

turing the remainder. After clearing several dug-outs, he established a post on his objective, dispersing an enemy attack. In the afternoon he outflanked a machine-gun post, and followed it up by shooting five men with his revolver and capturing one officer and one man. He then bombed a third machine-gun, killing the crew. His energy was an inspiration to all.

Lt. John Heber Johnson, M.C., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In the capacity of battalion intelligence officer he located the enemy outposts in bright moonlight over an unknown country, and guided the battalion to a position from which the enemy was easily expelled at daylight with numerous casualties. On another occasion, by working over a mile of "No Man's Land" in broad daylight, he gained valuable information about our own and the enemy's dispositions.

Maj. Leslie William Matthews, Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer commanded his battalion in an attack, previous to which he had reconnoitred the jumping-off ground, and thought out all the arrangements and dispositions. During the attack he moved about under heavy fire, keeping in touch with the situation, directing and controlling the men, and by prompt action in altering dispositions, minimised the losses from shell fire.

Maj. James Beverley Metcalfe, M.C., Aust. A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In a village under heavy bombardment of gas and high explosives, this officer, with practically no protection, tended the wounded for four and a half hours. When the advanced dressing station had been moved to a new site, he remained with four men evacuating odd cases which continued to come in until two shells came right into the dressing room, severely wounding him. His cheerfulness and coolness throughout encouraged all around him.

Capt. Harry Ronald, Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer was in command of a company on the left of the line, when the enemy, who had broken through a gap on the right, attacked it from front and rear, effecting a lodgment after severe fighting in his trench. He promptly organised a strong counter-attack, dislodging the enemy, killing about sixty, and taking about fifty prisoners. His quick initiative did much towards the success of the operation.

Capt. (T./Maj.) Harold Stewart Ryrie, A.L.H.R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while commanding his squadron during an attack. Although the enemy was in a strong position, with a great number of well-concealed machine-guns, and were threatening to envelop his flank, he led his men forward with the utmost courage. Under a terrific machine-gun fire, he handled his

squadron to the best advantage, and set a splendid example of coolness, until he was himself severely wounded.

2nd Lt. Phillip James Smith, Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer was in charge of a party for mopping up, after the capture of a village, and had to swim two creeks to reach his objective, coming under direct fire of an enemy strong post. Without a moment's hesitation, he rushed it, capturing one officer and eleven men. He then rescued one of his men who was lying wounded under fire in the street, then, closing his party round another strong post, he shot one man, and overpowered an officer with his fists, the rest surrendering. Though greatly exhausted, he concluded by dashing across 70 yards of open ground by himself and capturing a party of nine of the enemy.

Maj. Leslie Gemmel Tassie, Aust. A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer set a fine example of coolness in going about amongst his stretcher-bearers directing and encouraging them. Day and night he visited the regimental aid post and loading posts, re-arranging bearer relays, and supervising the evacuation of wounded. Hearing there were several wounded in a village which was being heavily shelled, he organised parties and cleared the village.

Lt.-Col. John Lawrence Whitham, C.M.G., Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer commanded his battalion in a difficult night operation with great ability. Following an enemy advance, in which a village was lost, the battalion, which had already marched six miles, took part in a counter-attack. The ground was strange, and there was no time for reconnaissance, but the approach march and deployment was carried out without a hitch, and the attack was a brilliant success. He moved about encouraging and directing his troops, and established his headquarters well forward in an open trench, from which, though under heavy fire, he was able to control his battalion.

Lt. Harold Joseph Wiles, Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, especially in leading fighting patrols to gain information. On one occasion, when within striking distance of the enemy, he engaged a party and killed five; then, as machine-gun fire and Very lights held up his men, he crawled forward and brought back the required information himself. On another occasion, with a fighting patrol, he rushed an enemy standing patrol, killing one, and chasing another man to within thirty yards of his post, when he took him prisoner and brought him back under heavy fire. The man had his rifle and bayonet, while this officer only had an empty revolver.