

Lt. Arnold Mostyn Opie, 32nd Bn., Aust. Infy.

During the period 29th September-1st October, 1918, in the operations against the enemy positions near Bellicourt, he showed great courage and initiative. He led his men forward with great dash, killing several of the enemy and putting their guns out of action. During the whole of the operations he continued to lead his men courageously and skilfully under heavy fire.

Lt. Frederick Ernest Parsons, 45th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For marked courage and determined leadership during the attack west of Bellenlise, on 18th September, 1918. He led his company through heavy enemy barrage, and dealt with several nests of machine guns, killing or capturing the crews and taking the guns. The right flank having become dangerously exposed, he led his reserve platoon against the enemy, who were massing there for a counter-attack, and took 120 prisoners, and captured several machine guns.

Lt. Eric Ewen Paterson, 44th Bn., frmly. 42nd Bn., Aust. Infy.

On 29th September, 1918, during operations south of Bony, he was sent forward to establish Forward Battalion Headquarters. On meeting a strong enemy machine-gun post he immediately attempted it with his runners. Finding that the frontal attack had no effect, he rushed forward alone to a flank and endeavoured to take the enemy in the rear, but was wounded before he attained his object. He displayed great gallantry and initiative.

2nd Lt. George Gibson Paterson, M.M., 1st Div. Sig. Coy., Aust. Engrs., attd. 1st Aust. F.A. Bde.

At Bellicourt on 29th September, 1918, he organised and maintained the whole of the communications for the right group artillery throughout the day, thus rendering most valuable service. It was due to his courage and untiring energy that they were thus maintained.

Lt. Reginald Roy Wright Paterson, M.M., 3rd A.M.G. Sqdn. (EGYPT)

At Jenin on the night of 20th-21st September, 1918, he, with his sub-section, was detailed to watch the road from Nablus, south of Jenin. On the way he came across a body of some 300 enemy and four field guns. He immediately called on them to surrender, which they did after first refusing. By his prompt and effective action he undoubtedly contributed a great deal towards the success of the operation round this town.

Lt. Harry Vernon Pethebridge, 2nd Tunnl'g Coy., Aust. Engrs.

During the operations against the Hindenburg Line near Bellicourt, on 29th September, 1918, he was in charge of a forward road party clearing and maintaining a tactical road. Although subjected to heavy shell and machine-gun fire, many of his party be-

came casualties, his courageous bearing and personal effort set a great example to the men, and materially assisted in the successful execution of the work under most trying conditions.

Capt. Frank Hardy Phillips, 4th A.L.H.R. (EGYPT)

For gallantry and devotion to duty. On the 30th September, 1918, as adjutant, he made a reconnaissance, and did work of the utmost value to his Commanding Officer, culminating in the capture of Kaukab with a mounted attack and the taking of many enemy and machine guns. On the 1st October, after the regiment had entered Damascus and captured over 10,000 prisoners, he again performed his duties with great efficiency.

Lt. James Howard Pratt, 32nd Bn., Aust. Infy.

During the period 29th September-1st October, 1918, in the Bellicourt Sector, he displayed great courage and devotion to duty. He led his platoon in the attack on the Hindenburg Line, himself capturing 15 of the enemy. Next, he handled his platoon excellently under exceptionally heavy machine-gun fire, and during consolidation established a line of posts 200 yards in front of the line. He also brought back a wounded man under heavy fire.

Lt. Jack Cedric Price, 2nd Div. Sig. Coy., Aust. Engrs., attd. 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.

For gallantry, devotion to duty, and extremely valuable work during the operations on 3rd October, 1918, in the Beaufort System east of Peronne. He carried out his duties unflinchingly, frequently under fire, the result being that telephone communication was maintained continually between Brigade Headquarters and the front line.

Capt. Charles Henry Read, 32nd Bn., frmly. 29th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and able leadership of a company at Bellicourt and Nauroy during the period 29th September to 1st October, 1918. He was in a great measure responsible for the capture of the Le Catelet line at Nauroy in the face of strong opposition. Next day he again led his company in an attack on enemy positions east of Nauroy. In this operation he assumed command of the battalion front line, and displayed great skill in the handling of his command.

Lt. William Read, 27th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and ability. During the operations on the 5th October, 1918, in the attack on Montbrehain, he was in charge of a company sent forward to reinforce a brigade. With two others he went forward under heavy machine-gun fire into Montbrehain, with a view to clearing up the situation, and by skilful sniping accounted for several of the enemy. He then, with a number of the brigade men, established posts on the outer edge of the village, thus making it unnecessary to bring up his company. He did fine work.