

first night he entered the trench with another man, who was wounded at once. He continued his exploration, and the next night he guided a raiding party which gained its objective, killing two of the enemy himself.

727009 Sjt. G. F. Price, Mtd. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a raid on the enemy trenches he led a section of the raiding party, penetrating the positions to a depth of some 350 yards, where he successfully rushed a machine-gun post, killing two of the garrison and scattering the remainder. Although severely wounded, he directed the retirement of his party with much skill, and himself carried a badly wounded comrade back to our lines. His courage and resource were responsible for the success of his portion of the enterprise.

439325 Pte. R. Rhoades, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As leading bayonet man of a raiding party, he fought with great courage and dash, accounting for three of the enemy and taking one a prisoner, who, with another, furnished valuable identification, which was badly wanted. When the bombers had exhausted their supply he continued alone without their support, charging an enemy post single-handed. His fearless determination largely contributed to the success of the operation.

746219 Pte. H. A. Shaw, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Pte. Shaw, who was one of a raiding party who had penetrated the enemy trenches, was told off with three other men to block the enemy while the rest of the party set about securing the information they sought to obtain. Pte. Shaw's party were all wounded except himself, and during the fifteen minutes our men were in the enemy trenches he held his post alone, engaging the enemy bombers with rifle grenades, and effectually holding them at bay. The lives of his three wounded companions were saved, and the enemy prevented from taking our raiders in rear by his courage and the determination with which he held his post.

469656 C.S.M. T. J. Slattery, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Coy. Sjt.-Maj. Slattery was one of a patrol moving about 500 yards in front of our line when the enemy, who had caught sight of them, opened a heavy fire from his machine guns and rifles, by which the N.C.O. of the party was severely wounded. While assistance was being procured, Coy. Sjt.-Maj. Slattery volunteered to remain with the wounded man, though he could see an enemy patrol endeavouring to surround him. These he held off with his accurate rifle fire until the stretcher bearers arrived, some twenty minutes later; and he remained out with another N.C.O., covering them with his fire until they were safely within our lines. The rescue of his wounded comrade was due to the courage and determination of this warrant officer. He accounted for six of the enemy with his fire and defeated their object of obtaining a prisoner. His coolness and disregard of personal safety are deserving of the highest praise.

252872 Pte. (A./L./C.) F. R. Stewart, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy attempted to rush the post of which he was in charge, he fired two shots and was then severely wounded, one arm being rendered useless. He seized a hand grenade, and, drawing the pin with his teeth, commenced to bomb the enemy with such effect that they were demoralised. After his officer was mortally wounded, he directed the fire of the men until assistance arrived. By his quick and decisive action he quite foiled the enemy's plans.

67283 Sjt. A. Thompson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He reconnoitred an enemy machine gun post, found 13 of the enemy asleep in it, and brought away a machine gun. Next night he was one of a party to raid an enemy post, where the party took two prisoners and killed or wounded the rest. He showed great courage and coolness.

2124971 C.S.M. S. Underwood, Rly. Operating Coy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On several occasions he displayed great gallantry in the performance of his duties setting a fine example to others and rendering conspicuous service. He saved much railway material and ammunition, when he had to pass with an engine within a short distance of several "dumps" on fire, from which a large number of shells were exploding. On one occasion he ran his engine into some forward gun positions and remained there under heavy shell fire assisting to pull out and save some heavy guns with their ammunition and equipment. He performed valuable service with complete unconcern for his personal safety.

841293 Sjt. H. Weeks, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. He personally killed four of the enemy, wounded several others and captured seven prisoners. Throughout the entire enterprise he handled his section with rare skill, and his courageous conduct in the performance of his gallant acts was unrivalled.

1057429 Pte. A. N. Withey, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a heavy hostile attack. During a bombardment a telephone wire was cut, and a linesman, who was in front, was seen to be wounded. Amidst severe enemy shell and M.G. fire, he made his way to him over the open, dressed his wounds, and carried him to the nearest shell hole, where he sat waist-deep in water for several hours, holding the wounded man in his arms. Finally he succeeded in getting him back to the trench. His exhibition of courage and determination was worthy of high praise.

#### AUSTRALIAN FORCE.

2327 Pte. G. Abraham, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a powerful attack, though temporarily shell-shocked and with a dislocated shoulder he remained at duty under heavy fire and later took part in a counter-