

his section to keep up a frontal fire on the post, he worked round the flank to within bombing distance, and successfully silenced it. Later on, he rushed and killed a sniper, and bringing up the rest of his section, seized the entrance to two dug-outs, capturing twenty prisoners.

3908 Sjt. H. J. Robinson, 6th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 23rd August, 1918, at Herleville Wood. When only one officer was left in his company, he took command of the right-half, and led the men to their objective, superintending the consolidation quite regardless of fire. Later, after beating off a counter-attack, he with two men set out under heavy fire, and established communication with the flank.

7685 Cpl. A. R. Simpson, 1st Aust. and N.Z. Wireless Signal Sqdn. (MESOPOTAMIA)

For conspicuous gallantry during an advance at Khan Baghdidi on 26th March, 1918. On this occasion, as at all times, he displayed unflinching energy, initiative, and coolness under fire, and set a fine example of devotion to duty to those with him.

4794 Pte. G. H. White, 26th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in the attack east of Mont St. Quentin on September 2, 1918, as No. 1 of a Lewis gun. When his company were advancing across a flat swept by machine-gun fire, he located the gun causing the damage, and, pushing to within 60 yards of the post, shot the crew. Although in an exposed position, he then turned his gun on to the left flank, and, dislodging the enemy, exposed them to the fire of the advancing infantry. His expert and cool handling of the gun was largely responsible for the ultimate occupation of the objective.

6413 L./Cpl. G. E. H. W. Wilkinson, 18th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 8th and 9th August, 1918, east of Amiens. In the second attack, when the battalion had progressed 600 yards beyond the objective, and nearly all officers and N.C.O.s were casualties, he took command of fifteen or twenty men and consolidated. After three runners had been wounded, he took a message back to battalion headquarters himself. The next day he was the only one of a party who volunteered to bring up S.A.A. to a newly captured position who got through with his load. His fighting spirit was an inspiration to his comrades throughout the attack.

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30152 Pte. A. G. Akroyd, 1st Bn., Otago R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the 4th September, 1918, in an advance on Havrincoort Wood, this man was in command of a party of eight men. The enemy had posted machine guns in strong positions, and this man showed great skill in rounding up these machine guns, capturing them and the crews. On the morning of 5th September, in front of Neuville, where an enemy machine gun was giving much trouble and causing casualties, he took another man

out and captured the gun and five prisoners. His initiative and contempt for danger were a source of encouragement to all ranks.

25/92 L./Cpl. M. Berry, 3rd Bn., N.Z. Rif. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Gouzeaucourt Wood on 18th September, 1918, and on subsequent days to 12th September, 1918. During this period the communications forward from battalion headquarters were cut by shell fire and at all times the enemy continuously shelled our forward areas with H.E. and gas. He displayed great gallantry in maintaining telephone communication with the front line, keeping the wires in repair, thus ensuring rapid communication from front to rear. All the work had to be done under heavy shell fire in areas deluged with gas, but this man showed utter disregard for personal safety and at one time was out for five hours repairing lines. His devotion to duty was an inspiration to his comrades.

4/889 Cpl. A. T. Brokenshire, M.M., 1st Fld. Coy., N.Z. Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Crevecoeur on 1st October, 1918. He constructed a footbridge for infantry under heavy fire, and though repeatedly driven off by the fire, returned with his men until the bridge was completed. The next day he completed another bridge in the time required, though constantly under shell and machine-gun fire. His skill and tenacity were most marked.

27432 Sjt. R. D. Brown, 2nd Bn., Otago R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the operations about Haplincourt on the 2nd September, 1918. The battalion on the left failed to reach its objective, with the result that the left flank of the company to which he belonged remained "in the air." On reaching the first objective the platoon commander had been wounded, and he was left in command of his platoon isolated on both flanks. He immediately rushed the cross-roads, taking over fifty prisoners and several machine guns. He then discovered that the enemy were strongly entrenched behind him and between him and the flanking battalion. Reorganising his platoon, he maintained his positions until reinforcements came up and restored the situation. During the whole of the operations he displayed coolness and courage which were an inspiration to all ranks under his command.

9/2029 L./Cpl. B. P. De Latour, Otago Mtd. Rifs.

For gallantry and devotion to duty on the 24th August, 1918, in the vicinity of La Boisselle, when in charge of a patrol detailed to gain information of the enemy's position. Coming under very heavy machine-gun fire, he placed the horses of his patrol under cover and endeavoured to work forward with his men dismounted, but again machine-gun fire held them up. Fearing heavy casualties, he worked forward alone and succeeded in gaining location of enemy's positions and machine guns and capturing three prisoners single-handed. The information when reported to the artillery proved so accurate that the enemy were compelled to retire and so allowed our advance to continue.