

his objective for the day. That night he led a patrol forward to reconnoitre a strongly fortified farm. He gained valuable information, which enabled it to be rushed and captured the following morning. Three times wounded in these operations, he showed fine courage and devotion to duty, and rendered valuable service.

Maj. Herbert Reginald Denson, 14th A.L.H.R. (EGYPT)

For distinguished gallantry, devotion to duty and marked initiative at Nablus, on the 21st September, 1918. He was in charge of the advanced squadron, and by his initiative and dash he cleared the gardens covering the road of machine guns, which resulted in the capture of the town and many hundreds of prisoners. He led the charge through the town in person.

Maj. Arthur William Dodd, M.C., 6th Bty., 2nd Bde., Aust. Fd. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Nauroy, near Bellicourt, on the night 2nd/3rd October, 1918. During heavy enemy bombardment a gas shell fell on the parapet of the trench in which he and two of his officers were working. Although he was badly gassed he remained with his battery, completed his orders for an attack which was to be launched a few hours later, and carried out the task allotted to his battery. He showed courage and determination of a high order throughout.

Maj. Herbert Bowen Hamlin, 10th A.L.H.R. (EGYPT)

At Gisir Benat Yakub, on the 27th September, 1918, after forcing the ford, he led his squadron in the face of heavy fire and charged against the enemy's position, which he captured after a severe *mêlée*. He displayed great courage and dash, and throughout set a magnificent example to his command. Fifty enemy, with three machine guns and two field guns, were captured.

Lt. Reginald Valentine Hill, 53rd Bn., A.I.F.

During the operations near Bellicourt from 30th September to 2nd October, 1918, he displayed most conspicuous courage and leadership. He led a charge against an enemy machine gun strong post, mopped up the garrison of about twenty, and captured three machine guns. Shortly after this he and his party of six men came across a double-entrance dug-out, manned with a machine gun at each entrance. Here he personally shot three men with his revolver and accounted for a total of fifteen, and captured two guns. He did magnificent work.

Lt.-Col. George Furner Langley, Comdg. 14th A.L.H.R. (EGYPT)

For skilful leadership and conspicuous gallantry in action. At Nablus on the 21st September, 1918, he was in command of the advanced guard. At several points the main road was strongly held by enemy machine guns, but, despite the difficult nature of the

country, he overcame all opposition and pushed forward with all speed. By his dash and determination he succeeded in capturing a large number of prisoners and a quantity of war material in the town. At Damascus, on the 30th September, 1918, he again distinguished himself by his coolness in the face of the enemy, and gained command of an important point on the Damascus-Beirut road, resulting in the capture of about 4,000 prisoners and a large quantity of war material.

Lt. Eric Allan Leith, 46th Bn., A.I.F.

For most conspicuous gallantry and leadership during the attack on the Hindenburg Line on the 18/19th September, 1918, west of Bellenglise, north of St. Quentin. He was in command of the left company, and by his determination and brilliant leadership he got his men across the dense mass of enemy wire. He was severely wounded when rushing the trench, but continued on, captured the trench, and took many prisoners and machine guns. Pushing on to the second trench, he captured the position, taking over 100 prisoners and six machine guns. He showed fine courage and did splendid work.

Maj. James Loynes, 11th A.L.H.R.

(EGYPT)

At Semakh, on the morning of the 25th September, 1918, he was in command of one of the squadrons that charged the town. His coolness and dash in the charge were a good example to the men, and went a long way towards the success of the operation. He organised a bayonet charge from the west of the town, and by collecting all the men he could, and by his resourcefulness and untiring energy, he was able to stop what might have been a repulse, and finally, in the general clearing up of the town, he did great work.

Maj. Lachlan Alfred William Macpherson, M.C., 8th A.L.H.R. (EGYPT)

For gallantry and smart leadership at Tiberias on the 25th September, 1918. He was sent forward with his squadron in advance of the Brigade to reconnoitre, and on finding the place lightly held he made his disposals, quickly capturing the town and a number of prisoners and motor and horse transport. The information sent back enabled the advance to proceed more quickly than was anticipated.

Maj. Arthur Charles Niquet Olden, 10th A.L.H.R. (EGYPT)

He was in charge of his regiment, which formed the advance guard to the Brigade, when the latter was ordered to occupy Jenin on the 20th September, 1918. He rapidly cut the roads leading from Jenin north and north-east, covering a distance of eleven miles, and thus took prisoners fugitives who were already several miles from the town. During the ensuing night his regiment covered the Nablus road from the south and captured further prisoners. The total number of prisoners taken in this operation was 8,107 and five guns. He showed great initiative and ability to command.