

N.C.O. at all times, and his example has been of great value to his battery.

171703 C.S.M. T. White, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has served with great distinction in many severe engagements, setting a fine example of cool and cheerful courage to all under him, since he joined the battalion at the front two years ago. His gallantry in action has been no less conspicuous than his initiative and capacity.

820181 Pte. E. W. Winnebeck, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a stretcher-bearer. He went out alone in front of the line and brought in an officer wounded by snipers. He dressed wounded for many hours under machine-gun and rifle fire. He made a reconnaissance and brought back valuable information of the ground in front. He showed a fine example of courage and devotion to duty to all.

AUSTRALIAN FORCE.

1605 B.S.M. R. D. Allcroft, Fd. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the period under review he has discharged the duties of his responsible position with energy and ability, and his behaviour under fire has been distinguished by gallantry and disregard of danger and great resource in overcoming difficulties. It was mainly owing to his resolution and ability when in charge of parties taking supplies to the front line that the guns of the battery were never short of ammunition, no matter how difficult were the conditions of transport.

2327 Gnr. C. E. Anderson, Fd. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was severely gassed on two occasions, but declined to leave his post, and on another occasion he went to the rescue of some wounded in a "pill-box" that had been smashed by an 8-in. shell and was still under heavy fire. In spite of great difficulty and danger, with the aid of another gunner he extricated the wounded and carried them to a place of safety. He has always set an example of great courage and devotion to duty that is worthy of the highest praise.

9 B.S.M. C. T. Ballingall, M.T.M.B.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the period under review he has at all times in action displayed the greatest gallantry and devotion to duty, and his resolution and resourcefulness in taking up ammunition to the front line under heavy fire, in building gun emplacements, and maintaining the mortars in action have been of the greatest value.

1372 Pte. (L./Cpl.) W. F. Barker, A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His work, in charge of stretcher-bearers, has been characterised by a well-developed sense of responsibility under ordinary conditions, and under fire by personal courage and great initiative. He is as fearless as he is indefatigable.

808 Sjt. W. N. Berkeley, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. has rendered good and gallant service during the period under review. He was present at two very important actions in which the unit was engaged, behaving with much gallantry and devotion to duty. He was wounded in each of these battles, and in all has been wounded four times during his three years' service in the field.

3468 Pte. (L./Cpl.) C. H. Blackmore, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the movements preparatory to an attack the signal section suffered heavy casualties, among whom were the signal officer and sergeant. Corpl. Blackmore, then a private, took charge of the section, and after the attack established communication between Battalion Headquarters and the companies in the line. The energetic work and devotion to duty of Corpl. Blackmore maintained the communications in a most satisfactory manner. At a later date, when the section was further reduced by casualties, he was continually at work as an operator, with practically no rest for four days, and was frequently out under heavy shell fire repairing the lines.

8179 Sjt. T. H. Briggs, Fd. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During very heavy fighting, on two different occasions he found his subsection reduced to two gunners besides himself. In spite of the difficulty, he kept his gun in action, without relief, for many hours, showing conspicuous courage and endurance and qualities of leadership and resolution which were of the greatest value.

9438 Sjt. G. C. Brodie, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. was in charge of a party detailed to construct a strong point immediately behind the furthest objective. He showed conspicuous gallantry in taking his men through the enemy barrage, and exceptional skill in organising the work and carrying it to a successful conclusion. His conduct throughout was a very fine example and encouragement to the men.

1689A Pte. (L./Cpl.) W. E. Brown, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an important attack by our troops this N.C.O. displayed most self-sacrificing devotion to duty, attending to the wounded of his company under very heavy shell fire. Later on in the action he took charge of his section, after its serjeant had become a casualty, and showed a fine example of courage and leadership to the men.

3714 Sjt. L. Buchanan, Pnrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of a working party which came under unusually intense hostile shell fire and suffered very severe casualties. A connecting party in charge of an officer, who was wounded and evacuated, was working alongside. Serjeant Buchanan took charge of both parties, and setting them a very fine example of personal courage and disregard of danger, maintained