



PRIVATE WILLIAM ERIC SAMPSON

15th Battalion, A.I.F.

WILLIAM ERIC SAMPSON was born at Tabulam, Richmond River, New South Wales, on 30th September, 1891, the son of Mr. James and Mrs. Mary Annie Sampson. He was educated at Lismore District School. In March, 1910, he joined the Bank's service at Lismore, being removed to Mullumbimby in September of the same year; to Gloucester in January, 1913; to Kyogle, as ledger-keeper, in June, 1914, and to Murwillumbah in May, 1915.

William Sampson enlisted in the A.I.F. on 13th August, 1915, being appointed to the 9th Reinforcements of the 15th Battalion. He did not see active service, as he died of meningitis on 16th December, 1915.



SERGEANT FRED MILTON BRAY SANDERCOCK

A.A.P.C. and A.A.M.C., A.I.F.

FRED MILTON BRAY SANDERCOCK, son of the late Mr. Alfred Sandercock and Mrs. Sandercock, was born at Port Wakefield, South Australia, on 12th April, 1897. He was educated at the Adelaide High School, and entered the service of the Bank at Adelaide on 26th July, 1915, from whence he was transferred to Kapunda on 5th December, 1916, as teller.

Fred Sandercock enlisted as a member of the A.I.F. on 31st May, 1918, and served with the A.A.P.C. and A.A.M.C. He embarked in August, 1918, serving in England and France, and being promoted to the rank of honorary sergeant on 15th November, 1918. On 9th December, 1919, he received his discharge from the A.I.F.



MAJOR ARTHUR BRUCE SANDFORD, D.S.O.

1st Brigade, 1st Divisional Artillery, 108th Howitzer Battery, 3rd Divisional Artillery, A.I.F.

ARTHUR BRUCE SANDFORD was born at Sydney, New South Wales on 17th February, 1893, the son of Brigadier-General Augustus Henry Sandford, R.A.G.A., and Mrs. Florence Sandford. He received his education at the Brighton Grammar School, Melbourne, joining the service of the Bank at Melbourne on 23rd May, 1910. In May, 1912, he was transferred to Head Office (Inspector's Department), to the Southern Branch in July of the same year, to Head Office (Inspector's Department) in May, 1913, and to the Head Office staff in the following December.

Arthur Bruce Sandford enlisted as a second-lieutenant in the A.I.F. on 20th August, 1914, and was appointed to the 1st Brigade of the 1st Divisional Artillery, with which he embarked.

In February, 1915, he attained the rank of first-lieutenant, and was present at the Landing on Gallipoli on 25th April, 1915. While on active service there he was wounded in the hand, but remained on duty.

At the end of May of the same year he was transferred to

Egypt, returning to Gallipoli in the September following, where he remained until the evacuation in December, at which he was present. In March, 1916, he was promoted to the rank of captain, appointed to the command of the 1st Brigade Ammunition Column, and went to France, where he was appointed Adjutant of the 1st A.F.A. Brigade on 10th July, 1916. On 20th October, 1916, he was placed in command of the 1st Battery of the 1st A.F.A. Brigade; on 20th January, 1917, he received his majority and was transferred to the 3rd Divisional Artillery in command of the 108th Howitzer Battery.

On 1st April, 1918, he was appointed to command the 3rd Divisional Ammunition Column. He left France for Australia via Canada, on 20th October, 1918, on six months' furlough, and the Armistice was signed during the voyage out. During his service in France Major Sandford took part in the Battles of the Somme, Messines, Ypres, Polygon Wood and Passchendaele, the battles of the German offensive which began in March, 1918, and in the victorious advance of the Allies which commenced in August, 1918.

On 7th November, 1917, he was mentioned in despatches, and on 7th April, 1918, he was again mentioned in despatches and awarded the D.S.O. for gallant and distinguished services in the field. General Birdwood wrote to him:—

"I am very pleased to be able to congratulate you, as I do most heartily, on the award of the D.S.O., which you have fully deserved for your good and gallant service during many a long day now."

General Monash wrote:—

"I was delighted to see in the Honours Gazette just published that you have been admitted to the Distinguished Service Order, thus recognizing the valuable services which you have rendered to Australia and to the A.I.F. Will you please accept my warmest congratulations."

General H. N. Grimwade in writing said:—

"I wish you to accept my sincere congratulations on your award of the D.S.O. I also take this opportunity of thanking you for the loyal work you have done, and express my best wishes for the future."



SERGEANT CYRIL HOWARD SAPHIR

N.Z. Medical Corps, N.Z.E.F.

CYRIL HOWARD SAPHIR, the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Saphir, was born at Christchurch, New Zealand, on 28th June, 1893, and received his education at the Wanganui Collegiate School, New Zealand. On 18th April, 1911, he joined the Bank's service at Wanganui; he was transferred to New Plymouth on 14th June, 1913; and to Palmerston North on 23rd June, 1914.

