

148486 Sjt. F. Wilson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in taking command of two platoons whose leaders had been wounded and leading them to their final objective. During the advance he was severely wounded, but refused to leave, and directed the consolidation of the line under heavy shelling.

45226 Sjt. T. W. Woolley, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while working on a plank road. His section officer was wounded, and the working party dispersed after suffering severe casualties. With great coolness and courage he remained at the work, collected the wounded, and reorganised the working party. He gave a splendid example to all with him.

70047 Cpl. L. R. Wylie, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After the objective in an attack had been captured, he went forward and single-handedly captured an enemy machine gun which was interfering with the consolidation, killing all the crew except one, whom he took prisoner, and then turned the gun on the enemy. Later, when all the rest of his Lewis gun team were put out of action during an enemy counter-attack, he worked his gun singlehandedly until the enemy were driven off. His courage and determination were an inspiration to his men.

AUSTRALIAN FORCE.

2087 Tpr. W. I. Black, I.C.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He rushed his machine gun into position and repelled an enemy counter-attack under very heavy fire. He assisted in holding a most important position, and by his courage and resource saved a critical situation.

340 Sjt. W. N. J. Bowman, L.H.R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When no stretcher-bearers were available he went out and carried in two wounded men under very heavy fire. He showed great courage and self-sacrifice.

2343 Pte. F. Bush, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy captured one of our wounded men, two men arranged to rescue him, but were immediately covered by enemy snipers. He jumped out in front, and succeeding in drawing the fire of the snipers, thus enabling the wounded man to be rescued.

2334 Sjt. J. Charville, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. A post on his right was successfully raided by the enemy, and five prisoners were captured. He went out, under heavy machine gun fire, and in broad daylight, to

cut the enemy party off, with the result that he rescued three of the captured men and took five prisoners, including two officers, and accounted for several of the enemy. This success was mainly due to his personal courage and initiative.

1680 C.S.M. A. J. Cooket, L.R. Oper. Coy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a convoy of trains conveying ammunition. When the railway was heavily shelled he made six separate efforts to get through, and after assisting the break-down gang to repair the track, succeeded in delivering his ammunition and withdrew his trains. On another occasion when in charge of a train, finding the line broken by shell fire, he collected the train crew and effected temporary repairs, thus enabling guns that were exposed to be conveyed away by train before daylight.

1936 Cpl. A. Dale, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of an isolated front line post, which was blown in by hostile shell fire three times during the course of the day. On each occasion he mustered his men, re-dug and consolidated the position, setting a stirring example to those under him. The post was a most important one, and it was due to the courage and determination of this N.C.O. that the garrison were able to hold on.

2451 L.Cpl. A. O. H. Footner, I.C.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He rushed his machine gun into position and repelled an enemy counter-attack under very heavy fire. He assisted in holding a most important position, and by his courage and resource saved a critical situation.

9661 Pte. J. W. Francis, A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in going out and carrying wounded to positions of safety when the battery was subjected to heavy shell fire. When his dug-out was struck and destroyed by a shell, killing two and wounding twelve of the party, although receiving a severe shock himself, he dressed the wounded under fire and refused to take cover until ordered to do so. Although gassed he voluntarily remained at the battery position.

2027 A./Bombr. J. Hobley, Fld. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While his battery was in action a box of bombs close to one of his gun pits was set on fire by an enemy shell. He at once left his gun pit under heavy enemy shell fire and with the assistance of one man carried four burning boxes of bombs away from the position. He showed total disregard of danger and great courage and initiative.

228 Sjt. A. E. James, L.H.R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On an officer being dangerously