

6602 Cpl. T. W. McDonald, 50th Bn., Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. led a fighting patrol, under heavy fire and captured a hostile gun against heavy odds. The enemy then attempted to surround his party, but, taking the attack in flank, he captured fourteen prisoners and two machine guns. His determination led to this success.

378 Sjt. M. McEvoy, 7th Aust. L.T.M. Bty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. had charge of two light trench mortars in the attack. With an infantry N.C.O. he rushed a dug-out, capturing two officers and important maps and papers. He next rushed a post with one man, capturing the garrison of ten men. On nearing the objective he rounded up about 20 of the enemy who were trying to escape. His initiative was a great asset in the attack.

893 Sjt. H. W. McKenzie, 29th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In an attack on a village his company came under close range machine-gun fire, all the officers becoming casualties and the men somewhat disorganised. This N.C.O. took command and rallied them in the face of heavy machine-gun fire, pressing on to the objective. On the way he located and rushed a machine-gun post single-handed, shooting the crew and capturing the post. Throughout his judgment and coolness were conspicuous.

2701 Sjt. W. A. McKenzie, 58th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. worked his platoon forward under very heavy machine-gun fire, out-flanking a post which was holding up the advance. He then personally headed a rush, capturing two machine guns and killing the crews. His courage and leadership inspired the men under him.

4560 Cpl. I. O. Mengersen, 50th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O., in charge of a fighting patrol of 15 men, led them out under heavy barrage to clear a troublesome re-entrant. The patrol was engaged by machine-gun fire from both flanks and the right rear. Organising small bombing parties, he attacked and silenced three guns and held on for 3½ hours until ordered to withdraw. He set a splendid example of courage and coolness.

3181 R./S./M. J. Metcalf, 60th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He assisted the company commanders who were short of officers in organising the advance. When the attack was checked by machine-gun fire he went forward through the fire and pointed out a suitable position for dealing with it. In unloading an anti-Tank gun which had been captured, the charge exploded, injuring his hand, but he refused to leave until the next morning, continuing to supervise the supply of ammunition. His endurance and determination inspired those with him.

742 C.Q.M.S. T. J. Mew, 14th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the advance was held up by an enemy strong point, this warrant officer placed his platoon in commanding positions to keep down the enemy's fire, and then creeping forward with three men bombed the post, killing and wounding several of the enemy and putting a machine gun out of action. The remainder surrendered. Owing to his daring initiative the advance was resumed, and he continued to do splendid work up to the final objective.

4011 Sjt. B. R. Miller, 14th Fd. Coy., Aust. Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. made a reconnaissance after the first objective had been reached, under heavy machine-gun fire, to ascertain if wiring could proceed. He was also in charge of parties at the second objective, when the work had to be carried out under harassing shell fire. Thanks to his energy and coolness under fire an apron fence 100 yards long was completed by the evening right across the battalion front.

5407 Pte. A. A. Moore, 23rd Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Assuming command of the platoon when his officer became a casualty, he led it forward in the face of heavy shell and machine-gun fire, capturing six prisoners, one machine gun, and killing a number of the enemy. Later, while establishing a block in a trench, he went forward alone and met a hostile bombing party, killing two and driving off the rest. He showed dash and resource under trying conditions.

4538 Sjt. A. McD. Muir, M.M., 4th Bn., Aust. Pnrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When this N.C.O. with his platoon were moving along a sunken road, they were suddenly fired at from both flanks and front. He displayed great coolness in keeping control of his men and getting them under cover, at the same time keeping in touch with his company commander. His initiative and resource saved many casualties, and were a fine example.

2913 Sjt. W. Murray, M.M., 16th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the latter stages of the advance, the platoon of which this N.C.O. was in charge was held up by machine-gun fire from a strong post. He crept forward round the flank with a small party and bombed it, killing or capturing the whole of the garrison. After establishing his platoon in the post, the enemy attacked down a communication trench, but he drove them back with heavy losses. He showed most skilful leadership throughout.

1807 Sjt. W. Nash, 22nd Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. in charge of a bombing section, encountered an enemy post. He at once rushed it single-handed, shooting the occupants before they had time to fire. He then continued to advance up a communica-