

2636 Sjt. W. Lehane, M.M., 4th Bn., Aust. M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry near Etinchem on night of 12th/13th August, 1918, when in charge of two guns sent forward with the infantry. After disposing his guns for the defence of the new position he reconnoitred the surrounding area and came on a party of the enemy, whom he fired on with his revolver. On their bolting into a dug-out he stood over the mouth and called on them to surrender. They did so to the number of sixty, and with the help of two other men he marched them to an infantry post, and then returned to his guns. He showed great courage and initiative.

2285 Sjt. J. J. Luck, M.M., 18th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 9th August, 1918. In the advance on Rainecourt he was on the left flank of the battalion, which was unprotected and exposed to fire from a strong post about eighty yards off. He and five men crawled within bombing range and then rushed it, capturing one officer, twenty-nine other ranks, one anti-tank gun, two heavy machine guns, and a Lewis gun. His prompt and fearless action was of the greatest value to the advance on that flank.

6629 L./Cpl. J. Lynch, 7th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 23rd August, 1918, at St. Martin's Wood as liaison N.C.O. to the forward companies. He worked backwards and forwards through the barrage, maintaining constant touch between attackers and supports and keeping Bn. Hq. accurately informed of the situation. When his company was mopping up in the wood, he captured thirty of the enemy, and later went out under heavy fire and located the flank battalion on the right.

2893 Sjt. C. H. Masters, M.M., 8th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Herbyville Wood on 23rd August, 1918. He took charge of the platoon when his officer became a casualty, and getting them into a suitable position charged with the bayonet, getting into the wood and capturing forty prisoners and three machine guns. Later he bombed his way alone 200 yards up a trench, killing six of the enemy, and clearing the way for his platoon to advance over the top.

1758 Sjt. J. A. McClure, 23rd Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at the capture of Mont St. Quentin on 1st September, 1918. In the first attack he led the men of his platoon forward with great determination under a hail of fire, and reorganised them for the second attack. In the village he did splendid work, personally capturing two machine guns and disposing of their crews, and superintending the consolidation under close machine-gun fire.

3990 L./Cpl. W. Moore, 5th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 23rd August, 1918, when his company was held up by machine gun fire in the advance on St. Martin's Wood. He crept

out to within fifty yards of the post and endeavoured to snipe the gun team, but, failing in this, he fetched up two rifle grenades, with which he killed two, and then captured the remaining six, enabling the company to advance.

4008 Pte. T. G. Mullane, 5th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 9th August, 1918, near Vanvillers, in leading a charge against a machine-gun post which was causing heavy casualties. After capturing the post he rallied a few men and cleared the trench to his flank for several hundred yards. He continued his untiring efforts the next two days, and set a fine example to his comrades.

82 Pte. W. S. Neal, 26th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the attack near Mont St. Quentin on 2nd September, 1918. He was attached to the brigade snipers, and came into action against a large party of the enemy running along a shallow communication trench, killing twenty with his rifle fire. An officer then fired point-blank at him at forty yards range, but missed, and he immediately retaliated by shooting him. The rest of the enemy then turned round and surrendered. He also put a machine gun out of action by shooting three of the team. His coolness was remarkable.

2965 Sjt. A. I. O'Connor, 56th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of a platoon during an attack on Peronne 1st September, 1918, both in the assembly and the advance under heavy fire. The next day, all the officers being casualties, he took charge of the company, and was everywhere in desperate fighting throughout the day, reconnoitring, reorganising, filling gaps, gaining touch with the flanks, and drawing fire so as to cover other units in the advance. Over and over again he rose to the occasion and restored a critical situation, his conduct winning the admiration of all with him.

5889 L./Cpl. C. Peterson, M.M., 27th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when his platoon was held up by a strong post during the attack on Allaines on 2nd September, 1918. He advanced with his Lewis gun under intense fire to within fifty yards of the post, and with neutralising fire enabled the men of the platoon to rush it, capturing six officers and sixty other ranks. Although wounded he kept his gun in action until the situation was clear.

386 Sjt. G. T. Piper, 5th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 9th August, 1918, near Vanvillers. When his platoon officer was wounded, he took charge of the platoon and led it to its objective through heavy fire, helping the company commander in the consolidation. His courage and disregard of danger set a fine example.

655 Cpl. J. A. Renwick, 20th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 31st August, 1918, at Mont St. Quentin, when the advance of his company was held up by a machine gun-post. Instructing