constructed a track. The whole operation was carried out under intense and accurate hostile shelling and heavy rifle and machine gun fire, and he succeeded by the very greatest coolness, initiative and perseverance in accomplishing his task.