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Serial No. (to be left blank)	Unit	Regt. No.	Rank and Name	Action for which commended	Recommended by	Rank or Position
	Second Australian Machine Gun Battalion, A.I.F.		Lieutenant Edgar Thomas TOSNER, M.C.	<p>Enemy Machine Gunners having direct observation flicked the earth round and under this gun, and played a tattoo along the top of the bank. Though one bullet went into his helmet and inflicted a gaping scalp wound he continued firing. Subsequently he refused to go out to have his wound attended to as the situation was critical and his place was with his men.</p> <p>Later in the day the Infantry were obliged to retire slightly and one gun crew with the first wave, having become casualties, the gun was left behind. Lieut. Tosner seeing this dashed back over the open, carried the gun back in spite of terrific fire and brought it into action again.</p> <p>He continued to engage the enemy wherever they appeared and put an enemy machine gun out of action.</p> <p>During the following night he insisted on doing his tour of duty along with the other officers, and his coolness and cheerfulness set an example which had a great effect on the men.</p> <p>To steady and calm the men of a small detached outpost, he crawled out among the enemy posts to investigate. He remained out about an hour though enemy machine guns fired continuously on the sector and the Germans were moving about him.</p> <p>He moved one gun up in support of the Infantry post and patrolled the communication saps which ran off this post into the German line during the remainder of the night.</p>		

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