

ing, in which he killed three of the enemy, capturing others. He also carried out three successful patrols on the night prior to the raid, bringing back valuable information.

240267 Sjt. T. Rowe, L'pool R. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On his own initiative he collected a party of men of various units who were mixed up and disorganised, and led them to the attack on an enemy strong point, which he captured with ten prisoners and a machine gun. He garrisoned the position, making it secure against counter-attack. His un-failing courage and excellent leadership rallied the men with him and added to the success of the operations.

243115 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) J. H. Rubery, R. War. R. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his officers became casualties during an advance he took command of all the men in the neighbourhood and led them forward to the company's objective, which he consolidated, capturing a large number of prisoners and several machine guns. His leadership and example were of the greatest value.

200679 L./Cpl. T. Rusdale, S. Lanc. R. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company had suffered severe casualties and all the N.C.O.'s in his platoon were killed or wounded, he took command and reorganised several other parties, who were without leaders, under very heavy hostile shell fire. By his courage, resource and initiative he rendered great assistance to the only remaining officer in the sector.

31216 Pte. C. Rush, Essex R. (Mayland).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as stretcher-bearer after all the other bearers were out of action. He continued for twelve hours tending the wounded without help in the open and placing them under cover. Later, he carried a badly wounded man in on his back, all under very heavy fire.

251592 2nd Cpl. S. E. Russell, R.E. (West Wickham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of a Bde. Exchange. When both his linesmen became missing, he maintained communication until relieved, himself acting as linesman besides taking his turn as telephonist. He had two lines of his own which were cut dozens of times, but which he repaired single-handed.

12063 Sjt. A. Sanders, Worcester R. (Broms-grove).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He led his platoon with great determination against a "pill-box" which had been checking the advance. Later, he took over the duties of Company Serjeant-Major, and did excellent work in reorganising the company. He set a splendid example to all ranks.

266451 Cpl. E. Secker, Ches. R. (Dukin-field).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of a Lewis gun team occupying an advanced post, and, though his position was twice blown up and most of his men became casualties, he held his position with one man until relieved. He did most valuable work in maintaining the new positions against hostile counter-attacks and severe shell and machine gun fire.

20513 Pte. A. H. Shave, Norf. R. (Stow-market).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as stretcher-bearer. When a wounded man was seen in No Man's Land about fifty yards from the enemy's line, he went out on his own initiative in daylight, and, though fired at with machine guns and rifles the whole time, succeeded, with the help of another man, in carrying him in over most difficult ground. He set a magnificent example of courage and self-sacrifice.

6650 Pte. J. Sharp, R.A.M.C. (Leicester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in carrying in five wounded men, thereby saving their lives, as the place was being heavily shelled at the time.

268012 Pte. J. W. Sheard, Ches. R. (Halifax).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as runner during an attack. He performed his duties in a gallant and fearless manner, on more than one occasion acting as guide to reinforcements, guiding them to their positions during most critical periods. He went about continually under the heaviest bombardments, setting a splendid example to all. On one occasion he brought in a severely wounded comrade from an exposed position.

10827 Pte. G. O. Shorthose, Gord. Highrs. (Burton-on-Trent).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on a raid with an officer and four other ranks. When the officer and two men were badly wounded he made a gallant effort to reach the enemy's line, which was found to be impossible. Under heavy machine-gun fire he assisted the officer back to our front line. He then went out and brought in a wounded man on his back. He searched some time for the other man, under heavy fire, and found his body. He could not bring it in then, but returned after dark and recovered it.

28073 Sjt. W. Sidlow, Lanc. Fus. (Atherton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in rushing two enemy posts, capturing twelve prisoners who had been holding up the advance.

27343 Pte. G. Sizer, K.O.S.B. (Haverhill).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the men of the company were suffering heavy casualties from an enemy "pill-box" containing two officers and three men, he ran forward alone, killed the three men, and captured the two officers.