

although wounded, he led a small party forward and attacked a strong point, capturing two machine guns.

1676 Sjt. A. A. Kearns, 55th Bn., Aust. Inf.

For great gallantry and resource near Proyart on 17th August, 1918. While searching for wounded, this N.C.O. located a large party of the enemy. He worked round and took them by surprise from the rear, ordering them to surrender. The enemy at once dashed for the trenches, but he succeeded in capturing five and a machine gun.

424 C./S./M. T. B. F. Keary, 4th Bn., Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry at Chuignes, 23rd August, 1918. This Warrant Officer was of great assistance in maintaining direction and keeping the flanks in touch. In one instance he rushed a machine-gun post, killing the crew and capturing the gun. He set a wonderful example throughout.

1767 Sjt. (A./C./S./M.) A. Keeling, M.M., 12th Bn., Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and resource near Lihons on the 11th August, 1918. This Warrant Officer took a patrol twice through enemy territory to locate the unit on the flank. In spite of being fired at, he returned with valuable information. Later, taking a Lewis gun, he surprised the enemy, and contributed largely to the breaking up of their counter-attack.

5122 Cpl. W. Kilgour, 57th Bn., Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and resource near Peronne on 5th September, 1918. Accompanied by one man, this N.C.O. crawled forward to investigate the strength of machine-gun positions that were impeding the advance of his company. Having discovered one he rushed it with his companion, killed three of the garrison and brought back a prisoner.

7496 Pte. R. C. King, 4th Bn., Aust. Inf.

At Chuignes, on 23rd August, 1918, during the advance when his platoon was held up, this man crawled round the flank of an enemy post, shot two of the crew, and silenced the machine gun. He then rushed the post and the garrison of 20 surrendered.

102 C./Q./M./S. (A./C./S./M.) H. Kirby, 6th Bn., Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and skilful leadership at Lihons, 10th August, 1918. He led forward a party of three, and, under heavy fire, bombed two machine-gun posts, capturing the guns and establishing his party in the position. Later, when all the officers became casualties, he handled the company with great success.

1680 Pte. W. Kite, M.M., 56th Bn., Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry during the attack on Peronne, 1st September, 1918. This man carried messages through an intense barrage and set a fine example. Again, he bandaged a wounded man and carried him through heavy fire to the R.A.P.

5688 Cpl. V. W. Lalor, M.M., 14th Bn., Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Ascension Wood on 18th September, 1918. Although his company was suffering heavy casualties he rushed on ahead and brought his gun into action and covered the advance of his company. Again, later, he engaged at close range and silenced two enemy machine guns which were holding up the advance.

6849 Pte. A. F. Lawrence, 16th Bn., Aust. Inf.

For most conspicuous gallantry and daring in an attack on Le Verguier on 18th September, 1918. During the advance he led a section with such dash and skill that he succeeded in capturing six machine guns and 28 prisoners. He then rushed another post, again capturing the whole garrison. His leadership was excellent.

418 Pte. D. Lazarus, 2nd Bn., Aust. M.G.C.

For fine courage during the operations at Montbrehain on 6th October, 1918, he captured an enemy machine gun single-handed. The crew of eight enemy fired on him with machine gun and rifles while he crossed 40 yards of open ground. He shot two of the crew with his revolver and compelled the remaining six to surrender.

668 Sjt. S. G. Levy, 6th Bn., Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry at Herleville Wood on 23rd August, 1918. When all the officers became casualties, this N.C.O. took charge of the company and displayed fine qualities of leadership, controlling and reorganising the company throughout the advance.

3584 Sjt. E. R. Little, 54th Bn., Aust. Inf.

During the clearing of the town of Peronne, 1st and 2nd September, 1918, this N.C.O.'s platoon was repeatedly held up by machine-gun nests. With remarkable courage and initiative he destroyed each in turn. During the consolidation he went forward with two men and closely reconnoitred the enemy position, bringing back valuable information.

105 Sjt. H. V. Lucas, 5th Fd. Coy., Aust. Engrs.

During operations against Mont St. Quentin on the 31st August, 1918, he was working with his section on a heavily shelled foot-bridge, which was urgently required to pass a brigade across the Somme. Although his officer and half the section were wounded, he persisted in his work with the greatest courage and determination, so that the bridge was completed in time.

623 Sjt. R. W. Luke, M.M., 2nd Aust. Pnr. Bn.

On 5th October, 1918, at Montbrehain, during an enemy counter-attack, he rallied his men, and successfully held on until reinforcements came up. He continued to give orders after being badly wounded. His gallant and determined leadership was largely responsible for the objective being held.