

swim across a river with two cables at a point where a boat could not be used owing to enemy observation, and accomplished his task, though both banks were continuously and heavily shelled. His initiative and disregard of danger enabled urgent work to be carried out.

202196 Sjt. A. Ross, Seaf. Highrs. (Invergordon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As our second objective had been destroyed by artillery fire, he took part of the platoon on to assist in the capture of a second strong point assigned to another company. It was owing to his dash and energy that this company was able to gain the objective and the troops in that section were able to advance.

12113 Pte. G. W. Ryan, Leic. R. (Leicester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a heavy hostile counter-attack he carried messages from the front line eight times through a heavy hostile barrage. He showed great courage and determination.

16/1516 Sjt. A. S. Scott, W. York. R. (Shipley, Yorks.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He did valuable work in getting men to their assembly positions for the attack under a heavy bombardment. He showed the greatest dash and judgment in the attack and, though wounded, led his men to their objective and consolidated under heavy fire. He set a splendid example of courage and determination.

5846 L./Sjt. (A./Sjt.) F. Selby, Bedf. R. (Ponders End).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed great courage and determination when on a patrol which went to look for some wounded men. The officer in charge was severely wounded, and it was entirely owing to his splendid courage and assistance that the officer was finally brought in to our lines.

43791 Cpl. G. Sharp, R.E. (Derby).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. For three days he continually repaired telephone wires under heavy fire. It was almost entirely due to his personal gallantry and initiative that communication was kept up.

8316 Sjt. W. J. Sharp, Hamp. R. (Eastney).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. When all the officers of his company became casualties he took command of the company, rallied and reorganised them, and led them forward and consolidated the position. Later he beat off an enemy counter-attack, setting a splendid example of courage to his men throughout.

7838 Sjt. T. Shenton, R. Scots. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the advance of his company was checked by an enemy post, on his own initiative he organised a party and rushed the post, completely annihilating the garrison. When the enemy made a counter-

attack, though subjected to heavy machine-gun fire from the front and flank, he organised the few men that were with him and drove them off.

S/5712 Cpl. T. Sinclair, Gord. High. (Paisley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as the M.O.'s senior orderly, collecting and dressing wounded for three days and nights, though greatly exhausted. He went out alone in search of a severely-wounded officer in No Man's Land, and found him close to an enemy strong point. Though observed and sniped at he succeeded in carrying him back to our lines.

40482 Sjt. C. W. Slaney, N. Staff. R. (Biddulph, Staffs.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He carried out several bold reconnaissances in front of the final objective, during one of which he killed an enemy sniper. When all his officers had become casualties he commanded the company successfully for several hours, setting them a magnificent example of courage and fearlessness.

2432 Pte. E. J. Smart, R.W. Kent R. (Tunbridge Wells).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy was bombarding very heavily and preparing to counter-attack he assisted in rallying a party of men who were becoming demoralised by the heavy shell-fire, and encouraged them and restored their confidence by his splendid example of contempt of danger.

686145 Sjt. A. Smith, R.F.A. (Bradford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The battery came under heavy shell fire while in action, and the whole of his detachment were wounded and the gun-pit set on fire. Though severely wounded in four places he put out the fire and attended to his wounded comrades. He set a splendid example to all.

34920 Cpl. G. W. Smith, R.F.A. (Barnsley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went forward in an attack with the forward observing officer. The officer was killed on the way to the position, and he established the observation post under heavy fire and kept up communication throughout the day. He showed great initiative and courage.

12316 Cpl. J. Smith, Shrops. L.I. (Llangollen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On his own initiative he rushed from the support line in full view of the enemy, and attacked a party of the enemy who were bombing the front line. He killed the enemy officer and one man and captured the remaining eight. He showed magnificent courage and resource.

R 12342 Sjt. P. Smith; K.R.R.C. (Chiswick, London).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He ably assisted his officer in leading a bombing party into the enemy's trenches. During the subsequent attack, though