

detonators from a large number of ingenious traps which had been laid by the enemy. His party removed over 600 dangerous traps, and rendered the area safe for the advancing troops.

Lt. John Kenneth Avery, 31st Bn., Aust. Infy.

During the operations of 29th/30th September and 1st October, 1918, near Nauroy, when the advance was held up by an enemy battery, he organised a Lewis gun team and engaged the battery, silencing it, thereby enabling the advance to continue. He also single-handedly captured an enemy machine gun with its team, which had been causing casualties. He showed fine courage and leadership, and did excellent work.

Capt. Lewis Ernest Stephen Barker, 12th Bde., Aust. Fld. Arty.

While acting as Liaison Officer with infantry on the 28th September, 1918, west of Bellicourt, with one other as bayonet man, he bombed his way along a trench under heavy machine-gun fire, re-established an important flanking post, and reconnoitred across a difficult enemy pocket on the flank, getting valuable information. He has always shown continued conspicuous gallantry, ability, and devotion to duty.

Lt. George Edison Bingham, 4th A.L.H.R. (EGYPT)

On the 30th September, 1918, when the advance guard from Sasa was held up and suffering casualties he, quickly realising the situation, galloped to a flank with his troop and charged, dispersing and killing the enemy. Although the fire was particularly heavy, he charged again, cutting off a party of 180 enemy with a field piece, driving them towards our lines, whilst part of his troop drove the remainder back. Throughout he displayed marked courage and ability.

Capt. William Johnstone Binns, Aust. A.M.C., attd. 33rd Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the operations near Bony, from 29th September to 2nd October, 1918. Throughout he was untiring in his efforts, and worked with the greatest zeal. Altogether he established four different aid posts, all close to our leading troops. He attended wounded in the open under heavy fire, and by his fine devotion to duty saved many lives.

2nd Lt. Herbert Boden, 40th Bn., Aust. Infy.

Near Bony, on 29th September, 1918, he rendered most gallant and valuable services in repelling a hostile counter-attack. He attacked a party of the enemy single-handed, and bombed them for some distance down the trench, inflicting severe casualties upon them, and causing the remainder to retreat in confusion, leaving behind several machine guns. The success of the left flank of the battalion was greatly due to his work.

Lt. David Welbourn Bonar, 1st Tunnig. Coy., Aust. Engrs.

For gallantry and devotion to duty. On the 29th September, 1918, at Bony, he was in charge of a forward road party which was under heavy enemy shell fire and machine-gun fire. The infantry advance having been checked, the party became involved in the fighting. Although heavy casualties were occurring, he, by his constant patrol of the road, inspired his party to carry through the road in order to assist the subsequent operations by the infantry.

Lt. Alfred Leigh Bool, 38th Bn., attd. 37th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry in action near Le Catelet on 30th September, 1918. He led a patrol of five men in face of heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, and succeeded in locating the enemy position. By skilful handling of his patrol he obtained information of the greatest value, which enabled his company to advance more than 1,000 yards and to clear up an obscure and difficult situation on the left flank of the brigade.

Capt. Robert Henry Borbidge, 8th A.L.H.R. (EGYPT)

On a hill near Sasa, on the 29th September, 1918, when the enemy had been holding up the brigade advance for some hours, he gallantly led a squadron which he was commanding in a dismounted night attack in conjunction with another squadron against the enemy position, and succeeded in clearing it in half an hour. He showed great dash and gallantry, and by his action spurred his men on quickly.

Lt. Robert Bowden, 45th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For fine courage and leadership of his platoon during the attack west of Bellenglise, north of St. Quentin, on the 18th September, 1918. A nest of machine guns caused great trouble. He rushed forward with a few of his men, shot two of the enemy with his revolver, and captured thirty prisoners and a machine gun. Besides a number of machine guns, his platoon secured 100 prisoners, two field guns, and three trench mortars.

Lt. Thomas Bela Usher Bowling, 2nd Tunnig Coy., Aust. Engrs.

During the operations commencing 29th September, 1918, in the neighbourhood of Bellicourt, he was employed in making reconnaissances for wells and water-points. He kept up with the infantry and brought back valuable information. Under heavy shell fire, he cleared wells in the towns and villages captured and was largely instrumental in providing water for the fighting troops. He showed great gallantry and initiative.

Lt. Ralph Iliffe Brittain, 46th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For fine courage and leadership during the operations west of Bellenglise, north of St. Quentin, on the 18th/19th September, 1918. It was owing to his able handling of his Lewis gun section that the battalion was able to push on with safety. During the night he with his platoon captured a strongly held position, killing about twenty of the