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THE MILITARY CROSS (contd)

2nd Lt. Albert Edward LESTER.
1/13th Bn., London Regt. (TF)

For great initiative and energy in conducting a raid on the enemy trenches at OPFY on 9th March 1918. This Officer was in command of a raiding party. When the enemy showed some resistance he personally shot 3 Germans with the result that the resistance was at once overcome and all the occupants of the enemy post were either killed or captured. It was entirely due to his energy in training the party and his skilful leadership during the raid itself that the operation was carried out successfully with only 3 casualties.

Hon. Lt. & Qmr. Robert Leslie MASTERS.
No. 90 Field Amb., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 10th March, 1918 when in charge of the stores and personnel of his Unit at BLUET FARM, the place and surrounding camps were heavily shelled. A direct hit on one of the farm buildings partially wrecked it, burying the men inside. This Officer at once helped to rescue the R.A.M.C. personnel from among the ruins of their billet and rendered first aid. He then organised bearer squads from the personnel of his stores and brought in four severely wounded men from the next camp. By his disregard of personal safety, quick decision, courage and leadership, he set an inspiring example to his men and rendered the most skilled attention to the wounded in the absence of a Medical Officer.

Lt. Cleve James SCOTT.
10th Bn., Aust. I. F.

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At HOLLEBEKE, when the enemy raided our line on the night of 1/2nd March, 1918, this Officer behaved with great coolness and bravery. From a post on the right of the one raided he immediately opened Lewis gun and rifle fire, causing the enemy many casualties. He drove off the attack upon his own post, fired on the enemy who were returning with prisoners, and then under heavy artillery and machine gun fire reconnoitred the position, re-established the raided post and assisted to bring in our own and enemy wounded from the front of the outpost line. He acted throughout with a total disregard for his personal safety and set a fine example to his men.

Lt. Ernest Cecil NORTHOVER.
15th Bn., Aust. I. F.

For conspicuous gallantry and great initiative near HOLLEBEKE on the night of 24th/25th Jany. 1918, in the handling of a group of posts during a very determined attempt on the part of the enemy to obtain identification from our sector of the line. The enemy put down a very heavy barrage cutting off all communication from all other groups and came over in strong force. It was owing to his gallant organisation before the raid and his very fine leadership during the raid that enabled him to beat off the enemy, inflicting heavy losses on them capturing two prisoners which enabled us to obtain a very valuable identification. His behaviour throughout was a very fine example to all.

Lt. Joseph MAXWELL, DCM.
18th Bn., Aust. I. F.

For great initiative and gallantry when in charge of a patrol in NO MAN'S LAND on the morning of the 8th March, 1918, at PONT ROUGE. He had ordered his platoon to return to our lines with himself and