Cyril Saphir enlisted as a private in the N.Z.E.F. on 10th August, 1914, embarking with his company on 19th August for Samoa, where he was on active service from the 29th of that month until April of the following year. He saw active duty in Egypt until October, 1915, at Salonica, until March, 1916; in Egypt again until the following May, and in France, from June, 1916, till December, 1918, during the course of which service he was promoted to the rank of sergeant.

With Sergeant Melville Mirfin, a fellow Bank officer, Cyril Saphir was a survivor of the "Marquette" disaster.



LIEUTENANT CHARLIE KILNER SHEARD

49th Battalion, 13th Infantry Brigade, A.I.F.

CHARLIE KILNER SHEARD was born on 9th October, 1891, at Burnie, Tasmania, the son of Mr. Charles Kilner Sheard and Mrs. Annie Eliza Sheard. He was educated at the Wangaratta Grammar School, Victoria, and joined the service of the Bank at Narrandera on 24th June, 1910. On 8th May, 1912, he was transferred to Mudgee as ledger-keeper; and to Trundle, as teller, on 18th September, 1914.

Charlie Sheard enlisted as a private in the A.I.F. on 9th August, 1915, and later on joined the 49th Battalion, 13th Infantry Brigade. He saw active service in Egypt from November, 1915, to June, 1916, in France, until the end of October, 1918, and then in England until 23rd August, 1919. While in France in October, 1916, he was promoted to second-lieutenant and to lieutenant on 1st January, 1917.



SECOND-CLASS WARRANT OFFICER WILLIAM HENRY SHIELDS

B Company, 20th Battalion, 5th Brigade, A.I.F.

WILLIAM HENRY SHIELDS, son of Mr. Thomas and Mrs. Elizabeth Shields, was born at Myrtleford, Victoria, on 17th February, 1896, and received his education at Cootamundra, New South Wales. He entered the service of the Bank at Young on 19th December, 1913, and was transferred to Narrandera on 26th August, 1914.

William Shields enlisted at Narrandera as a member of the A.I.F. in September, 1915, embarking on 20th January, 1916, for Egypt where he saw active service. He arrived in France on 8th April, 1916, and on 26th July following he was wounded. In April, 1917, he was promoted to the rank of corporal; to sergeant in February, 1918; staff sergeant in January, 1919; and to warrant officer in the following May. He returned to Australia in April, 1920.



CORPORAL NEVILLE WYNN SIMPSON

17th Battalion, 5th Brigade, A.I.F.

NEVILLE WYNN SIMPSON, son of Mr. Francis and Mrs. Annie Simpson, was born on 14th August, 1887, at Whangarei, New Zealand, and received his education at the Napier Main School and the Boys' High School, Napier. He joined the Bank's service on 18th April, 1904, at Napier, and was transferred to New Plymouth on 19th November, 1904; to Dannevirke on 6th September, 1906, where he was promoted to ledger-keeper on 1st January, 1907; to New Plymouth, as teller, on 7th February, 1912; to Kyneton, Victoria, on 26th September, 1913, where he was appointed teller on 1st January, 1914; thence to Head Office on 12th June, 1914.

Neville Wynn Simpson enlisted in Sydney as a private in February, 1915, and was allotted to the 17th Battalion, 5th Brigade, A.I.F. He left Australia with the forces in May, 1915, having been promoted to the rank of lance-corporal in the meantime. He arrived in Egypt in the following June where he remained until September, when he was sent to Gallipoli, and on 1st October, 1915, he gained the rank of corporal. Whilst on duty in the latter place he was invalided to England. Re-joining his unit in France in April, 1916, he took part in the Battle of Pozieres, and on 29th July, 1916, he was wounded by a shell in the abdomen and for several hours lay in a shell hole in No Man's Land; peritonitis set in, and he died at the dressing station. Captain Nigel Smith, R.M.O., of the 17th Battalion, wrote that Neville Simpson was loved and respected by all his comrades.



TROOPER ATHOL WALLACE SMITH

6th Mounted Rifles, and 9th W.M.R., N.Z.E.F.

ATHOL WALLACE SMITH was born on 19th October, 1891, at Masterton, New Zealand, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wallace Smith, of Mangahao, Pahiatua, and received his education at Pahiatua High School. He entered the Bank's service on 1st October, 1908, at Pahiatua; was transferred to Palmerston North on 27th February, 1912; and to Eketahuna, as teller, on 10th October, 1912.

