

241856 L./Cpl. W. H. Matthews, L'pool R. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During our advance he rushed forward single-handed and ordered four enemy snipers, who were firing on our men from shell holes, to surrender. On their refusing to surrender he killed them all himself. His gallantry and determination deserved the highest praise.

10303 Sgt. J. McConnon, K.O.S.B. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although twice hit and buried by shell fire during an attack he carried on with his platoon and assumed command when his officer was wounded. It was entirely due to his endurance and able leadership that the objective was gained in the face of stiff opposition.

6923 C.S.M. J. W. McDonald, High. L.I. (Edinburgh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at a critical moment. During a hostile counter-attack he rallied his company, who were commencing to fall back owing to a misunderstanding, reorganised the defence, and by his fearless conduct completely restored their spirits and the situation. When two of his officers had become casualties he took control and showed complete disregard of shell and rifle fire in order to maintain communication with his flanks.

418022 Sgt. R. S. McDougall, R.E. (Partick).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during three days' severe fighting. He pushed forward with his cable detachment, laying cable by hand, as, owing to heavy shelling and the difficult nature of the ground, it was impossible to get the wagon forward. By his coolness, ability and determination, communication between the infantry and the artillery was maintained throughout the engagement without interruption.

6226 Sgt. H. McElroy, K.R.R.C. (Rusholme, Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Having led his platoon with great gallantry to its objective he went at great personal risk to the attack of a hostile machine gun which was active on his left flank. Accompanied by a rifleman, who was killed, he bombed and silenced the gun and killed its crew of three. Later, whilst holding the line, he set a splendid example of cheerfulness to his men and finally proved invaluable to his company commander whilst acting as company serjeant-major.

75769 L./Cpl. M. McGuire, Tank Corps (Middlesbro').

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After his tank had been put out of action by shell fire he volunteered to reconnoitre dug-outs from which machine-gun fire had been directed on the tank. He proceeded alone on foot in front of the advanced infantry and gained most important information, and throughout the action he set a splendid example to his crew when they held

a post for two hours in front of the advanced infantry.

4/4240 Pte. (L./Cpl.) M. McGuire, Leins. R. (Edenbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Finding his company held up by a strong enemy dug-out he organised a bombing party and attacked it, inflicting many casualties and forcing the occupants to run out. He then went forward alone, killing one officer and wounding three of the enemy.

5836 Pte. J. McIlheney, H.L.I. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In order to make a reconnaissance of the enemy front line he twice went over the parapet in full view of the enemy and crawled down the steep, slippery side of a crater, the bottom of which was full of water with barbed wire in it, crossed it, and crawled up into the enemy sap on the other side. At this point he was observed by an enemy sniper and fired upon, which compelled him to return to our lines. He returned again, however, the same afternoon with an officer and a serjeant and gained further information, although again heavily fired upon. That night he took part in a bombing attack upon the post which he had located during the day, and although outnumbered by the enemy and compelled to retire, he displayed splendid disregard of danger and great presence of mind, and as he crossed the crater in full view of the enemy, he threw into the water a large number of their bombs which he had found.

292782 Pte. J. W. McLintock, R. Highrs. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a stretcher bearer. He worked incessantly for thirty-two hours under heavy shell fire attending to the wounded and organising stretcher-bearing parties, both from our own men and the captured enemy. His coolness, endurance and initiative deserved the highest praise.

63141 Sgt. H. McMillan, R.F.A. (Beauley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty with a signalling party in our front line. Finding it impossible to keep a telephone line through to his battery he established a visual station back to the brigade rear observation post, and when the smoke of the barrage made it impossible to flash messages any longer he undertook the work of carrying them himself, continually passing through heavy barrages with the finest disregard of personal safety until he was severely wounded. He was of invaluable service to his battery, and his splendid determination and high sense of duty on these occasions was only one of many instances in which he has earned the admiration of all ranks.

240470 Pte. J. McRae, H.L.I. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a stretcher bearer. His work involved carrying men across the open, often under shell fire, for distances up to 600 yards. In spite of these dangerous and trying conditions he showed the greatest energy and a splendid disregard of personal safety in the discharge of his duties.