No. 578 Pte. (T/Corpl) Thomas HOLLOWAY.
42nd Bn., A. I. F.

On 31st July 1917, during the offensive E. of MESSINES, this N.C.O. was in charge of a Lewis Gun section. When his Officer was wounded, he led the platoon with great dash and determination, overcoming all opposition and inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. After his portion of NO MAN'SLAND had been mopped up, he at once re-organised the platoon.

When the enemy attempted to assemble for a local counter attack, he himself brought Lewis Gun fire to bear, and succeeded in driving them off.

This N.C.O.'s courage and initiative which he maintained until severely wounded, largely contributed to the defeat of the enemy on this Sector.