Athol Wallace Smith enlisted in the N.Z.E.F. on 10th June, 1915, as a member of the 6th Mounted Rifles, and subsequently embarked with his regiment. He was on active service at Gallipoli until the evacuation and then on the Sinai Peninsula and in Palestine. On 14th November, 1917, at Ayun Kara, Palestine, he was killed in action while on duty at his gun. He had given a fine example of courage and devotion to duty in a hard fight with his unit, the 9th Wellington Mounted Rifles, which resulted in the rout of the Turks with heavy loss. His officer, Lieutenant Simpson, described him as "a dashing soldier, whose place would be hard to fill and whose example was one to be proud of."



CORPORAL CYRIL CLEMENT SMITH

3rd Divisional Ammunition Column, A.I.F.

CYRIL CLEMENT SMITH was born at Bowenfels, New South Wales, on 18th May, 1895, the son of the Rev. Wanson Smith and Mrs. Smith, and was educated at the Fort Street (Sydney) High School. He joined the service of the Bank at Narrabri on 26th June, 1913, and was transferred to Wellington on 29th December, 1914; to Orange on 21st January, 1915; to Gulgong on 17th June, and to Mudgee on 17th July of the same year.

Cyril Clement Smith enlisted in the A.I.F. as a private on 15th September, 1915, embarking with the 3rd D.A.C. for France, where he was on active service from November, 1916, to September, 1918, when he was sent to hospital ill. He attained the rank of corporal.



LANCE-CORPORAL EDWARD KENSETT SMITH

No. 5184, A Company, 3rd Battalion, 1st Division, A.I.F.

EDWARD KENSETT SMITH was born at Canadian Lead, New South Wales, on 7th May, 1894, the son of the late Mr. E. D. and of Mrs. M. S. A. Smith, and was educated at Canadian Lead Public School and Camden-Campbelltown Grammar School, Narellan. He joined the Bank's service on 5th May, 1912, at Mudgee, and on 15th August, 1914, was transferred to the Inspector's Staff, Head Office.

Edward Kensett Smith enlisted on 29th September, 1915, in the 13th Reinforcements of the 3rd Battalion, 1st Division, and was subsequently promoted to the rank of lance-corporal. He was engaged on active service along the Western Front, mostly in the North of France. On 14th April, 1918, he formed one of a party of three volunteers for special duty, being sent out to locate a number of the enemy who were causing heavy casualties at Strazeele-sur-Meteren, near Hazebrouck. As they approached the hut where the enemy was in ambush they were fired upon and Edward Kensett Smith was killed, his comrades being badly wounded.



SERGEANT FREDERICK GEORGE LESLIE SMITH

5th Light Horse Regiment, A.I.F.

FREDERICK GEORGE LESLIE SMITH was born at Rockhampton, Queensland, on 1st November, 1891, the son of Mr. James Edwin and Mrs. Harriet Smith. He received his education at the State School, Rockhampton, and entered the service of the Bank on 28th December, 1908, at Longreach, Queensland. He was transferred to Isisford, as assistant, on 16th February, 1911; to Roma, as ledger-keeper, on 6th December, 1911; and to Eumundi, as teller, on 10th November, 1913.

Frederick Smith enlisted in the A.I.F. on 30th September, 1916, subsequently joining the 5th Light Horse Regiment. He was engaged on active service in Egypt, Sinai Peninsula and Palestine from February, 1917, to 28th June, 1919, being promoted to lance-corporal in September, 1918, and to sergeant in November of the same year.



SERGEANT FREDERICK OSCAR CLYDE SMITH, M.M.

53rd Battalion, A.I.F.

FREDERICK OSCAR CLYDE SMITH, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry William Smith, of the Public School, Cassilis, was born at Cassilis, New South Wales, on 26th September, 1891, and received his education at that school and the East Maitland High School. He entered the service of the Bank at Maitland on 16th January, 1909; was transferred to Quirindi, as ledger-keeper, on 7th February, 1912; and to Lismore, as ledger-keeper, on 2nd November, 1914.

Frederick Oscar Clyde Smith enlisted in the A.I.F. on 9th August, 1915, and embarked on 2nd November, 1915. Eventually joining the 53rd Battalion, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant, and saw active service in France, where he was wounded on three occasions—at Fromelles, Bullecourt and Polygon Wood.

On the night of 29th July, 1918, Frederick Oscar Smith was in charge of a flanking platoon and led a successful attack upon the German first and second line trenches near Morlancourt. Later, when the officer in charge of a second platoon was wounded, this gallant young N.C.O. took command of the two platoons. He organized the defences and remained in charge of the platoons until he was relieved two nights later. For this valuable service he was awarded the Military Medal.



SERGEANT HUBERT GEORGE SMITH

12th Light Trench Mortar Battery, A.I.F.

