

being largely responsible for the dispersing of the attack. His splendid example greatly inspired all the men of his company.

4439 Cpl. C. C. Gross, 32nd Bn., Aust. Inf.

During the operations of this battalion near Bellicourt between the 29th September and 1st October, 1918, he displayed skilful leadership, gallantry and devotion to duty. Early in the advance on 29th September both his platoon officer and serjeant became casualties. He at once assumed command and led his platoon in all the subsequent attacks. On several occasions he personally went forward under heavy fire and selected Lewis-gun positions, and when the objective was reached his skill and resource enabled the platoon to consolidate the position to the best advantage.

5112 Sjt. G. E. Gully, 32nd Bn., Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative during the advance of this battalion near Bellicourt between the 29th September and 1st October, 1918. When his platoon was moving forward from Bellicourt towards Magny-la-Fosse on the 29th September, it encountered heavy machine-gun fire. In addition, two anti-tank guns were harassing a tank. He promptly pushed a Lewis-gun team to a favourable position and engaged the anti-tank gunners, putting both guns out of action, which were left in our hands.

1312 Sjt. V. R. Haines, 39th Bn., Aust. Inf.

On the 29th September, 1918, east of Ronsoy, when his company was held up by heavy machine-gun fire, he led a patrol to a position several hundred yards in advance of the line occupied by the company and located several enemy machine guns, which he immediately engaged with his Lewis guns. This caused the enemy to withdraw, and enabled the company to advance. Immediately they reached their new positions he volunteered to lead another patrol to reconnoitre a sunken road about 400 yards ahead. He was out for three hours under continuous and heavy fire, and then returned with most valuable information as to the position of enemy's posts. His cool courage and initiative throughout the operations were conspicuous.

2758 Sjt. G. Hancock, M.M., 46th Bn., Aust. Inf.

For marked gallantry, initiative and resource throughout the operations west of Bellenglise, north of St. Quentin, 18th/19th September, 1918. He acted as company serjeant-major of his company, and during the attack on outpost trench of Hindenburg line he took charge of half the company and brilliantly led them to the final objective, capturing many prisoners and machine guns. He established a block in communication trench leading to No Man's Land, and did splendidly in organising and consolidating the line. He set a very fine example throughout to those under him.

135 Pte. (T./Sjt.) L. G. Hart, M.M., 43rd Bn., Aust. Inf.

On 29th September, 1918, during operations south of Bony, when the enemy were counter-attacking, he took charge of his platoon when his platoon commander became a

casualty. He grasped the situation quickly, and fearlessly exposing himself, he very successfully handled his men and selected positions for snipers and Lewis guns. The manner in which he disposed of his platoon was responsible for the breaking up of the counter-attacks.

5381 Cpl. A. Henley, 9th Bn., Aust. Inf.

For most conspicuous gallantry and determination. At Villeret, on 18th September, 1918, he twice led his section at enemy strong points which were holding up the advance. He worked his gun to a flank, and bringing fire to bear on the strong point, killed four of the enemy and took ten prisoners. Later, he led a charge against an enemy machine gun, firing his gun from the hip, and captured it, with seven prisoners. He did fine work.

1049 Pte. E. R. Hookway, 18th Bn., Aust. Infy.

He was No. 1 of a Lewis gun in the attack on 3rd October, 1918, near Estrees, north of St. Quentin. The left flank of his battalion was held up by machine-gun fire, and could not pass the wire. He worked forward through the wire, and pushed his Lewis gun forward, and then opened fire, and, although an enemy machine gun engaged him at close range, continued to fire and cover the approach of a party of our men. He was wounded by machine-gun fire, but carried on, so enabling this party to reach a strong post of the enemy. He showed great gallantry.

454 Sjt. A. C. Irvine, M.M., 3rd Bn., Aust. Pnrs.

On the 29th September, 1918, he was in charge of men working on forward roads between Ronsoy and Bony, following immediately behind the infantry advance on Zero day. On coming under heavy fire he quickly extricated his men from a very difficult and trying situation, getting them spread out along the road so that the work was accomplished as expeditiously as possible. Throughout the whole operations he showed great coolness and leadership.

8915 Sjt. R. W. Jane, 5th F.A.B., Aust. F.A.

At Hargicourt on the morning of the 29th September, 1918, he was in charge of a gun which was situated in a very exposed position on the right flank of the battery. Soon after our barrage opened a heavy counter-barrage was put down close to the battery; two of his detachment were casualties, but with great coolness and courage he continued to work his gun so that continuous fire was maintained. Shortly afterwards he was severely wounded in the arm, but still continued to work the gun until ordered to desist.

1953 Sjt. F. W. Jones, M.M., 18th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For fine courage and devotion to duty during the attack near Estrees, north of St. Quentin, on the 3rd October, 1918. Soon after the jump off his platoon commander was wounded. He took charge of his platoon and led them under heavy machine-