

was the first to get into the enemy trench, when he drove in the sentry and killed the non-commissioned officer himself.

79119 A./C.S.M. D. McLeod, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. When his officer fell he assumed command of the party, and successfully led them to their objective. Here he pushed ahead down a small trench, found some of the enemy, and bombed them, inflicting casualties and returning with two prisoners. He displayed great courage and skilful leadership.

425266 Sjt. F. J. Rodwell, M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid. He climbed on to the top of an enemy surface dug-out, from which the enemy were bombing freely, and dropped a bomb into it, killing twelve of the enemy. He then bombed two other dug-outs and killed eighteen more. Throughout the operation he set a splendid example of courage and leadership.

258409 C.S.M. F. Scott, Rail. Troops.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When an enemy shell set fire to a dwelling-house containing petrol he fought the fire and extinguished it. He helped to carry out wounded from the debris and placed them in a field, where they were medically attended to. But for his prompt and gallant efforts the wounded would have perished in the burning house.

116096 A./Sqdn./S.M. T. Standing, Cav.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a charge. When his squadron leader was injured he greatly assisted in rallying parts of the troops who got mixed up in wire entanglements. When both troop leaders were put out of action he took command of the remainder of the two troops and held the position until relieved by the infantry. He set a splendid example to his men of determination and cool courage.

464002 L./Sjt. H. Thompson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid. He successfully led the party to their final objective, and beyond the objective he inflicted considerable casualties on strong parties of the enemy by rifle fire; he also personally searched for a large dug-out under heavy machine-gun fire which the sappers were to demolish. He showed great gallantry and determination.

874279 Cpl. (A./L./Sjt.) R. E. Watson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of the platoon when his officer had been wounded and captured the objective in spite of intense machine-gun and rifle fire. Several enemy machine guns which were holding up our advance were taken. The very gallant and prompt manner in which this N.C.O. dealt with a difficult situation greatly contributed to the success of the attack.

AUSTRALIAN FORCE.

34 S.S.M. H. G. Ayres, M.M., Mtd. Regt.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack, when a Hotchkiss gun was put out of action through casualties to the team, he left his position with the lead horses, galloped out to the gun under heavy fire, and remained there working it until another team could be organised to relieve him. Throughout the operations his courage, resourcefulness and devotion to duty were most marked.

2871 Pte. E. E. Baulch, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was a company runner and was wounded early in the attack, but remained on duty. When the final objective was reached he was again wounded, but continued to carry despatches. When on his way to battalion battle post with a particularly important message a gas shell burst at his feet and he was blinded. Nevertheless he groped his way on along a trench and was finally met by the commanding officer himself, to whom he delivered the despatch, which contained information urgently required. His courage, endurance and devotion to duty were magnificent.

97 Sig. Cpl. R. H. L. Bligh, L.H. Regt.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the field. When the telephone wires were found to be disconnected by shell fire he immediately ran to deliver a message over ground swept by shell and machine-gun fire, and delivered it successfully. Later he took two led horses forward under heavy fire and got away two men of the field ambulance, getting wounded in doing so.

3761 Pte. P. Bolger, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He rushed a machine-gun post single-handed and despatched five of the team with the bayonet. When the remaining man endeavoured to train the machine gun on him he slewed it round, though his hand was shattered in doing so, and grappled with the enemy, whom he killed. He then dismounted the gun, which he carried with him to the R.A.P. where he was ordered to proceed. His gallant and determined action at a critical moment enabled our advance to proceed with few casualties.

266 Pte. F. Boothey, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while acting as runner during an attack. He gave great assistance in mounting some light enemy machine guns and showing a machine-gun officer, under heavy fire, where he had seen guns undermanned. His initiative and disregard of personal danger were of great assistance in thus increasing fire against an enemy counter-attack.

1290 Dvr. A. Boylan, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he rushed an enemy machine gun and captured it, killing two of the crew and making prisoners of the