HUBERT GEORGE SMITH was born on 31st October, 1896, at Hamilton, Newcastle, New South Wales, the son of Mr. William Samuel and Mrs. Elizabeth Gertrude Smith. He was educated at St. Peter's College, Adelaide, South Australia, and joined the Bank's service on 1st July, 1913, at Bathurst. On 22nd March, 1915, he was transferred to Head Office, and on 1st May, 1915, to Annandale.

Hubert George Smith enlisted as a member of the A.I.F. on 31st August, 1915, and later joined up with the 12th Australian Light Trench Mortar Battery, to which he was attached. On 1st August, 1916, he won promotion to the rank of corporal; on 1st December, 1916, to sergeant instructor at the 1st Anzac Corps School of Instruction, Corbie, France. He was wounded at Messines on 7th June, 1917, and returned to Australia on 3rd February, 1918.



SERGEANT HERBERT HANNELL SMITH

5th Army Service Corps, A.I.F.

HERBERT HANNELL SMITH was born on 9th December, 1889, at Bathurst, New South Wales, the son of Mr. William Burton Smith and Mrs. Edith Smith. He was educated at the Petersham and Dubbo Public Schools, and entered the Bank's service at Dubbo on 6th May, 1908; he was transferred to Braidwood on 2nd August, 1909; to Bungendore, as assistant, on 9th February, 1911; to Orange, as ledger-keeper, on 29th January, 1912; to Coonabarabran, as teller, on 11th November, 1914; and to Narrabri on 31st July, 1915.

Herbert Hannell Smith enlisted as a member of the A.I.F. on 13th September, 1915, and was allotted to the 5th A.S.C. He was subsequently promoted to the rank of extra regimental sergeant.



LIEUTENANT JOHN ARCHIBALD SMITH

N.Z. Engineers, N.Z.E.F.

JOHAN ARCHIBALD SMITH, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Smith, of Nelson, New Zealand, was born at Nelson on 27th July, 1893, and received his education at the Nelson Boys' College. He joined the service of the Bank at Wellington, New Zealand, on 25th July, 1910; from there he was transferred to Masterton on 12th January, 1914, thence to Palmerston North seven months later.

John Archibald Smith enlisted in the Engineers, N.Z.E.F., on 13th December, 1915, and subsequently attained the rank of lieutenant. He served with his company in France from 28th August, 1916, until he was wounded on 11th October, 1918.



LIEUTENANT JAMES TAYLOR VINTON SMITH, M.C.

113th Howitzer Battery, A.I.F.

JAMES TAYLOR VINTON SMITH, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ladyman Smith, of Mitcham, South Australia, was born on 3rd November, 1897, at Parkside, South Australia, and received his education at Adelaide High School. He joined the service of the Bank on 25th April, 1915, at Adelaide.

James Taylor Vinton Smith enlisted in the A.I.F. at Adelaide, on 1st February, 1916, and attained the rank of lieutenant on 1st March, 1917. He saw active service in France, and was mentioned in Australian Corps Orders in October, 1918. On 17th October, 1918, he was awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous bravery. The following is an extract from the Second Supplement, No. 31,680, to the "London Gazette":—

"For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 17th October, 1918, at the capture of the high ground east of La Selle River. His battery occupied a position 1,000 yards in rear of the front line, and suffered many casualties from machine-gun and artillery fire. The battery commander and another officer both wounded, he took charge, and supervising the removal of the wounded, handled the battery most capably until its task was completed."



CAPTAIN PERCEVAL LASCELLES SMITH, M.C.

B. Company, 39th Battalion, 10th Infantry Brigade, A.I.F.

PERCEVAL LASCELLES SMITH, son of Mrs. W. Birnie, was born at Williamstown, Victoria, on 20th March, 1886, and received his education at St. Paul's Cathedral School, Melbourne. He joined the service of the Bank on 13th August, 1902, at Fitzroy; he was transferred to Richmond, Victoria, on 27th October, 1902; to Melbourne on 21st February, 1905; to Warrnambool, as ledger-keeper, on 1st August, 1906; and to Bendigo, as ledger-keeper, on 26th November, 1908. On 21st December of the following year he joined the Inspector's Staff in Melbourne.

Perceval Lascelles Smith enlisted as a private in the A.I.F. on 10th May, 1915, from which rank he rose to that of captain. He served in France and was wounded at Clery-sur-Somme by machine-gun fire, and died from the effect of these wounds on 2nd September, 1918.

He was awarded the M.C. for digging out one of his men from beneath the parapet of a trench under direct machine-gun fire.



SECOND-LIEUTENANT REGINALD HARDY SMITH

3rd Battery, Field Artillery, N.Z.E.F.

REGINALD HARDY SMITH, the son of Mr. Reginald D. Smith, Manager of the Bank of New South Wales at Thames, New Zealand, and Mrs. Smith, was born on 13th August, 1892, at Thames, and educated at Gore, New Zealand, and Thames. He joined the service of the Bank on 4th April, 1911, at Auckland; and on 14th April, 1915, he was transferred to Waverley, New Zealand, as teller.

