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#### AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Capt. James Lionel Fletcher, M.C., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack on enemy trenches. Seeing his company held up on its right flank by heavy machine-gun fire, he rallied the men and rushed the enemy trench well ahead of them, killing six of the enemy with his revolver. He did very fine service.

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Lt. Frederick Owen Gaze, M.C., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He led his men forward to the final objective, capturing enemy strong posts and two machine-guns. That night, when the enemy counter-attacked, he successfully ejected them from a portion of the line they had entered, and further pushed his success forward against an enemy strong post, capturing several machine-guns, much material and one officer and fifty other ranks, besides inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. Throughout he set a fine example of courage and good leadership to his men.

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Lt. Thomas Balfour Keillor, M.C., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as battalion intelligence officer. He accompanied the assaulting troops to the objective, on his way killing two of the enemy single-handed who were firing on our men from the rear. Within forty-five minutes after zero he brought back much valuable information to battalion headquarters, having passed through a heavy barrage to get there.

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Lt. Neil Scott Maddox, M.C., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer took charge of a daylight raiding party, and raided a series of enemy posts, capturing twelve prisoners. By his good leadership, careful handling of the men, and courage, they were able to approach within rushing distance of the enemy.

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Lt. (T./Capt.) George Meysey-Hammond, M.C., M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. When the barrage opened, he jumped out of the trench and cleverly led his men across "No Man's Land." The first to jump into the hostile trench, he pointed his revolver at the enemy, with the result that twenty surrendered to him. He quickly consolidated his line, and put out covering parties. He set a fine example of courage and coolness, and was subsequently wounded.

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Lt. Calder Kernot Oliver, M.C., Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went forward under heavy shelling and taped out the line of connection between the head of a sap and the objective gained. He then returned, led the digging party to the spot, and remained there until the work was completed. Thanks to his gallantry, a most valuable communication was effected.

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Lt. Robert Ernest Taylor, M.C., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer having located an enemy trench, took six men and raided it by daylight. On jumping into the trench he found it strongly held by over 40 of the enemy, but he remained long enough to kill ten and take two prisoners. On the way back these two were killed by enemy bombs. His dash and resource gained useful information, and kept up our ascendancy in "No Man's Land."

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#### SOUTH AFRICAN FORCE.

T./2nd Lt. Sydney George Phillips, M.C., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. This officer, with two men, captured a team of ten of the enemy and a machine gun. The three crawled behind the enemy group and then rushed the team. This dashing piece of work enabled our line to get forward to the objective, and saved many casualties. He did fine service.

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#### AWARDED THE MILITARY CROSS.

T./2nd Lt. Gordon Robert Abbott, Durh. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When companies had been forced to withdraw, he rallied headquarters personnel and held up the enemy for three hours, finally causing them to retire to their previous positions. Later, when the battalion was surprised by a hostile attack, he organised men in the vicinity and hurried them to a position where he twice withheld determined assaults, and it was due to his energy and example that his party was able to cover the withdrawal of the battalion.

Lt. Joseph Palmer Abbott, R.F.A., Spec Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when enemy shelling set fire to charges and exploded shells in two gun pits. He ran with two men and jumped into a burning pit, and by tearing down the burning camouflage extinguished the fire. His promptitude and courage were of great service.

2nd Lt. Harry Adam, R.F.A., S.R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under heavy shelling he carried on