

Lt. Ivan George Murdock, M.C., 8th Bn., Aust. I.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the attack north of Rosieres on 9th August, 1918. He led both his own platoon and another skilfully to the objective. He cleared the edge of Crepey Wood of machine guns, causing many casualties to the enemy. On August 11th at Lihons he again showed excellent leadership; he gained his final objective and repulsed an enemy counter-attack. Throughout the operations he set a fine example to all his men.

(M.C. gazetted 26th July, 1918.)

Lt. Joseph Henry Nott, M.C., 4th Aust. L. Horse Reg., 22nd Corps, Mtd Troops.

For conspicuous gallantry while in command of a mounted detachment at Piezieres on 10th September, 1918. When the situation was obscure, the attack being on a wide front, with pockets of the enemy still holding out, he went forward to gain touch with the flanks. Under intense shell and machine-gun fire he carried out a thorough reconnaissance and brought back information of the utmost value. His gallant and capable work has afforded great assistance throughout.

(M.C. gazetted in this Gazette.)

Lt. Joseph Eric Piercy, M.C., 16th Bn., A.I.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and cool leadership during the operations on the 8th August, 1918, between Morcourt and Mericourt-sur-Somme. In spite of artillery fire at close range, he personally inspected the ground and obtained cover for his men, thereby saving many casualties. He then led his company in a most skilful and daring manner to the limits of the objective, where he was badly wounded, but remained to superintend the work of consolidation.

(M.C. gazetted 24th September, 1918.)

Capt. Victor Bernard Portman, M.C., 20th Bn., Aust. I.F.

During the attack on 11th August, 1918, near Bainecourt, east of Amiens, a gap appeared on the left flank. He at once threw his company in to form a defensive flank, which he maintained under very heavy fire all day. He single handedly rushed an enemy post, killing one of the enemy and capturing 16 others and two machine guns. He showed splendid courage and initiative.

(M.C. gazetted 16th September, 1918.)

Lt. James Ravie Robb, M.C., 6th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Herleville Wood, near Foucoucourt, on August 23rd, 1918. He started in command of a platoon, and, as the advance continued and other officers became casualties, he took command of their platoons also, and succeeded in establishing them on the final objective. Later, he and one other officer were all that remained after a five hours gas bombardment, and they formed the remaining men into one company. He remained in the gassed area for 35 hours.

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Capt. Cedric Murray Samson, M.C., 3th Fd. Amb., Aust. A.M.C.

On the morning of 22nd August, 1918, north of Chipilly, on the Bray-Corbie Road, he took a car along to the R.A.P. in spite of heavy shelling and gas. He superintended the line of evacuation continually, taking fresh squads up to R.A.P. through heavy fire. Again, on 31st August, he crossed a wounded medical officer and his orderly in the open, being wounded while doing so. During the period, 20th-31st August, 1918, his fearless energy and devotion to duty were responsible for the rapid evacuation of so many wounded.

(M.C. gazetted 3rd June, 1918.)

Lt. Cyril Legatt Sell, M.C., 19th Bn., Aust. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry during the attack east of Villers-Bretonneuz on 8th August, 1918. He led his company brilliantly and maintained touch successfully under heavy fire. His cool courage and good leadership helped considerably towards the successful capture of the battalion objective. After the objective had been captured he organised parties to deal with troublesome enemy positions on the outskirts of Warfusse-Abancourt. He personally led a section of seven men against two posts in succession, capturing 15 prisoners and killing 10 of the enemy.

(M.C. gazetted 24th September, 1918.)

Lt. Alexander Sladdin, M.C., 2nd Divl. Sig. Coy., Aust. E.

On the 2nd September, 1918, at Halle, near Peronne, he had charge of the cable wagon detachment laying lines from the west side of the river to the brigade forward station. Great difficulty was experienced owing to heavy shell fire. His courage, energy and skill in this dangerous task, and the splendid example he set his men, were responsible for the lines being ready at zero hour. They were frequently destroyed by shelling, but as they were actively patrolled by him at the most dangerous places, good communications were kept throughout the whole operations.

(M.C. gazetted 27th October, 1917.)

Lt. Thomas Archibald Slaughter, M.C., 58th Bn., Aust. I.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and skilful leadership in taking the eastern half of Peronne on 2nd September, 1918. After his senior officers had early become casualties he led the company brilliantly through very heavy machine-gun fire, silencing one machine-gun post after another and killing or capturing the crew and a large number of prisoners. On reaching the eastern end of Peronne he found his flank dangerously exposed, and at once formed a defensive flank. By his courage and able handling of a difficult situation he contributed largely to the success of this battalion.

(M.C. gazetted 13th May, 1918.)

Capt. Walter Edmond Smith, M.C., 53rd Bn., Aust. I.F.

In the attack on Peronne on 1st September, 1918, this officer led his company with great skill and gallantry to the attack. During the advance, noticing that the officer commanding and most of the officers of