

very strong opposition, and several of his party became casualties. Though wounded himself he attended to their wounds, and carried one of them back to our front line. His gallantry and determination were a splendid example to all ranks.

Lt. Gerard Alfred Cloutier, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With an N.C.O. he left the trench and attacked two of the enemy who were approaching his position, and by his skill and coolness succeeded in capturing them both.

Lt. George Alexander Cruickshank, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when a party of 50 of the enemy attempted to raid the position held by his platoon. He held up the attack by his skilful fire control, and, though outnumbered by three to one, led his men forward against the enemy and drove them back into our barrage. He captured four prisoners, and inspired his men throughout by his coolness and courage.

Lt. Herbert D. Cunningham, Dgns.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the enemy's trenches. He led his men with great dash and coolness, and by his example and utter disregard of danger ensured the success of the enterprise.

Lt. Donald Stodart Gwyn, Dgns.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the enemy's trenches. He led his men with great energy and determination, and by his fearless leadership overcame the enemy's resistance. He set a splendid example to all ranks.

Lt. Henry Vernon Le Mesurier, Dgns.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the enemy's trenches. He led his men with great determination and skill, though wounded early in the raid. He bombed and set on fire all the dug-outs in the enemy's trench, and by his good leadership assisted materially in the success of the raid.

Lt. John Carman Ramsden, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the enemy's trenches. He led the raiding party with great determination and courage, and though wounded entered the enemy's trenches in the face of heavy bombing and machine-gun fire. He set a magnificent example of gallantry and endurance.

147588 C.S.M. John James Tobin, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the platoon commanders of the company became casualties early in an attack, he rushed forward from his position in the fourth wave of the attack and assisted his company commander in leading the men to the final objective. He showed great grasp of the situation, and splendid coolness and determination, which contributed largely to the success of the operation.

#### AUSTRALIAN FORCE.

Lt. Ronald Albert Austin, Aust. F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was one of two pilots who carried out a remarkable series of photographs in one flight, which covered an area of forty-five square miles. On an earlier occasion he alone had photographed in the completest detail an area of twenty square miles, in spite of intense anti-aircraft fire. During recent operations he has led all important bombing raids, and his skill and gallantry have been largely responsible for the excellent results attained. Previous to this he had landed in enemy country and rescued another pilot, who had been forced to land through engine trouble.

Lt. Aubrey Bickford, I.C.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his battalion was isolated and in want of rations and water, he volunteered to go back to camp and endeavour to bring rations and water up. Whilst returning he met a small convoy, which had attempted to reach the battalion, retiring in confusion under hostile machine-gun fire. After rallying this party, he persisted in making an attempt with it to reach the battalion, which he succeeded in doing. His courage, determination and devotion to duty in bringing up these much needed supplies cannot be too highly praised.

Lt. Louis Walter Davies, L.H.R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of a post, he discovered from three deserters that many more of the enemy were willing to desert. Having warned all the other posts, he, with two other ranks, accompanied by a covering party, got in behind the enemy's forward line. More than a score of the enemy returned with the party, which was fired on from the flank. He showed a fine determination and initiative.

Lt. Gilbert George Finlay, D.C.M.,  
A.L.H.R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the enemy showing signs of surrendering, he jumped out of the trench and walked towards them, thus giving them confidence that they would not be fired on if they surrendered. The successful result of his plucky action was the capture of 148 of the enemy.

Capt. Lachlan Alfred William MacPherson,  
L.H.R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He personally led the bombers under him until all the bombs were expended, and when compelled to retire to a ridge in rear he rallied his men and stemmed the advance of the enemy on two occasions. Thereupon re-organising all the troops in the vicinity, he quickly made his portion of the line secure before the enemy could again attack. His gallantry, fine leadership and efficiency proved of the greatest value.

Lt. Theodore Royce Peppercorn, L.H.R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an enemy attack he held on to