

save the life of a wounded comrade. On 30th October, 1918, near Mortagne, he and a comrade were sent to investigate some buildings recently occupied by the enemy. Whilst returning, his mate was so badly wounded by a bullet that he could not crawl. He succeeded in carrying him back to safety, although being fired at all the time by snipers and machine guns.

2217 Pte. A. G. Newland, M.M., 53rd Bn., Aust. Infy.

During the operations near Bellicourt between 30th September and 2nd October, 1918, he displayed marked courage and devotion to duty. Early in the advance some of the enemy were retiring past a 77 mm. gun when one of them swung round and picked up a shell to load and fire it at the advancing troops, who were then only about 50 yards distant. Seeing this, he charged ahead of his company and killed the man, thus saving heavy casualties. Later on he rushed and killed a sniper who was aiming at his company commander at point-blank range. Throughout the ensuing two days he worked unceasingly in his capacity as a runner, carrying numerous messages under heavy fire.

5890 Pte. J. H. Norcott, 25th Bn., Aust. Infy.

During the attack on the Beaufort line, east of Peronne, on 3rd October, 1918, all the N.C.O.'s of the platoon to which he belonged became casualties. He took command of the platoon, and led them with great courage and skill. Encountering an enemy strong post, he took his Lewis gun forward to within 30 yards of the enemy, firing on the enemy guns. He put two machine guns out of action, killing most of the crews and covering the advance of the platoon until the post was rushed. He then led the platoon on to the objective.

2689 Sjt. A. C. Nottle, 32nd Bn., Aust. Infy.

During the advance beyond Bellicourt between the 29th September and 1st October, 1918, he showed marked gallantry, initiative and devotion to duty. While his company was advancing he noticed an enemy anti-tank battery firing on a tank and the troops in rear of it. He on his own initiative pushed forward a Lewis gun team into the open and at once opened fire, with the result that the battery was silenced and those who were not killed forced to retire from their position. By his fine action the advance was enabled to continue. Later in the day he went forward with a few men and captured twenty prisoners.

3601 Cpl. M. O'Brien, 2nd F.A.B., Aust. F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Nauroy, near Bellicourt, on the night 2nd/3rd October, 1918. His battery was subjected to heavy shell fire, and all his officers became casualties. He at once took charge of the situation, and controlled the men in such a way that the barrage that was being fired at the time was in no way interfered with. He acquainted headquarters of the position of affairs, and also sent word to

the officer in charge of one of his batteries in the vicinity. Throughout he showed great coolness and ability.

318 Sjt. D. P. Oliver, M.M., 29th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Bellicourt on 29th September, 1918. At the advance on Nauroy he led his platoon with great dash and coolness during the advance up the sap and afterwards along the Le Catelet Line towards Cavaret Farm. He successfully led his platoon forward on the night 29th/30th September, and established his position in the railway cutting north of the Nauroy Railway Station, the whole time being under heavy machine-gun fire. Throughout these operations he behaved most gallantly.

3873 Sjt. O. V. Olsen, 45th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the attack west of Bellenglise on 18th September, 1918. He was fired on from a strong enemy position, but rushed it with a few men. He reached the position first, and twenty-four of the enemy surrendered to him. He set his platoon a splendid example during the whole advance and rendered valuable service.

3300 Cpl. T. A. Price, 48th Bn., Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative during the advance near Le Verquier, north-west of St. Quentin, on the 18th September, 1918. He took charge of a platoon, and by keeping liaison with company on his flank, greatly assisted the advance. On reaching the final objective he organised a section and pushed forward to a trench about 300 yards in advance, which he cleared of the enemy. He was responsible for the capture of seven officers and eighty other ranks, which owing to the rapidity of his movements, were captured in dugouts. He did fine work.

683 Cpl. G. J. H. Read, 42nd Bn., Aust. Inf.

On 29th September, 1918, during operations south of Bony, while his platoon was bombing its way up the Hindenburg line, he displayed great daring and initiative by covering the advance with a Lewis gun, and so allowed the party mopping up to continue their work of clearing out a machine gun. From the trench in which his platoon was working he crept out in face of fire from six enemy machine guns, covered the enemy strong point from a distance of 40 yards, drew the fire, and thus prevented the enemy from firing on our bombers. This enabled them to get within range for bombing, and they cleared the strong point.

21098 Sjt. E. Richardson, 12th Army Bde., Aust. F.A.

On the morning of the 17th October, 1918, when the enemy were preparing for counter-attack, and his battery was being heavily shelled, he rearranged gun crews, and by his personal gallantry and energy managed to maintain four guns in action. Again, on the morning of the 18th, he with one gunner kept his gun in action until the end of the