

ward with great dash and determination in face of heavy fire, and upon his Lewis gun team becoming casualties he took up the gun, went forward alone, and put two hostile machine guns out of action, thus covering the advance of his platoon.

936 Pte. W. Warren, 22nd Bn., Aust. Infy.

For most conspicuous gallantry during the attack near Estrees on 4th October, 1918. He preceded the leading wave, and encountering an enemy post which was holding up his section, charged it, killing one man and capturing two others single-handed. Later, with another man, he went back under heavy fire and recovered three Lewis guns and brought them on to the captured trench.

4939 Pte. S. W. Waywood, 4th Aust. L.T.M. By.

For most conspicuous gallantry and initiative during operations on the 18th September, 1918, north-west of St. Quentin. During the advance a large gap occurred between our left flank and another unit, threatening to leave both unit flanks in a precarious condition. He, in face of heavy machine-gun fire, displayed great courage and fine resourcefulness in bringing up the left unit's flank, thus restoring the position. Later, under intense fire, he crawled up and located two enemy machine guns.

2263 L./C. C. J. Weatherby, 53rd Bn., Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and resource at Peronne on 1st September, 1918. During the attack an enemy field gun was captured with a large supply of ammunition. This man helped another to work the gun, and brought fire to bear on a quarry where the enemy were assembling, and inflicted severe casualties.

3031 Pte. H. J. Wegener, 12th Bn., Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and resource near Lihons 11th August, 1918. This man rushed an enemy machine-gun post and bayoneted the crew of two. Later, he successfully led a party of four against another machine-gun post, which was holding up the advance.

3666 Cpl. H. J. Willoughby, 24th Bn., Aust. Infy.

During the attack on Montbrehain on 5th October, 1918, he showed great courage and ability to command. On three occasions, when his company was held up by enemy machine-gun fire, he organised one section for covering fire and led the attack on the strong posts over exposed ground.

3153 L./C. J. W. Wilson, 5th Bn., Aust. M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry near Peronne on 1st September, 1918. This non-commissioned officer, in the face of great difficulties, took up a position with his guns, and, although under intense machine-gun and artillery fire, remained in position until the attack was completed, and thus greatly assisted in the operations.

718 Sjt. T. Wilson, 2nd Bn., Aust. M.G.C.

On 3rd October, 1918, at Beaufeuvois, he had charge of two machine guns and showed great gallantry. After getting his guns into action, he reconnoitred forward under heavy machine-gun fire and gained valuable information as to the enemy position. While covering a slight withdrawal of the line his gun crew became casualties, and he worked single-handed until he found a fresh crew.

3956a Sjt. D. W. Witherden, 24th Bn., Aust. Inf.

During the attack on Montbrehain on 5th October, 1918, he rushed a Lewis gun forward to within 20 yards of a machine-gun post and enabled the post to be rushed and captured. Later, he rushed a machine-gun post single-handed, shot the garrison of four men, and captured a machine gun; and, again, later, shot the crews of two machine guns.

2952 Sjt. (T./C./S./M.) J. Wood, 53rd Bn., Aust. Inf.

During the attack on Peronne, 1st September, 1918, this non-commissioned officer displayed magnificent courage and leadership, helping to reorganise the company under very heavy artillery and machine-gun fire. Later, he led six men against an enemy strong point, capturing two machine guns and ten prisoners.

2924 Cpl. J. E. Young, M.M., 9th Bn., Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative near Lihons on the 11th August, 1918. At one stage of the attack this non-commissioned officer advanced alone with his gun under heavy machine-gun fire, and enabled his platoon to rush a strong post. Later, during the counter-attack, he inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy at close quarters until he was severely wounded.

340 Cpl. R. J. Young, 5th Bn., Aust. M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and resource during operations near Peronne on 1st and 2nd September, 1918. When his officer was killed and his section suffered heavy casualties, he took charge of the remainder and went forward under heavy machine-gun fire to reconnoitre the positions, where he then moved his guns to meet the enemy counter-attack.

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15545 Cpl. J. A. Auld, 2nd Bn., Canterbury R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in the operations of 8th October, 1918, at Lesdain. On one occasion, when frontal fire failed to dislodge a hostile machine gun, he crawled through our barrage to the rear of the enemy position and shot the crew. Later on, at the Sunken Road, he crawled up under cover, and, firing from the shoulder, emptied his magazine into the occupants.