

rectly appreciating the situation, led his men into position on a threatened flank. In recent operations he organised carrying parties for rations and ammunition, displaying organising ability of a very high order, and assisting his company commander in a most able manner.

1185 Sjt. H. E. Monaghan, 1st Fd. Sqdn., Aust. Engrs. (EGYPT)

He has been with the 1st Field Squadron since its formation early in 1916. He has never been away to hospital, and has done stirring work during the whole of the period.

12495 S./Sjt. L. A. Patterson, Aust. Mt. Div. Train. (EGYPT)

For coolness, gallantry and devotion to duty under fire. While supplies were being issued to his brigade on the 2nd May near Wadi Ratem, daylight appeared and the enemy opened up with heavy artillery fire. Although pieces of shell were falling in the supply area, he set a fine example to the men and natives of the camel convoy and showed great coolness in directing camels to low ground out of sight of the enemy.

2142 Cpl. A. P. Pearson, Aust. Lt. Hse. Details. (EGYPT)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations in the Jordan Valley on the 2nd April to 8th May, 1918. On more than one occasion he gave his company commander very able assistance in connection with dangerous reconnaissance of enemy territory in the vicinity of his post in Wadi Mellahah. His conduct throughout was most exemplary and praiseworthy.

1039. Sjt. F. R. Philpot, 6th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and ability as platoon serjeant from 25th February to 16th September, 1918. In February last and early March during the garrison of Wytshaete he nightly led patrols on the battalion front, gaining much valuable information. On one occasion singlehanded he bombed an enemy listening post, killing the garrison of three. In the operations at Lihons in August, when his company officer had been wounded, he at once took command of the platoon and led them forward to their final objective, he himself being wounded during the consolidation.

42 Sqdn. S./M. T. L. Pringle, Aust. and N.Z. Mtd. Div., H.Q. (EGYPT)

For consistent good work and devotion to duty during the period under review, particularly during the Jericho, Amman and Es Salt operations, and the attacks on our line in the Jordan Valley on 11th April and 14th July, 1918. In addition, he has performed good and consistent service with this division from the time it was formed, and during the whole of the operations in Sinai and Palestine. He has been on duty in the field with the division during every operation in which it has been engaged, and his behaviour in action has always been an example of coolness and attention to duty.

2434 C./S./M. (T./R.S.M.) P. Robertson, 4th Bn., Aust. Infy.

From 25th February to 16th September, 1918, he has acted both in the capacity of company serjeant-major and regimental serjeant-major, and in both positions, particularly that of regimental serjeant-major, has shown great zeal and energy in the performance of his duties. He invariably visited the companies in the forward areas and ensured that rations and supplies had arrived. The thoroughness with which he organised ration and other carrying parties did much towards the successful administration of the battalion. He has set an invariable example of coolness and devotion to duty under fire.

2743 Sjt. (T./C.S.M.) J. C. Ross, 29th Bn., Aust. Infy.

At Morlancourt on the night 29th July, 1918, when a platoon was held up by an enemy machine gun post, he most gallantly rushed the post and personally killed several of the enemy. Later in the day his company found itself almost out of ammunition, and he with three men went back and collected 6,000 rounds, and in broad daylight and under heavy machine gun fire, safely delivered the ammunition to the front line troops. Throughout the whole operations he set a splendid example of courage and untiring devotion to duty.

643 Sjt. T. Ross, 1st Aust. L. Rly. Opg. Coy., Aust. E.

For gallant and courageous conduct during the operations in March, 1918. Departing from Savy with his engine en route to Ham, he discovered for the first time when at Quinconce that he could not get through to destination, as the enemy were rapidly advancing, and that Ham had been captured. He then took part in the evacuation with a regiment, and, in addition to saving his own engine, on which he remained three days and nights without sleep, he hauled six gun wagons, two box trucks and a truck containing two water tanks, to safety. He has at all times displayed entire disregard for danger, and has inspired those working with him.

956. Cpl. H. E. Runn, 9th Aust. Lt. Hse. Regt. (EGYPT)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Musselabeth on 8th August, 1918, when he made a daring reconnaissance into and behind the enemy lines, gaining valuable information. His work as a patrol leader has always been most commendable.

5062 Cpl. (T./Sjt.) T. Ryan, 43rd Bn., Aust. Infy.

For marked courage and leadership. He has been with the battalion since its arrival in France, and he has at all times done excellent work. On the 8th August, 1918, during operations East of Hamel he led his section with great gallantry. In two cases he mopped up enemy machine guns which were holding up the advance. On the 2nd September, 1918, during operations North of Peronne, he again led his section with great dash, and succeeded by his tactful handling of his men in bombing out a num-