

duty. On visiting one of his advanced posts, found it had been rushed by the enemy. He immediately charged in the face of a shower of bombs, shooting four of the enemy, capturing four prisoners, and driving them out. He was severely wounded.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Lt. William Ewart Allan, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a hostile attack. When the battalion on the right had fallen back, he went forward, while the retirement was in progress, and moved about among the troops, rallying them, and when the possibility of consolidation was decided on, he sent most accurate information of the situation to battalion headquarters. He then established location of the whole battalion line, being throughout constantly subjected to heavy machine-gun and snipers' fire.

Lt. Albert Bissett Amess, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a counter-attack. After all the officers of his company had become casualties, this officer, though three times wounded himself, gallantly led the company forward, arrested the enemy's advance, and considerably advanced his company's front. He stayed consolidating his new position until a fourth wound incapacitated him. He showed fine courage and determination.

Capt. Frederic Anderson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy broke through on the right he placed two Lewis guns on the flank and withdrew his company in good order, he himself staying with the last platoon and directing the operation.

Lt. Ernest Bate, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He successfully carried out a most difficult reconnaissance in the face of the enemy, and subsequently sited a line of strong points, which were dug, and the wiring of which he personally supervised. His courage, energy and coolness set a fine example to all ranks, and enabled a large amount of work to be carried out under most trying conditions. It proved to be of the utmost value in holding up enemy attacks.

Lt. Percy Charles Blewett, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a counter-attack. When his company commander was killed, he took charge of the company and led it forward brilliantly, showing good leadership.

Lt. John Henry Borthwick, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of his platoon, when he made a reconnaissance in force, and successfully established an outpost with but slight

casualties, owing to his fine leadership. Throughout a night he displayed the greatest courage and determination, moving over unknown ground within very close range of hostile machine-gun and rifle fire, and it was mainly due to his splendid example that the position was so long held.

Lt. James Bruce, D.C.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack on the enemy. He led his platoon with great dash, rushing an advanced enemy machine-gun position and killing the crew and capturing the gun. Later, he rushed a trench, taking ten prisoners, killing the remainder and capturing two more machine-guns. And again later, seeing a party of the enemy moving round his flank, he organised and led a party and wiped them out. He set a magnificent example of courage and coolness, and his services were eminently valuable.

Lt. Leopold Bull, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As Battalion Intelligence Officer, after the delivery of an attack, he led a patrol forward to clear up the situation. Although severely wounded within 30 yards of the enemy's line, he was able to give useful information when brought back two hours later.

Lt. Reginald John Burchell, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in controlling railway operations which involved the moving of troops and rolling-stock and also the evacuation of wounded. He worked, with limited facilities, for three days and nights continuously. It was due to his care and watchfulness that a successful evacuation was rendered possible, and that engines and rolling-stock did not fall into the hands of the enemy.

Lt. Francis Joseph Burtenshaw, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He located an enemy post of eight men which had been harassing our line for some days. He led a party, and surrounded the post, killing two and capturing three, including the N.C.O. in charge. He then withdrew without any casualties.

Lt. Colin Hope Butler, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a platoon in picquet line, when, by his fine leadership and the manner in which he controlled his platoon fire, he greatly assisted in the severe defeat which the enemy suffered. He also rendered valuable assistance to the platoons on his flanks, and his marked courage and cheerfulness throughout the whole operations greatly inspired all ranks with him.

2nd Lt. Leslie Byrne, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company commander became a casualty he took command and led the men out to meet the enemy attack, which was beaten off with loss. He afterwards reorganised his company, which had had many casualties.