Reginald Hardy Smith enlisted in the N.Z. Expeditionary Force, and left with the 7th Reinforcements. He saw active service with the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force at the Suez Canal in 1915. He went on to France and was present at the battles of the Somme, Messines, Passchendaele and Hooge, and was also in the Somme offensive in 1918.

In July, 1918, he was promoted to the rank of second-lieutenant, and in 1919 he was a member of the Army of Occupation of German territory.



SECOND-LIEUTENANT SYDNEY O'CARROLL SMITH

45th Battalion, A.I.F., and 9th Battalion,
London Rifle Brigade, B.E.F.

SYDNEY O'CARROLL SMITH was born on 18th December, 1891, at Christchurch, New Zealand, the son of Mr. Henry and Mrs. Mary Eleanor Smith, and received his education at Wellington College, New Zealand. He joined the Bank's service at Masterton, New Zealand, on 8th April, 1909; and was transferred to Brisbane on 19th June, 1911; to Townsville, Queensland, on 24th July, 1913; and to Cloncurry, as teller, on 24th June, 1914.

Sydney O'Carroll Smith enlisted at Townsville on 20th August, 1914, with the 45th (Queensland) Battalion, and embarked with the first Australian Expeditionary Force. He was present at the Gallipoli Landing, and was subsequently promoted to the rank of sergeant. In August, 1915, he was sent to England suffering from enteric fever, and was transferred to the 9th Battalion London Rifle Brigade in December, 1915, receiving a commission as second-lieutenant.

He left for France on 10th May, 1916, took part in the Somme battle, and on 24th August, at Delville Wood, he received wounds in the side from which he succumbed on the following day. He was buried at Dernancourt, near Albert. The letters received by his family afterwards showed that his cheery good nature and fine soldierly qualities were much appreciated in the regiment.



SERGEANT BUTLER COLE SMYTH

23rd Battalion, 6th Brigade, A.I.F.

BUTLER COLE SMYTH was born at Warragul, Victoria, on 25th February, 1894, the son of Mr. C. N. Smyth and Mrs. Roberta Mary Smyth. He was educated at King's College, Warragul, and joined the service of the Bank on 12th October, 1910, at Melbourne.

Butler Cole Smyth enlisted on 4th February, 1915, as a member of the A.I.F., being allotted to the 23rd Battalion, 6th Brigade. He served in Egypt, Gallipoli and France, and took part in the Battles of Lone Pine, Pozieres, Ypres, Mouquet Farm and Bapaume, and won promotion to sergeant. On 3rd May, 1917, he was wounded at Bullecourt.



LANCE-SERGEANT CLAUDE STANLEY SOLOMON

9th Machine Gun Company and 3rd Machine Gun Battalion, A.I.F.

CLAUDE STANLEY SOLOMON, son of the late Mr. Claude and Mrs. Phoebe Ann Solomon, was born on 19th November, 1892, at West Maitland, New South Wales, and received his education at St. Leonards Superior Public School, North Sydney, and the Sydney High School. He joined the Bank's service on 27th July, 1909, at Head Office.

Claude Stanley Solomon enlisted on 20th March, 1916, in the 9th Australian Machine Gun Company, with which he embarked for active service on 1st May, 1916, later on becoming a member of the 3rd Machine Gun Battalion upon its formation.

He was promoted to the rank of corporal on 3rd November, 1917, and to lance-sergeant on 1st May, 1918, and was mentioned in despatches, vide Commonwealth "Government Gazette," No. 124, of 30th October, 1919. He served in France from November, 1916, until April, 1919, taking part in the Battle of Messines in June, 1917, the Battles of Zonnebeke and Passchendaele in the following October, and in the Somme battles from March to October, 1918. He embarked for Australia on 13th June, 1919.



SERGEANT NORMAN SOPER

Canterbury Infantry Battalion, N.Z.E.F.

NORMAN SOPER, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Soper, was born at Rapaura, Blenheim, New Zealand, on 18th May, 1893, and educated at the Marlborough, New Zealand, High School. He joined the service of the Bank on 5th April, 1911, at Blenheim; was transferred to Gloucester, N.S.W., as assistant, on 30th May, 1914; and to Newcastle on 6th September, 1915.

Norman Soper enlisted as a member of the N.Z.E.F. at Blenheim, in December, 1916, and embarked as a sergeant with the Canterbury Infantry Battalion for France, where he saw active service. On 26th May, 1918, while in the front trenches he was struck by an enemy shell, and died from the effect of the wounds he received.



GUNNER EDWARD TREVOR SORELL

8th Light Trench Mortar Battery (Late 25th Field Artillery), A.I.F.

