

Lt. Frederick Owen GAZE, MC.  
44th Bn., Aust. I. F.

For conspicuous gallantry in action and devotion to duty.

On the 4th July, 1918, during the attack on the enemy trenches E. of HAMEL, this Officer was with his platoon on the right flank of the left Brigade and was responsible for the protection of same. He led his men forward to the final objective, disposed of enemy strong posts encountered during the advance and capturing the two machine guns in such posts and maintaining excellent direction.

On the night of 4th/5th July, 1918, a very strong party of the enemy counter attacked the left of the line captured that day and succeeded in entering some portion of it. He went forward with an organised party to eject the enemy. He was entirely successful in mopping up the enemy and re-capturing the line.

The success was pushed forward to an enemy strong post which caused considerable trouble, and could not be mopped up during the day, and mopped it up capturing several machine guns, much material and 1 Officer and 50 other ranks as well as inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy.

He displayed great determination and good leadership throughout the operations, and by his personal conduct and valour he set an excellent example to his men.