

teries moved further forward, he visited all the gun positions and attended to the wounded.

Lt. Arthur Adrian Olley, D.C.M., 1st Pioneer Bn., A. Infy.

For gallantry and devotion to duty between Proyart and Foucaucourt, east of Amiens, on 23rd August, 1918, in command of a company of pioneers, who were to follow the infantry closely and put in a support line when a certain objective had been reached. He accompanied the first wave of infantry so as to choose a site. During the advance an infantry officer became a casualty, and he assumed command of this officer's platoon and led them through a wood strongly held by the enemy to the objective. On reaching the objective he laid the positions for the support line, and when his company arrived conducted the digging of it under heavy machine-gun and shell fire.

Lt. James Harold O'Loughlin, 1st Bn., Aust. M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Chuignes on 23rd August, 1918, in an attack on St. Martin's Wood. While consolidating the wood he led two machine guns forward to the left front, and bringing fire to bear on the next ridge, enabled the infantry to advance across the valley and capture it. During the assault he pushed his guns forward and engaged enemy machine guns, showing promptness and initiative throughout the fighting.

Lt. John James Owen, 18th Bn., Aust. I.F.

During the advance to Rainecourt, east of Amiens, on the 9th of August, 1918, this officer led his men with the greatest courage and skill to their objective, personally superintending the consolidation of the position, moving from post to post under heavy machine-gun and shell fire. In the advance he encountered a hostile post. He unhesitatingly rushed it, with one man, and killed or wounded the garrison of five.

Capt. Bertie Peacock, 57th Bn., Aust. Infy.

During the period 30th August to 5th September, 1918, he displayed great gallantry and determination in the difficult operation of crossing the Somme. He led two patrols under heavy fire in unsuccessful attempts to find a passage through the marsh, and again, a third time, he was driven back by intense machine-gun fire. He was in temporary command of a battalion which had suffered heavy casualties in officers, and making a fourth attempt, he at last succeeded in working to the eastern edge of the swamp and driving the enemy from his posts, thus securing the passage of the river. His gallantry under fire and persevering energy were worthy of the highest praise.

Lt. Arthur Douglas Pearce, 19th Bn., Aust. I.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative during the attack east of Villers Bretonneux on the 8th August, 1918. On reaching the objective, heavy machine-gun fire was experienced from a building on the outskirts of Warfusee Abancourt. Taking one man only, he rushed the building, capturing and

bringing back sixteen prisoners and four machine guns. He showed great daring in face of extremely heavy opposition.

Lt. Richard Penman, 9th Bn., Aust. Infy.

Near Lihons at Bois de Crepey, on 10th August, 1918, when a company of another battalion was instructed to mop up and capture the Bois De Crepey, this officer maintained close liaison with the battalion and rendered every assistance, proceeding with the company through the wood and ensuring that it was completely mopped up. He then made a reconnaissance of the whole front. On 11th August, encountering the enemy in force with his depleted platoon, he sent back this information and also succeeded in taking eight prisoners. Throughout he showed marked gallantry and leadership.

Lt. Rodney William Pettit, 17th Bn., Aust. I.F.

During an advance in a thick fog at Warfusee, east of Amiens, on the 8th August, 1918, he took charge of numerous parties of several units, which had become detached, led them forward and cleared the village. Later, when held up by two machine guns, which could not be located in the fog, he went forward alone, found them, and personally charged the position at the head of his men and captured both guns and crews. He showed splendid courage and determination.

2nd Lt. Thomas John Perkins, 4th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Chuignes on 23rd August, 1918, when the company was held up and both flanks were in the air. He patrolled across under heavy fire and got in touch with the battalion on the left; then, after repelling an attack, he outflanked the enemy and took fifteen prisoners and two machine guns. Later, he led a patrol into the village, bringing back useful information. His energy and courage were a fine example to his men.

Capt. Eric George de Trembley Permezel, 5th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in the attack on St. Martin's Wood on 23rd August, 1918. When his company was held up before the enemy posts he worked round the flank and rear of their positions, capturing three machine guns and twelve prisoners. This enabled his company to advance, and he went up and down the line under machine-gun fire correcting and maintaining directions.

Lt. Frederick Theodore Petersen, 1st Fld. Coy., Aust. Engrs.

Near Chuignes on 23rd August, 1918, he led a section of Engineers with the advancing infantry. He pushed forward ahead of the attacking infantry under heavy fire and located the objectives. He then organised his party on consolidation work, and owing to his personal courage and excellent leadership the construction of several posts was commenced directly on the arrival of the attacking troops. He rendered valuable service.