EDWARD TREVOR SORELL was born at Hobart, Tasmania, on 20th January, 1895, the son of Mr. Hugh Percy and Mrs. Florence Sorell. He was educated at the Leslie House School, Hobart, and the Church Grammar School, Launceston. Entering the Bank's service at Devonport on 6th May, 1912, he was transferred to Hobart on 17th October, 1913; to the Inspector's Department, Head Office, on 1st April, 1915; and to North Sydney on 14th May, 1915.

Edward Trevor Sorell enlisted as a member of the A.I.F. in September, 1916. He took part in many engagements in France, and whilst advancing on the Ypres front in Flanders in September, 1917, he received a number of wounds in the body, the right arm and right eye, and was admitted to hospital, where it was found necessary to amputate his arm and remove his eye. After the operations he appeared to be progressing favourably, but eventually succumbed, and died on 24th November, 1917, at the Australian General Hospital, Etaples. He was buried in the British cemetery there.



CAPTAIN DAVID ALEXANDER SOUTAR, M.C., and Bar.

London Scottish, and 8th Battalion, Royal Highlanders (The Black Watch).

DAVID ALEXANDER SOUTAR was born on the 12th June, 1890, at Cupar, the county of Fife, Scotland; and is the son of Mr. David and Mrs. Margaret Soutar, now of Chestney House, St. Andrews. He was educated at Bell Baxter School (formerly the Madras Academy), Cupar, and entered the Bank's service in the London office on the 13th May, 1912.

On the 4th August, 1914, David Alexander Soutar was mobilized and was allotted to the London Scottish. He went out to France and took part in the Battle of Mons and the great retreat, for which service he was afterwards decorated with the Mons star. He received his commission in June 1915, and was promoted to Captain in the 8th Battalion of the famous Black Watch—the Royal Highlanders.

Captain Soutar rendered distinguished service which not only won him the Military Cross and Bar but caused him to be mentioned three times in Despatches.



SECOND-LIEUTENANT JOSEPH EDWARD SPARKS

15th Battalion, 4th Brigade, A.I.F.

JOSEPH EDWARD SPARKS, son of Mr. E. G. and Mrs. E. Sparks, was born on 5th December, 1894, at Ipswich, Queensland, and received his education at the Townsville Grammar School. He entered the Bank's service on 15th April, 1912, at Cairns.

He enlisted in the A.I.F. on 14th November, 1914, embarking as a member of the 15th Battalion, 4th Brigade, for Gallipoli, and was present at the Landing on 25th April, 1915. He was promoted to the rank of second-lieutenant on 10th May, 1915, and on 19th of the same month he was wounded so severely as to incapacitate him for further active service. Accordingly he returned to Australia and was discharged.



SERGEANT VERE GEORGE LOVETT SPOTSWOOD

25th Battalion, 7th Brigade, A.I.F.

VERE GEORGE LOVETT SPOTSWOOD, son of Mr. Frederick Ernest Llewellyn Spotswood and Mrs. Isabel Jane Spotswood, was born on 7th February, 1894, at Townsville, Queensland, and educated at Townsville Schools. He entered the Bank's service on 3rd April, 1912, in that city.

On 8th August, 1914, V. G. L. Spotswood left Townsville for Thursday Island with the 1st Australian Garrison Artillery. He returned to Townsville in January, 1915, and enlisted in the A.I.F. on 8th March, joining the 25th Battalion, 7th Brigade, at Brisbane. He embarked on H.M.A.T. "Aeneas" for the Front on 29th June, 1915, having been promoted to corporal in the previous month. V. G. L. Spotswood served in Egypt and Gallipoli, landing at the latter place in September, and was promoted to the rank of sergeant on 1st November, 1915. He was in the evacuation of the Peninsula on 1st December, 1915, and arrived in France in March, 1916.

At Broodseinde Ridge, near Ypres, on 4th October, 1917, he received wounds, from which he recovered and returned to service. He was again wounded at the Hindenburg Line, near Beaufort on 3rd October, 1918, and was invalided to England. He left England on H.M.A.T. "Bakara" on 23rd December, 1918, and reached Australia in March, 1919.



LIEUTENANT JACK GREBET STEBER

4th Infantry Battalion, A.I.F.

JACK GREBET STEBER was born on 19th December, 1894, at Manly, near Sydney, the son of Mr. Adolphe Grebet Steber and Mrs. Rose Grebet Steber. He was educated at the Sydney Grammar School, and entered the Bank's service at Haymarket Branch on 31st October, 1911; being transferred to North Sydney on 20th August, 1912; and to Ashfield on 13th February, 1914.

Jack Grebet Steber enlisted in August, 1914, and was appointed corporal. He embarked with his company for Egypt and was sent to Gallipoli, where he was present at the Landing, and whilst on the Peninsula he received slight wounds. While there he attained the rank of sergeant.

