

Lt. Robert Baker Reid, 48th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership of a platoon during the operations near Le Verquier, on the 18th September, 1918. It was due to his keenness and ability that he was able to keep his company commander well posted in all movements of the troops on his flank. Immediately after the capture of the objective he went forward under very heavy machine-gun fire, and selected outpost positions to cover his company during consolidation.

Lt. William Robert Richards, 26th Bn., frmly. 25th Bn., Aust. Infy.

During the attack on the Beaufort line, east of Peronne, on 3rd October, 1918, he displayed great courage and skill in handling his men. At Mushroom Quarry very strong resistance was encountered. He led one platoon in a charge against a post, being first in, and killing three of the enemy. Seeing an officer rallying some of the enemy for a stand, he dashed out, shot the officer with his revolver, and caused the remainder to surrender.

Lt. Edgar Frank Richardson, 10th A.L.H.R. (EGYPT)

At Jenin, on the 20th September, 1918, he displayed great gallantry and devotion to duty in the final assault on the town. With his troop he made a mounted charge against masses of the enemy on the north side, with the result that their resistance was broken down and their capture completed. Later, with only a few men, he held a portion of the Nablus Road, and compelled the surrender of many more, repeating this effort several times. He did fine work.

Lt. John Gotch Ridley, 53rd Bn., Aust. Infy.

During the operations near Bellicourt between 30th September and 2nd October, 1918, he displayed conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On many different occasions he organised parties for the carrying forward of ammunition and rations to the line over ground heavily swept by artillery and machine-gun fire. His action in leading forward several parties with ammunition and bombs undoubtedly saved the situation forward, as the supply had run out.

Lt. Arthur Thomas Roberts, 10th Fld. Coy., Aust. Engrs.

On 29th September, 1918, south-west of Le Catelet, he was detailed to select a headquarters in Bony for one of the leap-frogging brigades. On approaching Gillemont Farm he found that the advance of the infantry of the first attacking brigade was held up. Under heavy fire he organised about 100 men, and put them on to digging a defensive line. Throughout the operations his work was excellent.

Lt. John Selwyn Robinson, 4th A.M.G. Sqdn. (EGYPT)

At Semakh, on the 25th September, 1918, he was in charge of a section of machine guns with the advance guard, when the enemy opened fire with a machine-gun barrage on

the regiment. He handled his section excellently, greatly assisting the cavalry charge. By the time the squadrons had formed line he had a terrific fire bearing on the enemy's position. He did fine work.

Lt. Walter Raymond Ross, 26th Bn., frmly. 25th Bn., Aust. Infy.

During the attack on the Beaufort line, on 3rd October, 1918, he led a party to attack a strong point, which was captured, together with five machine guns and about 50 prisoners. After the objective had been captured he dispersed some 150 of the enemy who were forming up for a counter-attack by taking out two Lewis-gun teams in the open. He showed marked courage and initiative.

Lt. Percival Campbell Rowan, 3rd Pnr. Bn., A.I.F.

While acting as company commander, on the 29th September, 1918, he showed great coolness and devotion to duty on the main road between Ronsoy and Bony, under heavy fire. He also carried out forward reconnaissances, enabling reports of the condition of roads to be forwarded expeditiously. Throughout the operations his personal example inspired his men to complete the work in hand.

Lt. Edgar Woolls Rutledge, M.M., 2nd Bde., Aust. Fld. Arty.

He acted as F.O.O. with another officer, at Bellicourt, on 29th September, 1918. He maintained communications throughout the advance with Group Headquarters, often working under very trying circumstances, keeping Group Headquarters informed of the advance, and sending back information of the greatest value and importance. Throughout he showed great gallantry and initiative.

Lt. Louis Samuels, 1st Bde., Aust. Fld. Arty.

For gallantry and devotion to duty at Jeancourt, on 18th September, 1918. He was in charge of the F.O.O. party, and throughout the whole advance maintained communications with Group Headquarters; his lines were often the only ones available for both artillery and infantry use. Advancing with the company commanders, he sent valuable information as to progress made and location of enemy, artillery, and infantry.

Lt. Douglas Gordon Scott, 28th Bn., Aust. Infy.

During the attack on the Beaufort Line, east of Peronne, on 3rd October, 1918, after having had his hand shattered by shell fire he continued to lead his men. After the objective was gained he consolidated the position, and it was not until the new line was secure that he consented to leave his post, and was immediately evacuated. He showed great pluck and devotion to duty.

Lt. Robert Cameron Sharp, 9th A.L.H.R. (EGYPT)

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative on the 2nd October, 1918, when the regiment was galloping out to cut off a large