

sector of the enemy position and conducted the operation with such skill and coolness, despite the most disadvantageous climatic conditions, that two lines of trenches were crossed, on which a great amount of damage was inflicted, a dozen of the enemy were killed and two prisoners captured. He successfully withdrew his party, having suffered but two casualties.

Lt. Robert Horner Fletcher, Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid on the enemy's trenches. He was in command of a party detailed to attack a strong point. He met with strong opposition, but gallantly led his men forward and put the enemy to flight. He destroyed two dug-outs and forced a machine-gun team to retire with its gun, and was then able to cover successfully the flank of the raiding party. He inspired his men by his splendid courage and leadership.

Lt. William Graham, Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He, together with a N.C.O., crawled out of our trenches in full view of the enemy to search for the bodies of three of the enemy, who were thought to have been killed earlier in the day. Seeing movement in a shell-hole, the N.C.O. rushed one of the enemy who was heavily armed, and captured him. Later, he crawled out alone and brought in all the papers from the body of one of the enemy, which had previously been located. He went out a third time, and, being fired on from a shell-hole, shot the enemy N.C.O. and obtained also all the papers from his body. Thanks to his courage and initiative information of the greatest value was obtained.

Lt. Ronald Stanley Hobbs, Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid on the enemy's trenches. He rendered valuable assistance during the approach to the enemy's position. He led his men with great dash and coolness to the objective, and, after a struggle, captured an enemy officer and four other prisoners. He set a splendid example to his men.

Lt. Arthur Melville Lilburne, Aust. F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While the battery was being subjected to very heavy shell fire he, at great personal risk, supervised the evacuation of all ranks to places of safety. On the following day, observing one of the gun-pits receive a direct hit, he, assisted by a N.C.O., collected a party of men and got under control the fire which had broken out, thus saving a large amount of ammunition. He showed great courage and coolness throughout.

Lt. Robert William McKenzie, Aust. F.C.,
attd. R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As a result of engaging hostile aircraft during four months, he on four occasions has destroyed a total of four hostile machines. He has also carried out numerous low-flying reconnaissances, in which he has bombed and engaged with machine-gun fire enemy formations. He has at all times displayed marked determination and devotion to duty.

Lt. Joseph Maxwell, D.C.M., Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While in command of a patrol he observed a party of about fifty of the enemy entering a disused trench. He attacked them with bombs and rifle fire, and then assaulted the position and captured a prisoner. He showed splendid initiative and determination.

2nd Lt. John Charles Moore, M.M., Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the raiding party discovering that the wire had not been thoroughly cut he forced his way through, and, reaching the hostile post, jumped into it alone, and called upon the garrison of four men to surrender, which they did at once. During the withdrawal he remained behind with two of his men to bring in the wounded, which was carried through under very heavy machine-gun fire. His prompt action in surprising the enemy ensured the complete success of the enterprise.

2nd Lt. Aubrey Murray, Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid on the enemy's trenches. When there was some delay in locating the enemy communication trench he dashed over the open, found the trench and directed several parties to it under heavy machine gun fire. He led several bombing attacks down the trench, and was of the greatest assistance in reorganising the parties. He set a splendid example of cool and courageous leadership.

Lt. Robert Muter, Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a raid, whilst his party was attempting to force an entry through the enemy wire, it was heavily bombed from the hostile trench. Vaulting over the wire he engaged six of the enemy with his revolver, thereby preventing the enemy bombing until his party had effected an entrance into the trench. By this bold and gallant act he not only prevented an attack by the enemy on his flank, but precluded the operation from resulting in a failure.

Lt. Sydney Horace Gordon Newell, Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid on the enemy's trenches. When strong opposition was encountered he led a bombing attack, overcoming the enemy's resistance by his splendid leadership and determination, and enabled the raiding party to enter the enemy's trench. He took over the command of an officer who was wounded and accomplished his task with great skill. He set a magnificent example throughout.

Lt. Cecil Ernest Northover, Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when the enemy attempted to raid a group of posts of which he was in charge. The enemy put down a very heavy barrage, which cut off all communication, and then