He was invalided to Australia after an attack of enteric fever. On his recovery he went to Duntroon College and gained his commission, and again proceeded to France, taking part in several of the big engagements. He was mentioned in despatches in Military Order, No. 570, of 1915:—

"153. Complimentary. The Army Corps Commander has very much pleasure in publishing the names of the junior regimental officers, warrant officers, N.C.O.'s and men in the attached supplement, which have been brought to his notice for having performed various acts of conspicuous gallantry or valuable service during the period from 25th April to 5th May, 1915. He cordially thanks them for the good work they have performed, which more than ever testifies to their devotion to duty towards King and Country. His only regret is that they cannot all be rewarded.

No. 382 Sergeant J. G. Steber, 4th Battalion.



LIEUTENANT ALAN WOODBURN STEVENS

6th Light Horse Regiment, A.I.F.

ALAN WOODBURN STEVENS was born on 9th March, 1896, at Junee, New South Wales, and is the son of Mr. George Stephenson Stevens, Manager of the Bank of New South Wales at Taree, and Mrs. Stevens. He was educated at King's College, Goulburn. He entered the service of the Bank at Goulburn on 15th April, 1913, and was transferred to Head Office (Inspector's Department) on 14th October, 1913, and to Parramatta on 28th of the following month.

Alan Woodburn Stevens enlisted as a private in the A.I.F. on 16th September, 1914, and saw service in Egypt, Gallipoli and Palestine. After having been promoted to corporal, sergeant and sergeant-major, he was granted a commission as second-lieutenant on 9th March, 1918, and promoted to lieutenant on 9th June, 1918.



SECOND-LIEUTENANT EDWARD CHARLES STEVENS

Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, B.E.F.

EDWARD CHARLES STEVENS, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. D. Stevens, was born at Bathurst, New South Wales, on 13th April, 1896, and proceeding to England at an early age, he was educated at the City of London School. He entered the service of the Bank on 1st December, 1914, at London, and enlisted as a member of the B.E.F. on 1st July, 1915, at Inns of Court, O.T.C. In December, 1915, he attained the rank of second-lieutenant in the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment.

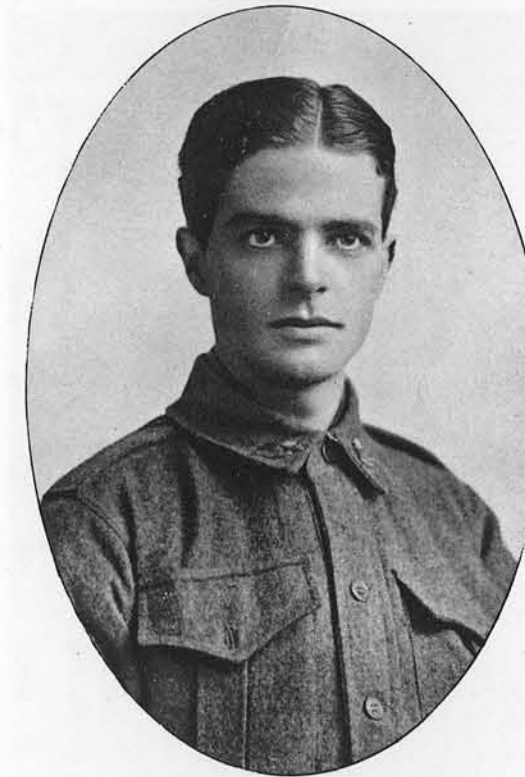


WARRANT OFFICER JACK STIBBARD

6th Australian Light Horse Regt., Anzac Mounted Division, A.I.F.

JACK STIBBARD was born on 31st March, 1894, at Obley, New South Wales, the son of Mr. George John and Mrs. Stibbard, of Henty, New South Wales. He was educated at the Petersham Technical College. He entered the Bank's service on 3rd August, 1911, at Henty; and on 9th July, 1915, was transferred to Corowa, as ledger-keeper.

Jack Stibbard enlisted on 3rd December, 1915, as a trooper in the A.I.F., and was allotted to the 6th Australian Light Horse Regiment, Anzac Mounted Division. He served in Egypt and Palestine, and was promoted to the rank of warrant officer on 1st April, 1919.



SERGEANT JOHN FERDINAND STURKEN

1st Army Pay Corps, A.I.F.

JOHAN FERDINAND STURKEN was born on 29th September, 1894, at North Fitzroy, Victoria, son of Mr. Henry and Mrs. Annie Sturken, and received his education at Highgate, Perth, Western Australia. He entered the service of the Bank at Melbourne on 21st February, 1911.

John Ferdinand Sturken enlisted in the A.I.F. as a private on 8th March, 1915, and before embarking with the troops for Egypt was promoted to the rank of sergeant. He was on the staff in Egypt as a member of the 1st Army Pay Corps.



