

duty. When his company was held up by machine gun and rifle fire he made a personal reconnaissance under heavy fire. As a result, the company was able to effect communication with the battalion on the flank.

T2/10777 S. S./M. C. Wassell, A.S.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of horse lines. Amidst violent explosions caused by a burning ammunition dump he remained with the horses for three hours without any assistance, preventing them from straying and keeping them under control, thereby saving many valuable animals. His fearlessness and cool persistence in a most perilous situation were most marked.

L./14368 Sjt. T. Watson, R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After all his officers had become casualties he took charge, and led an attack upon a greatly superior force under heavy fire. His personal example of courage and indifference to danger rendered the attack successful.

29558 A./Cpl. P. E. Westney, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His battery was subjected to very heavy shelling, which cut telephonic communication with the brigade. He patrolled the line incessantly, and repeatedly repaired the breakages, and it was entirely due to his courage and determination that communication was never lost for more than a few minutes. His conduct at all times showed splendid fearlessness of the same nature and total disregard of personal safety.

26/1297 Cpl. M. Whelan, North'd Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the advance he entered an enemy dug-out and captured two officers and thirty-seven other ranks. Throughout the operations he rendered most valuable services.

27/1318 Sjt. G. T. Wigley, North'd Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed great courage and ability when acting as C.S.M. during the advance. He took command of the company, and carrying them forward, reorganised them in the new position entirely on his own initiative. He set a fine example throughout.

2428 L./Sjt. H. Williams, R. War. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When exposed to heavy artillery and machine gun fire and in full view of the enemy, he continued to dress the wounded, and carried them to a place of safety. He showed a total disregard for personal safety.

17850 L./Cpl. J. B. Winfield, R. War. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an enemy counter-attack, when he rushed forward alone with his gun, the rest

of his team having become casualties, and kept it in action under heavy fire until his ammunition was exhausted.

11/707 C.S.M. W. G. Woodall, E. Yorks. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in twice reorganising his company under very heavy hostile barrage and leading them to the attack. All his company officers were out of action and the company suffered very heavy losses, so he decided to consolidate and hold on. The leadership which he displayed under such adverse circumstances was magnificent.

240504 L./Cpl. A. Woodward, Worc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He remained all day close in front of the enemy position with his Company Commander and Co. Sjt.-Major, both of whom were severely wounded. He subsequently took command of a platoon, and organised them against enemy counter-attacks.

#### AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

3227 B.S.M. C. H. Akers, Aust. Fld. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. An ammunition dump and gun camouflage were set on fire by hostile shell fire. With the assistance of another officer he at once rushed to the gun and removed the burning camouflage, and then, although shells were bursting close by, succeeded in putting out the fire in the ammunition dump.

331 Sjt. E. P. Blyth, Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At a moment when most of his officers were casualties and the men were leaderless he took command, and led them to the attack with the greatest courage and initiative.

1095 Sjt. J. B. Cane, Aus. Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took charge of the brigade signalling communications. During the heavy artillery fire the next day he displayed conspicuous courage in maintaining communication with the captured position.

1631 Pte. J. A. Christie, Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He rushed his gun into "No Man's Land" under heavy fire and fired thirty rounds into the advancing enemy, checking them and causing heavy casualties. Although wounded, he safely withdrew his gun.

1784 B.S.M. J. O. Clough, Aus. Fld. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The battery was heavily shelled, causing several casualties. He, regardless of the shell fire, assisted in attending the wounded and getting them into safety. He has throughout set a splendid example.