

strong resistance from a post containing three machine guns and about fifty of the enemy. He with Lance-Corporal Adams rushed straight at the post, showing an utter disregard of danger. Together these two N.C.Os. captured the post, killing ten of the enemy and causing the remainder with the three machine guns to surrender. He did splendid work.

2263 L./C. S. Curyer, 10th Bn., Aust. Inf.

In the operations near Jeancourt on 18th September, 1918, whilst carrying his Lewis gun he got somewhat in advance, but under heavy machine-gun fire he immediately brought his gun into action, and by his determined use of same drove one of the crew of five men to surrender, whilst two others fled. Later, he engaged a low-flying enemy plane, and caused it to make a forced landing on fire. He showed great gallantry and initiative throughout.

527 Sjt. W. J. D'Alton, 2nd Tunn. Coy., Aust. Engrs.

On the morning of 29th September, 1918, in the neighbourhood of Bellicourt, whilst the operations against the Hindenburg Line were in progress, he was in charge of a party of tunnellers searching for enemy mines; and while so doing captured thirty prisoners. Throughout the day, under heavy fire, he showed an absolute disregard of personal danger, and set a very fine example to the men under him. His skill and initiative saved many casualties.

6211 Spr. A. E. Dean, 12th Fd. Coy., Aust. Engrs.

For marked gallantry and devotion to duty during the operations on 8th August, 1918, near Cherisy, east of Corbie. When troops on the left were held up by a machine-gun nest, he and Sapper Campbell dashed several hundred yards across the open under intense fire, and caused the enemy to surrender with their two machine guns. This act of signal courage relieved the situation at a very critical time.

2393 Sjt. G. Dransfield, 2nd Bn., Aust. Inf.

On 13th September, 1918, south of Jeancourt, during minor operations against an enemy post, he showed marked courage and initiative. When his platoon came under heavy machine-gun fire on nearing their objective, he rushed forward firing his Lewis gun from the hip, thus neutralising the enemy's fire. His platoon then came forward and bombed the post, and the remainder of the garrison, one machine gun and eight prisoners were taken. He did fine work.

3085 Sjt. R. H. Drysdale, 57th Bn., Aust. Infy.

During the operations near Bellicourt on 29th September, 1918, he displayed great courage and devotion to duty under heavy machine-gun and artillery fire at point-blank range. After the platoon commander and serjeant had been wounded, and many casualties had occurred, he, who was acting as company serjeant-major, reorganised the remainder of the platoon. He then collected and removed the wounded to a place of

safety, and remained until every man had been accounted for. Throughout the whole operation he set a very fine example to his men.

877 Sjt. T. Eccles, M.M., 30th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the attack and capture of Joncourt on 1st October, 1918. He kept his battalion commander well posted with the situation in front, continually moving along the entire company front and to flank units, co-operating in the attack under heavy shell and machine-gun fire. He obtained information of first importance from these units, and ensured their prompt delivery to his company commander. His energy was untiring throughout the whole of the operations.

4105 Sjt. F. N. Farmer, 5th Bn., Aust. Pnrs.

Near Bellicourt on 29th September, 1918, he was in command of a platoon employed on urgent road work with the advancing infantry. By his initiative, good organisation and skilful leadership he contributed largely to the success of the operations. When detailed to repair a portion of the road subjected to a very heavy barrage of high explosive and gas shells, he personally reconnoitred the position and made dispositions to successfully accomplish his task. Throughout he behaved with great gallantry under fire.

558 Sjt. C. G. Fleming, 2nd Tun. Coy., Aust. Engrs.

On the 3rd/4th October, 1918, in the vicinity of Estrees, he was in charge of a party working on forward roads. Knowing that it was important that early reports should be obtained regarding the state of the roads, he went forward and made a number of reconnaissances under heavy enemy shell and machine-gun fire. He later took men forward and repaired the roads. Thanks to him, the work was carried on rapidly with few casualties to the party.

2149 L./C. N. Graham, 3rd Bn., Aust. Inf.

On 18th September, 1918, at Hargicourt, during the attack on a strong enemy position in a quarry, under very heavy fire, he worked ahead and successfully bombed and captured an enemy machine gun that was considerably hampering the advance and causing casualties. By his fine action he set a splendid example of courage and determination to his comrades. He was severely wounded by shrapnel in the leg.

5371 Pte. F. F. Grocott, 53rd Bn., Aust. Inf.

During the operations near Bellicourt from 30th September to 2nd October, 1918, he displayed great courage and initiative in his capacity as a No. 1 Lewis gunner. Early in the attack he with his gun team rushed an enemy strong post which was holding up the advance, and killed or wounded the entire garrison and captured three guns. During a strong enemy counter-attack he stood up on the parapet, and holding his gun up to his shoulder, caused heavy casualties,