

ing a threatened counter-attack, and by his coolness and courage greatly assisted in repelling the attack.

59786 Sjt. F. Wright, R.F.A. (Little Thetford, Cambs.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the battery was shelled and an officer was buried he at once extricated him and carried him to a dug-out under heavy shell-fire, and then carried an injured man to safety. He moved about throughout the bombardment, seeing to the safety of his men, several times removing his gas helmet to give orders. He showed extreme coolness and courage.

40336 Pte. T. Wright, K.O.S.B. (Elphinstone).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a shell struck the company headquarters, severely wounding all the officers, he attended to them and commenced carrying them through the enemy barrage to the dressing station 400 yards away. Of the party of eight bearers five were shot by snipers. Although much exhausted, he kept on until all his wounded were evacuated.

AUSTRALIAN FORCE.

152 Pte. N. Acton, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This man, acting as company scout, throughout the whole day showed great courage and initiative. He single-handed approached an enemy dug-out, caused eight of them to surrender, and captured a machine-gun. He set a fine example to those near him.

321 Sjt. T. Austin, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He constructed a strong point near the front line under continuous heavy fire, taking charge of the work when his officer was wounded. It was due to his excellent example and control of his men that the work was satisfactorily completed.

6836 L./Cpl. A. M. Baddon, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. When all his N.C.O.'s were killed or wounded, he collected a party of men and led them to the capture of a strong point which was holding up part of the advance. His prompt and courageous action enabled the advance to continue.

8567 Whr.-Sjt. H. H. Baker, Fld. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the guns being moved under shell fire one gun became bogged. This N.C.O. remained under continuous fire until he got the gun cleared. Later, during a hostile counter-attack, when the battery came under heavy fire, he single-handed succeeded in extinguishing fires which had broken out in two of the pits. He subsequently rendered invaluable service in getting the guns back into position at a time when their fire was of the greatest value. His conduct had the greatest effect on the rest of the personnel and is worthy of the highest praise.

128 Sjt. W. Batten, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He successfully completed and wired

a strong point under heavy fire. During a counter-attack he got in touch with the troops on his left and kept up communication at great personal risk. He set a magnificent example to his section.

878 Pte. (L./Cpl.) C. E. Beadon, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Having lost his rifle in an attack, armed only with a shovel he attacked an enemy position single-handed and captured seven prisoners. His work throughout the operations was of the highest standard, and his coolness and gallantry inspired all ranks.

2863 Pte. T. Benoit, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he captured an enemy regimental headquarters, taking four officers and sixty-two other ranks prisoners and securing many valuable documents and maps. He also searched all dug-outs and "pill-boxes" in his vicinity and secured identifications. He showed the greatest gallantry, initiative, and courage.

1345 C.S.M. J. Breeze, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When some of his officers became casualties in an attack, he took charge and led their platoons to the attack in a courageous and efficient manner. When the line became disorganised owing to casualties he reorganised it by his personal example and the confidence and determination with which he handled his men.

168 C.S.M. F. T. Brent, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He took command of a party and attacked an enemy strong point, capturing twenty prisoners and two machine guns. He also rendered valuable assistance in consolidating the captured position, and set a splendid example to his men.

1806 Pte. M. V. Brockfield, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a gap was made in the line by an enemy counter-attack he rushed forward, rallied a party of men, and filled and held the gap under a heavy barrage. By his conduct in face of heavy opposition at a critical moment, and his courage and determination in the absence of officers, he inspired the men to hold on in a very difficult position.

1894 Sjt. T. Buckley, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On our advance being held up by machine-gun fire from a shell hole he was instrumental in bringing the fire of several rifles and machine guns to bear on the hostile gun. The position was then rushed, and in the shell hole four guns were captured. On the objective being gained he accomplished splendid work during the consolidation, and set a fine example of coolness and cheerfulness to the men.

1894 Sjt. A. G. Chenery, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in command of a party on the right flank of the brigade, and showed great resource in a difficult position, saving many lives by his skilful dispositions. He personally reconnoitred the ground in advance