

472062 Sjt. D. Bourton, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the enemy's trenches. After he had reached his objective an enemy machine gun opened fire on his party from a concrete emplacement. He went forward covered by the rest of his party, captured the gun and its crew of three. He then cleared the whole area, bombed two dug-outs and withdrew his party. He set a splendid example of courage and leadership.

75574 Cpl. J. Falconer, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On finding our wire destroyed by hostile bombardment, he placed his men to meet a possible attack. When the latter was checked, he led his men out, and though greatly outnumbered rushed the enemy and inflicted several casualties on them. His dash, initiative and cool leadership afforded a most stirring example to his men.

706387 Pte. J. G. Hagman, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On a large number of the enemy attempting to rush his machine gun, he maintained a steady fire, which served to break up the attack on his post. He then engaged another party, which was attempting to rush the next post, and inflicted casualties on them. Thanks to his coolness and steadfast devotion to duty these posts were enabled to be held.

902 Sjt. A. B. Martin, R. Can. Drns.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of a Bangalore torpedo party he approached the enemy wire with great skill and courage, and successfully blew a gap in the enemy wire. On the explosion of the second torpedo he took charge of the right blocking party, dashed into the enemy trench, and with the assistance of another man captured six prisoners. His fearless conduct contributed in the highest degree to the success of the enterprise.

15295 Sjt. H. R. Rebbitt, Cav.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a raid he formed one of the covering party, and in order to avoid giving the alarm whilst our party was approaching the wire he allowed himself to be completely surrounded by an enemy patrol. On the torpedo exploding, he dashed at the enemy, killing some and dispersing the remainder into our barrage. He displayed great courage, judgment and skill.

145710 Pte. R. J. Seed, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid on the enemy's trenches. Though attacked with hand grenades he rushed the enemy and accounted for five of them. Observing a party attacking his company commander, he bombed them and killed or wounded the entire party, and thus saved the officer's life. He showed splendid courage and determination, which contributed materially to the success of the operation.

506 B./S./M. F. Wardell, Fd. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst the battery position was under heavy shell fire he dug out and extricated four men who had been imprisoned in a shelter, and then proceeded to extinguish some burning charges in one of the gun pits at great personal risk. On a previous occasion, when in charge of limbers and wagons under a heavy gas bombardment, he displayed great coolness and gallantry in getting these away, himself remaining to evacuate the wounded. He has at all times set a splendid example to the men of his battery.

15581 A./Cpl. M. Welsh, R. Can. Drns.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of the second torpedo party during a raid he rushed to the farthest stretch of enemy wire and exploded his torpedo. He then assumed command of the left blocking party in the front-line trench, and there performed most valuable work.

21214 Pte. D. Wright, Cav.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After the raiding party had passed their point of departure, a hostile patrol approached the party from the rear. He at once leaped forward, bayonetting the leading man, and charged the remainder. His prompt and gallant action in the face of heavy rifle fire prevented the main body from being attacked, and contributed in a marked degree to the success of the enterprise.

AUSTRALIAN FORCE.

1517 Sjt. E. A. Bourke, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In preparation for a raid he carried out valuable reconnaissance work and obtained important information as to the enemy's defences, which contributed very largely to the success of the operation. He showed splendid initiative and skill.

353 S./S./M. A. H. Currington, L.H. Rgt.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy first rushed the position, he gallantly rushed to the front and gave great assistance in beating off the initial attack. He then went along the line and rendered the most valuable aid in reorganising the whole position, taking ammunition along the whole line to every place where it was required. His soldierly bearing and fine fighting spirit were most conspicuous.

1010 Tpr. H. W. Keable, L.H. Rgt.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the enemy attacking his position with bombs, he kept up continuous fire until a bomb destroyed his gun and wounded him in the shoulder. The line being then ordered to fall back, he carried back his damaged gun to the position in rear, where he got possession of another spare gun, and there he hung on until the hostile advance was definitely