

wounded under heavy fire. When all the company bearers had become casualties he organised fresh squads and penetrated through a heavy artillery barrage to a captured C.C.S. to salve stretchers.

389 Sjt. P. Neilson, M.M., 26th Bn., Aust. Infy.

During the attack east of Mont St. Quentin on the 2nd September, 1918, the left flank was held up by heavy machine-gun fire. Although slightly wounded, he rushed his platoon with great gallantry through the fire-swept zone, and cleared the nest of machine guns, killing several of the gunners, and causing the remainder to surrender.

144 Cpl. W. H. Newman, 34th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty from 28th to 31st August, 1918, near Clery-sur-Somme and Marrieres Wood. He repeatedly went in front of his company, firing his Lewis gun from the hip, twice destroying enemy machine-gun nests. During a counter-attack by the enemy, he crawled out with his gun and completely disorganised it.

17466 Spr. R. E. Nickolls, 5th Div. Sig. Coy., Aust. Engrs.

For conspicuous courage and perseverance near Peronne, 31st August, 1918, in maintaining the line from Barieux alone for fifteen hours, and in repairing it under continuous heavy artillery fire. It was undoubtedly due to his devotion to duty that this line was successfully maintained throughout the operations.

3674 L./C. W. G. Nottingham, 8th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry at Herleville Wood, 23rd August, 1918. When his company was held up by machine-gun fire from a strong hostile position, he dashed forward and bombed the nest, killing two gun crews and silencing the third gun.

1720 Sjt. R. A. P. O'Neill, 54th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For gallantry and skilful leadership at Peronne, 1st and 2nd September, 1918. His officer having been wounded in an assault on a strong point, and his platoon badly shaken, this N.C.O. reorganised and attacked again, taking prisoner the whole garrison. He then reorganised and carried the final objective.

2184 Sjt. N. H. Osmand, 1st Bn., Aust. Infy.

For remarkable gallantry near Chuignolles, 23rd August, 1918. He was foremost in the attack, and by his dash in many cases prevented the enemy from getting their machine guns into action. Alone, he rushed a machine-gun post, killing the crew and later a trench-mortar crew.

4868 S./M. B. G. Redding, 54th Bn., Aust. Inf.

For fine leadership and gallantry at Peronne 1st and 2nd September, 1918. This W.O. was detailed as liaison with the battalion on the left. When hostile resistance caused a break in the line and the officers had become casualties, he with great coolness

collected men of both battalions and brilliantly cleared the local opposition, refilling the gap in the assaulting line.

457 C./S./M. A. J. Rice, 8th Bn., Aust. Inf.

For great gallantry at Lihons 11th August, 1918. This W.O. did admirable work directing platoons whose officers had become casualties. Later, when his company was held up by machine-gun fire, he worked forward alone and captured the machine gun, killing the crew and allowing the advance to continue.

440 Sjt. W. H. Richards, 11th Bde., Aust. F.A.

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the attack south of Vendhuile, on the 29th September, 1918. Through the operation his battery was under heavy artillery and machine-gun fire, and the whole of his detachment became casualties. Notwithstanding this he continued to serve his gun alone until a new detachment could be organised. It was due to his personal efforts that the battery was able to maintain the effective barrage.

1029 Sjt. W. G. Rintoull, 24th Bn., Aust. Infy.

When, in the attack on Montbrehain, on 5th October, 1918, his platoon and company commanders had become casualties, he showed great gallantry and able leadership. Finding the advance hung up, he went forward under heavy machine-gun fire, and selected the positions for posts to be established. He next supervised the establishment of these posts and the consolidation of the line.

3155 L./Sjt. (T./Sjt.) J. T. Rixon, 17th Bn., Aust. Infy.

In command of his platoon in the operations from the 29th to 31st August, 1918, near Mont St. Quentin, he displayed the greatest gallantry and skill in rushing hostile machine-gun posts and capturing guns and prisoners. On one occasion he ran forward alone, shouting to his platoon to charge, gained the position, shot the gunner, and took twenty-three prisoners.

629 C./S./M. R. Robinson, 7th Bn., Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous courage and resource between Vanvillers and Lihons 9th August, 1918. During heavy casualties to officers and men he controlled the company and brought it to its objective. Later he collected a party, and under heavy fire succeeded in repelling a determined counter-attack.

3915 Pte. R. N. Robinson, 21st Bn., now 24th Bn., Aust. Infy.

Near Montbrehain, on the 5th October, 1918, when his company was held up by a machine-gun post, he rushed forward with a Lewis gun, and single-handed killed the garrison of eight. Later, he took the captured gun forward and used it with effect from an advantageous position where the line was thinly held. He did fine work.