

241994 Cpl. F. H. Skelton, Lan. Fus. (Rochdale).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of his platoon after his officer had become a casualty. He held his post against a strong counter-attack. Later he was wounded in going out to try to deal with a sniper who had caused many casualties.

20320 Pte. A. Smith, Norf. R. (Gt. Saxham, nr. Bury St. Edmunds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. 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, assisted in carrying him in over most difficult ground. He set a magnificent example of courage and self-sacrifice.

66599 Pte. (A./L.-Sjt.) W. Smith, R.A.M.C. (W. Lavington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He worked continuously for forty-eight hours, directing stretcher-bearers and accompanying them through heavy shell fire over difficult ground, and carried in a wounded man under heavy fire. His coolness and energy inspired all ranks.

18780 A./C.S.M. A. Steel, York. L.I. (Wakefield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When most of his officers were casualties he assisted in consolidating the captured ground under a heavy barrage. Later, he went out on patrol and gained valuable information. His gallantry was a fine example to all ranks.

3771 Cpl. E. Stockton, Lanc. Fus. (Salford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in carrying messages from battalion headquarters to the front line under heavy fire and in unspeakable conditions. He succeeded in reaching the proper quarter with his message every time. His assistance to his C.O. during the transport of rations from battalion headquarters to the front line was invaluable.

38565 Sjt. P. W. Sturt, R.F.A. (Camberwell).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Three of his detachment having been wounded, he was helping to serve the gun when a shell landed within a yard, blowing him off the seat of the gun. Finding the gun had been put out of action, he manned the next gun, and continued to serve it under heavy fire until the situation was reported satisfactory, when he was ordered to take cover.

39630 Cpl. G. Sykes, York. L.I. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When an enemy strong point was causing trouble he collected a party and rushed the point, capturing an officer and twelve other prisoners and four machine-guns. His determined action was of the greatest assistance to the advance.

66774 Bomdr. (A./Cpl.) G. W. Taylor, R.F.A. (Reading).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Though wounded, he helped to carry a wounded signaller to a place of safety. He then went forward in charge of signallers to the forward observation post. On the following morning he went forward behind the infantry attack, established a visual station under heavy shell fire, and sent back several urgent messages. Though again wounded, he remained at his post. He showed the greatest courage and devotion to duty.

27316 L./Cpl. H. Taylor, R. Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as battalion runner during four days' operations, delivering messages to the front line by day and night, often when other runners had failed, under heavy fire and in the worst possible weather conditions.

7811 C.S.M. T. R. Taylor, R.W. Kent R. (Swanscombe).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On four occasions he passed through a heavy barrage to lead up S.A.A., rations and water to the men in front who were being attacked.

12215 Cpl. G. Thomson, K.O.S.B. (Brydekirk by Annan).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in working round the flank and capturing an enemy strong point which was holding up the company. In it were about fifty of the enemy. He afterwards beat off with loss all counter-attacks on his trench.

S/3214 Sjt. E. G. Thompson, R. Bde. (Forest Gate).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of the battalion pack transport, and on reaching the ration dump the mules stampeded owing to heavy shell fire, the loads falling off the mules. With great coolness he collected the scattered stores, reloaded the animals, and, going forward under the enemy's fire, delivered his ammunition and stores complete. He rendered most valuable service to his battalion.

200500 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) O. Tomlin, R. War. R. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He located and attacked an enemy machine-gun which had caused many casualties and was holding up the advance, and captured it with five prisoners. He showed the greatest courage and initiative.

10018 Sjt. H. A. Tracey, R.W. Surrey R. (Dover).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He steadied his men by his example under continuous shell fire. When an ammunition dump was set on fire during an enemy barrage, he at once went to the spot in spite of several explosions, and with the help of another N.C.O. extinguished the fire. His prompt and courageous action saved loss of life and ammunition.

202036 Sjt. W. J. Trethewey, Hamps. R. (St. Austell).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. His platoon met with