

ber of enemy from a strong post, and captured twenty prisoners.

286 Sjt. J. S. H. Semple, 21st Bn., Aust. Infy.

For most conspicuous gallantry and good leadership. At Ville-Sur-Ancre on the 19th May, 1918, after his platoon commander had been severely wounded he took charge of the platoon and led them forward, and captured thirty prisoners and three machine guns, besides killing many of the enemy. Again on 4th July, near Villers Bretonneux, he was instrumental in the capture of several posts, and himself killed five of the enemy, and later sent back valuable information and prisoners. On reaching the final objective he remustered his men, and consolidated the position under heavy machine-gun and sniping fire

312 Sqdn. S/M. P. P. Sheridan, 6th Aust. Lt. Hse. Regt. (EGYPT)

During the period under review he has shown unswerving loyalty, steadfast devotion to duty, and whenever occasion offered, conspicuous gallantry in the field. From the inception of the war, he holds an almost unparalleled record, never having been away from the regiment with the exception of a few days, the result of an accident.

747 Cpl. A. W. H. Slater, 3rd Aust. Div., Sal. Coy., Aust. A.S.C.

For continued acts of gallantry and devotion to duty during the period from 25th February to 17th September, 1918, he kept his squadron together under the most trying circumstances, including destruction of their dwelling on six separate occasions. On 12th April, 1918, near Buire, an aeroplane was lying derelict close to the track along which rations were carried. One of the bombs had its detonator exposed. The spot was under enemy observation, and, when he started out to save the bombs, it was subjected to shell fire. He made three trips and saved the bombs, thus removing the danger to the ration carriers.

156 Cpl. W. A. G. Smith, 7th Aust. Lt. Hse. Regt. (EGYPT)

He has shown continuous devotion to duty and gallantry in action as a Hotchkiss gunner. At Amman on 27th March, 1918, he covered the retirement of his squadron. On 28th March, 1918, at Amman, he took charge of two Hotchkiss rifles and assisted in covering the withdrawal of the 7th Australian Light Horse Regiment. It was largely due to his determination and accurate fire that the Turks were prevented from pressing forward and capturing our wounded.

20013 Cpl. J. B. Stark, 3rd Aust. M.T.M. Bty., Aust. F.A.

During the period 25th February to 16th/17th September, 1918, he showed marked courage and devotion to duty. On 21st June, 1918, at Villers-Bretonneux he kept his mortar in action during a very heavy enemy retaliation lasting one hour. Again, on 8th August, he did excellent work with his mortar; and going forward later with his detachment he turned a captured 4.2 inch howitzer on to the enemy with great effect

against defences and communications. Throughout the period mentioned his work was of the highest order.

301 Sjt. (now 2nd Lt.) A. S. Thomson, 1st Tun. Coy., Aust. E.

For gallantry and devotion to duty for the past two years on many occasions under fire, notably during July and August, 1918, near Hamel, when his energy and example encouraged the men under him to complete important work in time for operations.

1740A Sjt. J. R. Trotman, 49th Bn., Aust. Infy.

During the period 26th March to 16th September, 1918, he has rendered very useful service to the battalion. He has constantly volunteered for dangerous patrols, and has invariably carried out his work well, and proved himself a capable and resourceful leader. His gallantry and cheerfulness have been a splendid example to his section.

18400 Sjt. A. L. Tully, M.M., 3rd Aust. Div. Sig. Coy., Aust. E.

For constant devotion to duty and conspicuous gallantry in the field between March last and the 16th September, 1918. On the 9th August, at Rat Wood, near Warfusee-Abancourt, when a battery line was cut in numerous places by shell fire and an important message was awaiting transmission, he took the message and a telephone and followed the line through the zone of shelling to where he could speak to the battery. There he tapped his telephone on to the line, and sent the message. Throughout the operations his work was excellent.

631 Cpl. L. T. Whitmore, 5th Bn., Aust. M.G.C.

Throughout the operations from Villers-Bretonneux to Peronne from 8th August to 5th September, 1918, he has shown conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Repeatedly it has been through his utter disregard for personal safety that his guns have been brought into action to afford the utmost support to our infantry, and have in consequence materially assisted in the success of these operations. He has throughout the period 25th February to 16th September, 1918, set a splendid example of courage and devotion to duty.

250 Sjt. F. C. Wicks, 1st Fld. Coy., Aust. E

For continuous and valuable work and devotion to duty during the period 25th February to 16th September, 1918. At Strazeele, when his Section Officer was killed, he carried on and commanded the section until a reinforcement officer arrived from the Base, and his work during this period was of a very high standard. He has at all times been foremost in volunteering for the most dangerous tasks, and has set a fine example to his men throughout.

1648 L./C. W. W. Willis, 8th Aust. Lt. Hse. Regiment. (EGYPT)

He displayed marked gallantry at the attack on Es Salt on the 30th April, 1918. He shot several enemy whilst both he and they were galloping, and with the aid of six other men held up a motor tractor and cap-