

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Maj. Robert Henry Beardsmore, Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. Though wounded early in the engagement, he proceeded, without waiting to have his wounds dressed, to organise his company as a working party, and supervised the work for about 10 hours. He did fine work throughout, and displayed great coolness and courage.

Maj. Leslie Jack Coulter, Aust. Eng.

For conspicuous gallantry during operations. When a "Push Pipe" failed to explode he went out, accompanied by a corporal, under heavy shrapnel and machine-gun fire, and blew up the exposed portion of the "Push Pipe." Later, when the leads were cut by hostile shell fire, he went out under very heavy fire to try and light the fuse further down the sap. Though wounded he refused to be removed till the "Push Pipe" had been successfully exploded.

Maj. Patrick Currie, Aust. Inf.

For consistent gallantry and good work during operations, notably on one occasion, during an attack, when he jumped over the parapet exposed to heavy fire in order to cheer on his men. He was subsequently wounded.

Capt. William Pendennis Devonshire, Aust. Inf.

For consistent good work during operations, notably when he took charge of all the men of his battalion in the first captured enemy trench, and, after repulsing a counter-attack, led them on and captured further enemy positions.

Capt. Robert Rainy Harper, Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He led an attack on the enemy trenches, and, though wounded before reaching the enemy, stuck to his command and entered their trenches. He was almost immediately again wounded by a bomb, but remained at his post for over an hour. He refused to be removed till he had seen all his men in safety.

Rev. John Joseph Kennedy, Aust. A. Chapl. Dept.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He carried wounded men from the front trenches to the dressing station under very heavy shell fire throughout the whole night, returning repeatedly to the firing line. He also assisted in dressing wounded men, and did most gallant work throughout.

Capt. Thomas Roy Marsden, Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry during operations. He took charge of six guns in the front line, and remained in action all night. Finally with these guns he covered the retirement of our infantry, and then carried a wounded man back across "No Man's Land." Later he went forward again and carried in a serjeant.

Lt. Alfred Marshall, Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry during operations. He displayed great skill and courage as Adjutant, when guiding a battalion into

its position for attack across "No Man's Land" under heavy shell fire. On another occasion he did fine work consolidating the captured trench.

Maj. John Malbon Maughan, Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry during a bomb fight. He stood before the parapet firing a "Very" pistol, to light up the ground for his bombers. He was exposed to enemy snipers' fire from "No Man's Land," and the continual firing of his pistol showed his position. Finally he was wounded.

Temp. Captain Douglas William Hunter, M.B., R.A.M.C.

For exceptional gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer laboured incessantly tending and clearing the wounded in the open and in front line trenches under very heavy fire.

At a critical time when casualties had been heavy he steadied and reorganised his stretcher bearers by his magnificent example and skilful control. After the battalion had withdrawn he continued searching the battle field for wounded.

He showed absolute disregard of danger.

(Substituted for the announcement published in the London Gazette dated 25th August, 1916.)

The undermentioned have been awarded a Bar to their Distinguished Service Order for subsequent acts of conspicuous gallantry:—

Lt. Albert Ball, D.S.O., Notts. & Derby. R. and R.F.C.

For conspicuous skill and gallantry. When on escort duty to a bombing raid he saw four enemy machines in formation. He dived on to them and broke up their formation, and then shot down the nearest one, which fell on its nose. He came down to about 500 feet to make certain it was wrecked. On another occasion, observing 12 enemy machines in formation, he dived in among them, and fired a drum into the nearest machine, which went down out of control. Several more hostile machines then approached, and he fired three more drums at them, driving down another out of control. He then returned, crossing the lines at a low altitude, with his machine very much damaged.

(The award of the Distinguished Service Order is also announced in the Gazette of this date.)

Maj. Arthur Alec Goschen, D.S.O., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry during operations. When a heavy shell knocked out one of his guns and buried several men he immediately commenced to dig them out, under very heavy shell fire, and, with assistance, rescued them all. On another occasion, when a pile of H.E. ammunition was ignited by a shell, he succeeded in extinguishing the flames at very great personal risk.

(The Distinguished Service Order was awarded in London Gazette dated 27th September, 1901.)