

gets and directing our machine-gun fire upon the enemy positions. On reaching the final objective he assisted in bringing in the wounded. His courageous conduct was a splendid example to all ranks.

418487 Sjt. J. Williamson, 42nd Bn., Can. Infy.

During the action at Parvillers on 12th August, 1918, at a critical juncture of the attack, when the enemy were reorganising for a counter-attack, he quickly grasped the situation and rushed down the trench with a small party, attacked, and disorganised the enemy. Later, by a swift flanking movement he, with his platoon, captured 36 of the enemy and two machine guns.

252822 L./Cpl. H. Wilson, M.M., 10th Bn., Can. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Villers-les-Cagnicourt on 2nd September, 1918. When a large party of the enemy had been driven out of a position, he ran down a trench with his Lewis gun and brought accurate fire on them at close range, killing many and throwing the remainder into utter confusion. Following closely on their heels, he brought such severe fire to bear on them when they did attempt to rally that they were forced to a further retirement. Shortly afterwards he was knocked out by a shell burst, but on regaining consciousness insisted on remaining with his company. The following day he led the platoon with success when all the other N.C.O.s had become casualties.

406202 Sjt. H. Wren, M.M., 4th Bn., Can. Infy.

During the attack on the Drocourt-Queant line on 31st August, 1918, his company came under very severe machine-gun fire, but he rushed forward with great gallantry and initiative, and skilfully manœuvring a section of his platoon captured two machine guns and 30 prisoners, and cleared up a difficult situation. His prompt and determined action enabled the company to advance without casualties.

145400 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) R. E. Young, 42nd Bn., Can. Infy.

For conspicuous courage and devotion to duty during the action at Parvillers, 12th August, 1918, in the course of ten hours of hand-to-hand fighting which resulted in the capture of over a mile of enemy trenches. Three times when his platoon was held up by machine-gun fire he rushed forward and, single-handed, disposed of the gun-crews, and enabled the advance to continue. He showed magnificent dash and determination.

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165 Sjt. A. V. Chan, 8th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the attack on Lihons, 11th August, 1918, in charge of a platoon on the right. When the objective was reached, he found a defensive flank as the unit on his right had not got up. The enemy then counter-attacked in front, and as his platoon was very weak he let them come into the trench, when each man threw his one remaining bomb and then rushed

in with the bayonet, completely surprising the enemy, and restoring the situation. He handled his men with fine judgment.

528A Pte. J. Cheverton, 5th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in the advance near Lihons on 10th August, 1918. He, with three others, captured a strong post, killing the crew of a machine gun, and enabling the advance to continue. When all the N.C.O.'s in the vicinity had become casualties he collected stragglers and led them through the wood, advancing with a patrol 400 yards towards the enemy's defences, bringing in useful information to the company commander.

636 L./Cpl. J. Clark, 5th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 23rd August, 1918, near Foncancourt, in charge of limbers moving through St. Martin's Wood to the battalion dump. He made three separate trips under H.E. and gas shelling, bringing the limbers through, though the horses were almost unmanageable. His courage and determination ensured the supply of rations and ammunition.

3634 L./Cpl. R. Cock, 18th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative in the attack on 8th and 9th August, 1918, east of Amiens. On the first day he led his section through the village of Warfusee, although it was unknown whether it was occupied. The next day, when his platoon commander was wounded, he advanced alone and bombed the foremost enemy post, putting a machine gun out of action and capturing the crew. His keenness and energy in leading the platoon and sniping from advanced positions were worthy of high praise.

3712 Pte. A. C. Collard, 8th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the attack on Herbville Wood on 23rd August, 1918. He rushed at a nest of machine guns, and, throwing a bomb between the two guns, killed two and wounded three of the enemy. The remainder went back to another post, but, turning their own guns on them, he drove them out of that too. Later he ran along the parapet of a trench, bombing the enemy with their own bombs until they surrendered. His courage and initiative were amazing.

206 C./S./M. A. Dickinson, 18th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 8th and 9th August, 1918, east of Villers Bretonneux. On the first day when parties of various battalions lost direction in the fog and wire he guided them back to their correct positions through the enemy barrage. The following day he was of great assistance to his company commander, who was the only officer left unwounded, touring the whole front, getting into touch with flank units, and getting valuable information under continuous fire.

3068 Sjt. T. Duncombe, 8th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of the support platoon in the attack on Herbville Wood on 23rd August, 1918. He brought his platoon forward to reinforce under heavy fire of all sorts with