

gun fire through the unbroken wire. Coming upon a machine gun he attacked it single-handed and captured it with its crew. He then re-organised his platoon in the objective and personally superintended the consolidation of the position.

2187 Cpl. H. E. Jones, M.M., 48th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For marked gallantry and initiative during the advance near Le Verquier, north-west of St. Quentin, on the 18th September, 1918. After the capture of the objective, when an enemy strong point in the trench system was still holding on, he immediately organised his section and attacked it, capturing two machine guns and 20 of the enemy. By his fine action he prevented a large number of casualties and assisted his company commander in pushing forward fighting patrols and an outpost line.

873 Sjt. E. V. Keogh, M.M., 3rd Bn., Aust. M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the 29th September, 1918, near Quennemont Farm, he took charge of a section whose officer had become a casualty. He moved the section forward with a battalion, and got them into action under heavy artillery and machine-gun fire, engaging parties of the enemy and preventing them from bringing light machine guns into action against our infantry. Throughout he displayed great skill and leadership.

5843 Cpl. S. R. Lawson, 48th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the advance near Le Verquier, north-west of St. Quentin, on the 18th September, 1918. He was in charge of a party at a bombing block in a communication trench running to the enemy trench from a commanding position in our front line when the enemy attacked with a strong party, driving him and his men up the trench. He promptly re-organised his party and attacked and drove the enemy out of the trench, re-establishing himself at the block. The enemy again attacked under trench-mortar and machine-gun barrage, but he, by the skilful use of a Lewis gun and rifle grenades, was able to crush this attack before they reached the block.

2480a Sjt. T. R. McBarron, 1st Bn., Aust. Inf.

In the operations near Hargicourt, on 18th/21st September, 1918, after his officer had been killed, he took charge of the platoon and handled it in a very able and determined manner. When enemy resistance was met with in the form of machine-gun posts he led his platoon against these posts, capturing or killing the garrisons and at the same time setting an excellent example of gallantry and self-sacrifice to those under him. He showed marked courage and able leadership.

2097 Sjt. T. McMillan, 3rd Bn., Aust. Inf.

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Hargicourt, on 18th September, 1918. During the advance he

located an enemy machine-gun nest, and taking two of his platoon rushed the post, killing a number of the crew and capturing four machine guns and 45 prisoners, aiding considerably the speedy capture of the objective with a minimum of losses. He did splendid work, and showed a fine example of courage and leadership.

1690 Pte. J. P. Marshall, M.M., 55th Bn., Aust. Inf.

For marked gallantry and determination during the attack on the Hindenberg Line, north of Bellicourt, on 30th September, 1918. When the attacking troops reached the captured trench he and another man found themselves alone, through casualties, in 250 yards of the trench. He and his comrade immediately started to successfully mop up the enemy in spite of superior numbers, killing and wounding a number and driving the remainder out of the trench. Throughout the operation and subsequent enemy counter-attack he showed great dash and initiative.

16 Sjt. T. Massey, 50th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For marked gallantry and good work. Near Jeancourt, north-west of St. Quentin, on 13th September, 1918, during a strong hostile counter-attack, he took a Lewis gun out of the trench and moved forward alone under heavy machine-gun and shell fire to an exposed position in the open from which he could enfilade the counter-attacking enemy, on whom he inflicted heavy casualties. He was of tremendous assistance in repulsing the counter-attack. On the same day he undertook a patrol in face of heavy machine-gun fire, and established touch with a flank platoon.

6768 Pte. J. M. Mitchell, 1st Bn., Aust. Inf.

On 18th September, 1918, near Hargicourt, he by his gallantry and dash materially assisted the advance. He worked round three hostile machine guns at different points of resistance and put them out of action, inflicting casualties upon the enemy and capturing prisoners. With his platoon officer he attacked an enemy garrison of thirty, taking eighteen prisoners and killing seven. He personally accounted for six of the enemy killed in another post encountered. Throughout the whole attack he showed magnificent spirit and set a fine standard of courage and devotion to duty.

716 Sjt. A. Mooney, 18th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For consistently good work during the operations of 3rd/5th October, 1918, near Estrees and Montbrehain respectively north of St. Quentin. On the 3rd, in command of his platoon, he was twice the first to reach enemy machine guns, and on each occasion personally killed two of the crew. He organised the consolidation of his platoon objective, and by personally directing his Lewis guns did much to stave off the repeated counter-attacks and later to push the line forward.

1092 Spr. W. H. Moran, M.M., 3rd Tun. Coy., Aust. Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in endeavouring, under heavy fire, to