LIEUTENANT ALFRED WILLIAM STURTRIDGE

4th Machine Gun Battalion, A.I.F.

ALFRED WILLIAM STURTRIDGE, son of Mr. E. and Mrs. E. L. Sturtridge, of Prairie Downs, Blackall, Queensland, was born at Emmaville, New South Wales, on 26th November, 1887. He was educated at the State School, Emmaville, N.S.W., and joined the Bank's staff on 1st October, 1905, at Emmaville. On 10th November, 1906, he was transferred to Dungog; on 13th November, 1907, to Gunnedah; on 3rd December, 1908, to Maitland; on 1st July, 1909, he was appointed ledger-keeper at Maitland; on 20th July, 1910, he was sent to Boggabri, as assistant; on 22nd December, 1911, to Tamworth, as ledger-keeper; on 14th July, 1913, to Emerald, as assistant; on 3rd March, 1914, to Longreach, as teller; and on 7th June, 1915, to Hughenden, in the same capacity.

Alfred William Sturtridge enlisted on 14th August, 1915, as a private in the A.I.F., and embarked at Brisbane on 16th August, 1916. He arrived in France in December, 1916, where he was in continuous service and received the following promotions: corporal, February, 1917; second-lieutenant, December, 1917; and lieutenant a year later. He returned to Australia on 3rd July, 1919.



SERGEANT ALEXANDER GEORGE SUTHERLAND

5th Seaforth Highlanders, B.E.F.

ALEXANDER GEORGE SUTHERLAND was born on 6th February, 1884, at Wick, Scotland, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George S. Sutherland. He was educated at the Wick Academy, and entered the service of the Bank on 12th March, 1905, at London.

He enlisted as a private in the 5th Seaforth Highlanders in March, 1916; was promoted to corporal in August, and to sergeant in December, 1916, serving in the latter capacity with the 2nd, 4th and 5th Seaforth Highlanders.



SERGEANT GEOFFREY WATSON SUTHERLAND

A Squadron, 8th Light Horse Regiment, A.I.F.

GEOFFREY WATSON SUTHERLAND was born on 7th December, 1893, at Kyneton, Victoria, the son of Mr. Thomas Watson Sutherland and Mrs. Alice Boyett Sutherland. He received his education at the State School, Kyneton, and Kyneton College, and joined the service of the Bank at Kyneton on 21st November, 1911. From there he was transferred to Bendigo on 21st August, 1913; thence to Inglewood (Victoria) on 3rd December, 1913, from which branch he went to Echuca, as ledger-keeper, on 28th August, 1914.

Geoffrey Watson Sutherland enlisted as a trooper in the A.I.F. on 28th December, 1915, and subsequently joined up with the A Squadron, 8th Light Horse, in Egypt, where he served with his regiment, also in Sinai and Palestine until June, 1919. He was promoted to corporal in December, 1917, and to sergeant in the following June. At El Burg, Palestine, he was wounded in December, 1917, rejoining his regiment after some months in hospital. He returned to Australia in November, 1919.



PRIVATE THOMAS RENWICK SWANLEY

1st and 4th Seaforth Highlanders, B.E.F.

THOMAS RENWICK SWANLEY, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Swanley, was born at Lochee, Scotland, on 27th September, 1893. He was educated at Harris Academy, Dundee, and entered the service of the Bank on 3rd September, 1913, at London. Prior to his association with the Bank of New South Wales he served his apprenticeship in the Royal Bank of Scotland, Lochee, where the management thought very highly of his ability. He passed the Bankers' Associate Examination with distinction, coming third in the list for Scotland.

Thomas Renwick Swanley enlisted in London in October, 1914, as a private in the Seaforth Highlanders, B.E.F. His name was on the list for the ill-fated draft of February, 1915, but he was rejected, and had to undergo an operation to enable him to become a combatant. He left for France in 1915 and on 9th May took part in the Battle of Aubers Ridge, where he was mortally wounded, and died the day after the battle. He was buried with many of his comrades in one of the French cemeteries.



SERGEANT EDGAR BELL SYMONDS

5th Infantry and 1st Pioneer Battalions, A.I.F.

EDGAR BELL SYMONDS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Symonds, was born on 10th July, 1892, at Inglewood, Victoria. He was educated at Carlton College, Melbourne, and joined the Bank's service at St. Arnaud, Victoria, on 8th June, 1910; he was transferred from there to Kyneton on 17th January, 1914.

Edgar Bell Symonds enlisted in the A.I.F. on 7th August, 1914, attaining the rank of sergeant in the 5th Infantry and 1st Pioneer Battalions. He served in Egypt, all through the Gallipoli Campaign, and in France from March, 1916, until December, 1918.