

AUSTRALIAN FORCE.

No. 3 Sjt. J. H. Langley, Arm. Car. Sect.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of a Lewis gun section he twice stampeded enemy machine-gun sections, enfiladed a trench, causing many casualties, and dispersed several enemy digging parties. He captured a machine gun, killing some of the gunners and putting the rest to flight. He showed marked skill throughout.

6590 L./Cpl. (T./Cpl.) A. D. Leighton, Infy.

He was reconnoitring the enemy's position with a patrol and attacked an enemy post, which he captured, taking seven prisoners and killing two of the garrison. Later, he was severely wounded leading a party against an enemy machine-gun position. The courage and dash of this N.C.O. were conspicuous, and he led his men with great determination.

No. 7806 W./O. A. S. Murray, A.I.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. For a prolonged period this warrant officer was engaged on surveying the area between the lines, repeatedly working under machine-gun fire and sniping. In order not to attract attention he usually worked alone his plan table and instruments. Owing to his energy and coolness he has mapped a piece of country accurately, and his work has been most valuable.

NEW ZEALAND FORCE.

23/399 Sjt. A. J. Cunningham, M.M., N.Z. Rif. Bde.

After an enemy counter-attack he noticed a large party of enemy in a trench. He immediately collected twelve men and charged the enemy, who were taken by surprise, and some fifty were captured at the cost of very light casualties. During hard fighting, lasting several days, he distinguished himself by his gallantry and dash.

6/628 Sjt. E. E. Fairhall, Canterbury R.

During an advance an enemy machine-gun post caused a check. This N.C.O. organised a bombing party, and with great skill and daring captured the post, with two machine guns and several prisoners. His bold leadership and gallantry were a very fine example to the men.

28121 L./Cpl. G. C. Ford, Auckland R.

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership in an attack. He led his platoon with great skill and courage, and captured three enemy machine guns and about forty prisoners.

28139 L./Cpl. C. T. Hill, Wellington R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He made a reconnaissance of the ground in front of our line and obtained information which was of great value in the attack which followed. During the attack

he rushed three enemy machine-gun posts and captured four machine guns. He set a splendid example of courage and determination.

34368 L./Cpl. G. Hunter, N.Z. Rif. Bde.

He was in a shell-hole in advance of our line during an enemy counter-attack, and in spite of the heavy machine-gun fire directed on the post he held his ground, inflicting casualties on the enemy. He was wounded three times, but volunteered to take a message back to the main line, which he did successfully, in spite of the heavy fire of the enemy. He displayed conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty.

4/2030 Sjt. S. Marshall, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. He went forward with two forward observation officers and superintended the maintenance of communication from them to brigade headquarters. Later in the day he went through an intense barrage and established visual communication. His conduct was splendid, and owing to his efforts the artillery were able to render great assistance to the infantry.

7/2291 Sjt. W. Murray, Wellington R.

During an attack he captured, with the aid of one runner, a machine gun and crew of five, who were checking the advance. At a later date, when his company's flank was in a critical situation owing to the retirement of other troops, he rallied the troops who were withdrawing, led them forward again under heavy fire, and restored the situation. During ten days' hard fighting he set a splendid example of courage, initiative, and resolution to the men.

53414 Pte. T. M. E. Richmond, Wellington R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On two occasions when he was the only member of his Lewis gun team left, he kept his gun in action for many hours without relief. He showed splendid courage and initiative in handling his gun and by maintaining his position, which was one of great importance, was the means of maintaining the line intact.

3/282 S./S./M. A. Roberts, M.M., N. Zea. M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In face of heavy fire he went forward to reconnoitre bearer tracks, and directed bearer squads. His work throughout was full of resource and energy, and by his disregard of personal danger he set a fine example to those under him.

13/2479 Cpl. T. W. Sharp, F.A.

During a counter-attack by the enemy, a shell burst under his gun, putting it out of action and wounding him and three of his detachment severely. Notwithstanding his injuries, he took command of the next gun, which had lost its No. 1, and carried on