

very few casualties. Later he went forward and sniped two machine-gunners who were firing from the entrance to a dug-out; he then threw two bombs into the dug-out, which brought up 23 men, including an officer, who, finding he was alone, attempted to retaliate, but he promptly shot him, and controlled the others until his men came up.

2612 Cpl. J. H. Farrell, M.M., 6th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Lihens on 9th August, 1918. He was the only man of his section left, so he attached himself to another company, taking charge of a gun section which had lost its leader. At the head of this section he stormed a strong post in a quarry, driving the enemy out. Although wounded, he continued in control of his men, until he was again wounded and had to be carried off the field.

6309 L./Cpl. E. L. Ford, 24th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in the attack on Mont St. Quentin on 1st September, 1918. During the advance he repeatedly provided covering fire with his Lewis-gun team, keeping his gun in action despite point-blank fire, and silencing two enemy guns. He captured 25 prisoners single-handed, cowing them with a burst of fire from his gun, which he held at his hip. His grit and enterprise were an example to all around him.

2642 2/Cpl. W. J. Harrison, 14th Fd. Co., Aust. Engrs.

At Flaucourt on 31st August, 1918, this N.C.O. was in charge of transport which was suddenly shelled heavily. Three drivers were wounded and horses killed. He himself was wounded, nevertheless, with great courage and endurance he helped the other wounded to a place of safety, and then returned and organised the work of clearing the wreckage until he was wounded severely a second time. He set a fine example of devotion to duty under very trying conditions, and his action prevented a serious block in the traffic which would have led to further casualties.

5706 L./Cpl. C. S. Higginbotham, 5th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 10th August, 1918, near Lihons, when the company was held up by extremely heavy machine-gun fire. He and one man went forward and captured the gun, killing the crew of six. They then got the gun into action against the enemy. The next day he did some most useful daylight patrol work, showing courage and initiative on all occasions.

4751 Pte. G. Johanson, 17th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the advance east of Villers Bretonneux on 8th August, 1918. Acting as infantry observer in a fighting Tank, he several times got out and guided it through the mist under heavy fire, to keep it in touch with the infantry progress. Many enemy parties were encountered, and on one occasion he and another man killed eight before he could rejoin the Tank.

14336 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) A. P. Johnston, 1st Aust. and N.Z. Wireless Sig. Sqdn.

(MESOPOTAMIA)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during two attacks at Ramadi on 28th/29th September, 1917. He carried on the good work under heavy fire and under most trying circumstances. During previous operations he has rendered most valuable assistance and displayed marked coolness.

919 Sjt. H. Kelly, 5th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the morning of 23rd August, 1918, near Peronne, when the attack was held up by machine-gun fire from a post 70 yards in front. He ran forward alone through intense fire and rushed the post, bayonetting some of the crew and bringing in 12 prisoners. On reaching the objective he took charge of the platoon after the officer had been wounded, reorganising the men under heavy fire.

6390 Pte. R. A. Kemp, 6th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 23rd August, 1918, at Herleville Wood. He volunteered for Tank work in the attack, and when his Tank ran into a tree within a few yards of a dug-out, and coming under heavy fire burst into flames, the occupants scrambled out half suffocated, were met by point blank machine-gun and rifle fire. He grasped the situation, and with a few men dashed forward, and in a hand-to-hand struggle captured the position, rescuing three of the wounded Tank crew, who had been made prisoners.

2305 L./Cpl. R. N. Kirby, 20th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack on Raincourt on 11th August, 1918. He rushed a machine-gun post single-handed, and although wounded in the attempt, succeeded in capturing and holding two machine guns and 14 of the enemy until the remainder of his section came up. He set a fine example of courage and initiative to the men with him.

592 Sjt. C. T. Law, 26th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the attack on 2nd September, 1918, east of Mont St. Quentin, in charge of the company Lewis guns. When the advance was checked by machine-gun fire he took the gun of one of his crews, who had all become casualties, and single-handed, under very heavy fire, worked to a flank, firing the gun from his hip with such accuracy that he kept the hostile fire down and enabled his company to capture the position.

5124 L./Cpl. W. A. H. Law, M.M., 6th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Lihens on 10th August, 1918, where strong opposition was met with. He dashed forward from a flank with his Lewis gun section, and in the face of heavy fire attacked three machine guns, keeping his gun in action under a hail of bullets until he silenced their fire. He was always foremost with his section in every stage of the advance.