

Capt. (now Major) William James Ellery Phillips, 11th Fd. Amb., Aust. A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 6th and 7th September, 1918, during an advance on Roisel. He worked continuously for forty-eight hours in charge of the evacuation of the wounded from the forward aid posts. Although the area was heavily shelled he got his ambulance cars right up and cleared the wounded with great rapidity. His energy and perseverance set a splendid example to those working with him.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Roy Lyndon Piercey, 7th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at St. Martin's Wood on 23rd August, 1918, in command of a support company. He went forward under heavy artillery and machine-gun fire to reconnoitre, so that he was able to dispose his company to the best advantage when he brought it up. He subsequently organised and distributed parties for the thorough mopping up of the wood, taking many prisoners and machine guns.

Capt. Sidney Albert Pinkstone, 55th Bn., Aust. Infy.

During the attack on Mont St. Quentin, near Peronne, on 1st and 2nd September, 1918, the advance was at first held up by the superiority of the enemy's numbers and many machine guns, and a gap occurred between this officer's brigade and troops on the flank. He immediately moved up his troops which were in support, and, manœuvring with perfect order, in spite of intense artillery and machine-gun fire, he formed a defensive flank which secured the attacking units of the brigade. His ready realisation of the situation and initiative enabled further progress to be made in the attack, and his gallant leading was of valuable service at a critical moment.

Lt. John Plummer, 19th Bn., Aust. Infy.

During the attack on 8th August, 1918, east of Villers-Bretonneux, he, with four men, was held up by a strong machine-gun post. With the assistance of a Tank he captured the post, taking twenty-five prisoners and two machine guns. He then pushed on, gathering more men as he went, and finally entered the objective trench, capturing thirty more prisoners, three machine guns and two trench mortars. On 11th August, at Rainecourt, he again displayed fine courage, personally rushing and capturing a machine-gun post. He did splendid work.

Lt. James Stuart Rattray, 40th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative in the attack of Clery on 31st August, 1918. He rushed a strong post which was checking his company, killing some of the garrison and capturing sixty men and two machine guns. Later in the day, when again held up, he pushed forward and attacked a party of the enemy with bombs, completely demoralising them and capturing twenty-three prisoners. He maintained his position under heavy fire, although his flank was in the air.

Lt. William Harold Richardson, 34th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Bray on 22nd August, 1918. While the battalion was forming a defensive flank, after having gained its objective, he saw some troops on the left retiring, and at once rushed up and collected some men, placing them in position under intense machine-gun fire and shelling. His prompt action and disregard of danger restored the line.

Lt. Leslie Gordon Riches, 11th Bn., Aust. Infy.

On 11th August, 1918, near Lihons, when the left flank was held up by a strong enemy post and machine-gun nest, he was then sent forward with a party of men from headquarters details to dislodge the enemy. He repeatedly led the men against the enemy position, bombing them down the trench, putting an enemy machine-gun post out of action and capturing the machine gun. Later, with the assistance of trench mortar fire, he rushed and captured the enemy position, thus enabling the flank to advance and allowing the battalion on our left flank to come forward and link up. Throughout the operation he showed conspicuous gallantry and ability to command.

Capt. Arthur Thomas Rogers, 32nd Bn., Aust. Infy.

During the operations near Fontaine-les-Cappy, on 27th-29th August, 1918, he led his company with great gallantry and skill, and protected the flank of the battalion, advancing well ahead of the line, through an intricate system of trenches and wire, and capturing the ruined village of Fay. When held up by machine-gun fire he made a skilful reconnaissance to the front, and obtained information which enabled him after dark to advance and force back the enemy. His fine leadership inspired his men with great confidence.

Lt. Cecil James Rollins, 27th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 2nd September, 1918, during the operations near Mont St. Quentin. He went back from our advanced outpost to organise the elements of a unit collected in a sunken road, bringing them forward to reinforce the right flank. He then visited all the advanced posts, and sent in accurate reports. He was under intense fire the whole time, and hampered by an injured ankle.

Lt. Alfred Robert Eric Russell, 3rd Pnr. Bn., A.I.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 6th September, 1918, near Tincourt, in charge of a platoon. When held up by a nest of machine-gun posts, he placed his Lewis guns so as to harass the enemy, and got round the flank of the position and led his men in a rush on the posts. The impetus of the attack caused the enemy to beat a hasty retreat, and the position was captured. Throughout the whole day his able leading kept his men on the move against strong opposition and heavy fire.