

under heavy shell fire. By this means he was able to replenish the supply in the front line, which had become exhausted. Though wounded he remained at duty, with great determination, until the battalion was relieved four days later.

13073 Sjt. C. T. Carpenter, C. Gds. (Radstock).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When an enemy strong point, with a garrison of fifty men, was holding up the advance, he led his platoon with great gallantry and initiative round the flank under heavy fire and enfiladed the position. Owing to his prompt action the enemy were kept engaged and the position was captured. He has invariably set a magnificent example of courage and devotion to duty.

240655 Sjt. J. Carson, S. Lanc. R. (St. Helens).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a counter-attack. He crawled forward under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, and by firing rifle grenades completely knocked out an enemy machine-gun. His courageous action so demoralised the enemy that they started a retirement.

20655 Pte. H. G. Chamberlain, Suff. R. (Hitchin).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During operations an enemy aeroplane flew low over our lines and fired a white light, which was answered by a hostile sniper near by. Entirely on his own initiative he went in search of the sniper, found three in a shell-hole, killed them all, and returned with Very lights and a trench lamp. He afterwards accounted for three more snipers, lying out for hours in No Man's Land and stalking them when they declared themselves.

19218 L./Cpl. W. Chittenden, K.O.S.B. (W. Hythe).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the section gained their objective and were consolidating the position, they were suddenly subjected to a hail of bombs from the enemy's M.G. position. This man and a comrade immediately threw bombs into the enemy's strong point and rushed it on their own initiative, capturing two automatic rifles and twelve prisoners and wounding two. Their prompt action enabled the regiment on the right to advance when they were temporarily held up.

L/6022 Cpl. S. A. Chivers, R.F.A. (Peckham, S.E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action when he was wounded. He continued to keep his gun in action, though the guns on either side were blown up and ammunition dumps set alight. When his own gun was put out of action by a direct hit, a seriously wounded man buried, and the ammunition set alight, he assisted to remove the burning ammunition and to rescue the wounded man.

40135 L./Sjt. E. Clare, L'pool R. (Tyldesley, Lancs.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After a prolonged resistance by the

enemy he found himself in charge of his platoon, which he handled with courage and coolness, capturing an enemy strong point. Later, he did excellent patrol work, and finally took command of his company and brought it out of action four days later. His continued cheerfulness and fine spirit had the greatest effect on his men.

6328 C.S.M. A. Cokayne, Notts. & Derby. R. (Plymouth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed great courage in overcoming the resistance of enemy concrete dug-outs which had been overlooked by the assaulting waves and were bringing heavy machine-gun fire to bear on the advancing troops from the rear. It was owing to his magnificent example that the dug-outs were promptly captured and the garrisons killed or taken prisoners.

8488 Sjt. C. Coomber, Notts. & Derby. R. (Hammersmith, W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. When all the officers of his company were casualties, he led his company to their objective with great determination. He showed great courage and energy in the consolidation of the position, and set a splendid example to his men.

16101 Sjt. R. Cowell, Dur. L.I. (Durham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his battalion reached their objective the right flank was exposed. Although wounded, he took his platoon to cover the flank, and consolidated it under heavy fire from snipers. During an enemy counter-attack he moved his section forward out of the barrage to meet the attack, and successfully repulsed it. He showed great courage and initiative throughout the operations.

240087 Sjt. A. Cox, S. Staff. R. (Wolverhampton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in reconnoitring the wire within 15 yards of the enemy posts. On the following day, accompanied by an officer, he cut the protective wire, and, seeing the alarmed post about to escape, fired his revolver, checked the enemy, and enabled the remainder of the party to account for the posts. One prisoner was taken by him.

2245 Sjt. A. G. Cripps, R.A.M.C. (South Acton, W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of a relay post. Hearing of wounded men lying under fire, he made four journeys through the barrage, being blown upon the first journey, but bringing four men in on his back. Later, a shell burst at his post, killing and burying eleven men. He restored order, organised a rescue party, and brought out the eleven men.

25745 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) J. Crowther, S. Staff. R. (Wolverhampton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In spite of very intense shelling, he set up a dressing station in a shell-hole, and altogether bandaged up and evacuated about fifty wounded. For three days he worked incessantly, without any sleep, doing