

machine-gun fire. In spite of casualties he carried on the work and assisted in the completion of a valuable track across the swamp. Throughout the operations he set a splendid example of courage and devotion to duty to all ranks.

Capt. (T./Maj.) John Eldred Mott, 48th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the 8th August, 1918, during the advance on Proyart. He was in charge of Tank garrisons, and went forward under fire of all descriptions to select the routes for the Tanks. In the attack he was in front directing the Tanks to commanding positions from which to drop their garrisons and assist the infantry advance. The success achieved was due to his judgment and disregard of danger.

Capt. Alexander Paterson Murphy, 1st Fld. Amb., Aust. A.M.C., attd. 12th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Peronne from August 23rd to 26th, 1918, as R.M.O. of a battalion. He placed his aid post in a railway cutting, where he dressed the wounded of his own and other units under machine-gun and shell fire. When all our wounded had been cleared he went out and attended to the enemy in the open; while doing so a shell burst in their midst, killing his orderly, a stretcher-bearer and several wounded, and wounding him. He continued at work for another twenty-four hours before reporting for relief.

Lt. Sydney James Murray, 18th Bn., Aust. I.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the advance on the 9th August, 1918, towards Rainecourt, when, although wounded and the only officer left in the company, he continued to lead it towards the objective, and, in spite of great pain, personally superintended the consolidation of the position, moving under heavy machine-gun fire from post to post. He refused to retire until ordered to do so.

Lt. John Michael Nelson, 31st Bn., Aust. Infy.

Near Villers-Carbonnel on 28th-29th August, 1918, he led his platoon with great dash and gallantry across open country in the face of intense artillery and machine-gun fire. His coolness and daring and cheerful demeanour inspired his men with great confidence, and they followed him with unwavering determination.

Lt. Leslie Morriss Newton, 12th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and energy near Proyart from 23rd to 26th August, 1918. His efforts at the jumping-off line, where the battalion was under close machine-gun fire, resulted in the successful launching of the attack and a well-ordered advance. Throughout he did excellent work, moving to the front when the situation was obscure, and co-ordinating the movements of the various companies, with complete disregard for his own safety.

2nd Lt. Charles Rudolf Nicholson, 17th Bn., Aust. Infy.

In the attack on the village of Framerville, east of Amiens, on 9th August, 1918, he effected wonderful work in clearing up the village and inspiring the men under him with the greatest confidence. The objective being reached, he exploited our success by leading a patrol through the village of Rainecourt and cleared the place of the enemy, but owing to the village being too far in advance of the line he had, later, to withdraw. Later, after the advance of another unit, he again mopped up the village, killed eight and capturing one of the enemy and a machine gun. His fearlessness and coolness inspired his men with the utmost confidence.

Lt. Hugh Kingsley Nield, 32nd Bn., Aust. Infy.

During the operations covering the advance on the Somme on 27th-29th August, 1918, near Fontaine-les-Cappy, he was indefatigable in patrolling his sector and reconnoitring under heavy fire with successful results. During one of his reconnaissances he was shot through the shoulder, but made a most accurate report, which was of great service to headquarters, before handing over his company. His gallantry under heavy fire and his good leadership were conspicuous, and worthy of high praise.

Lt. Athol Norrie, 11th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Chuignolles on 23rd August, 1918, in charge of a company attacking Froissy Beacon. During the attack, when the battalion on the right was checked, he extended his company so as to outflank and capture the enemy's post, and allowed the advance to continue. Later, he attacked a post which was causing trouble, and approaching under cover of Lewis-gun fire, rushed forward with a small party, capturing thirty-five prisoners and a machine gun, killing and wounding many.

Lt. Joseph Henry Nott, XXIInd Corps Mtd. Troops (4th Aust. L.H. Regt.).

For gallantry, initiative, and devotion to duty. On 28th August, 1918, in the vicinity of Maricourt, when, owing to heavy fire, runners from the front line were unable to get back, this officer was sent out with a patrol to gain information. He found a gap in our infantry line, which he succeeded in closing up. He then worked along the whole line and obtained the location of our troops, their company and battalion headquarters, and gave each of them valuable information as to locations of our own and enemy troops. This information he successfully carried to divisional headquarters. He was on duty continuously for fourteen days, and obtained most valuable and accurate information.

Capt. Reginald Edward Nowland, Aust. A.M.C., attd. 157th Bde., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 27th September, 1918, near Ypres, with the leading battery, which came under heavy shell fire and suffered many casualties. Ignoring all danger, he established an aid post on the roadside and attended to the wounded. Later in the day, when the bat-