

92859 Pte. A. Snelgrove, Midd'x R. (Waltham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a strong enemy attack had driven back the company on the flank and when the enemy were endeavouring to work round to the rear of their own company, he, with another man, picked up a machine gun, rushed out with it across the open, and opened fire on the enemy on their flank and rear, remaining in this exposed position for two hours. This very gallant and courageous deed resulted in the enemy being driven back and the position restored.

260011 Cpl. E. Southern, R. War. R. (Bootle).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. By his skilful leadership he greatly assisted in repelling the attack. Later, he led forward a party under heavy fire, carrying bombs and ammunition which were urgently required.

345209 Pte. T. H. Spence, R. Highrs. (Kirkcaldy).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He rushed an enemy machine gun with a corporal and killed one of the enemy who was in the act of bayoneting the corporal, and immediately afterwards saved his serjeant by killing one of the enemy who was attacking him. He displayed splendid initiative and courage.

306265 Sjt. H. Speight, W. Yorks. R. (Leeds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of his company on reaching the objective, all the officers being casualties. Discovering a concrete emplacement and a series of dug-outs full of the enemy, in company with another N.C.O. he killed three of the enemy and sent orders for a bombing section to clear the dug-outs. Over twenty of the enemy were killed and three officers and sixty other ranks captured. During a strong enemy counter-attack he had a Lewis gun turned round to stop an enveloping movement, and kept up a vigorous offensive till the attack was repulsed.

201680 Sjt. J. R. Spetch, W. Rid. R. (Halifax).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon was held up by an enemy machine gun, he located the gun and then single-handedly attacked and captured it and led his platoon forward to their objective.

2623 Sjt. W. Spicer, Ir. Gds. (Westport, Co. Mayo).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of pack-mules bringing forward stores, his party received several casualties, both amongst men and animals, from the very intense hostile barrage. Despite this, all the stores were safely brought up the line, failure to have delivered which would have been disastrous to the companies assaulting later in the day.

His splendid courage and gallant conduct were beyond all praise, and his complete disregard for personal safety was a fine example to all ranks.

13211 Sjt. A. Spowage, G. Gds. (Newark).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon commander was wounded early in an attack he took charge and led the platoon forward with great determination under heavy fire, capturing several machine guns and killing the teams. Seeing that the flank of the battalion was in the air, he led his platoon on his own initiative to fill the gap. He consolidated his position under heavy fire, and saved a critical situation by his courage and good leadership.

295293 L./C. C. Spratt, Som. L.I. (Taunton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of a Lewis-gun team during an attack, he moved his gun into a favourable position close to the enemy under very heavy fire, and by enfilade fire into the enemy's trench he silenced a machine gun which was causing many casualties, and assisted the attacking troops to advance. He set a splendid example of courage and determination.

70281 Sjt. H. Standing, R.F.A. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as acting serjeant-major during five days' operations. When the battery was heavily shelled whilst supporting an infantry attack, he took the place of casualties at the guns and dressed and evacuated the wounded.

25895 Dvr. W. Stanley, R.F.A. (Stoke-on-Trent).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the team in which he was driving coming under machine-gun fire several casualties were caused amongst men and horses. He displayed the greatest coolness in getting away the sound horses, leading them away under fire to a place of safety. Discovering that one wounded driver had not been brought in, he returned under extremely heavy fire and succeeded in carrying him to a place of safety, though the enemy were but one hundred yards away. His courage and gallantry were deserving of the greatest merit.

*14530 B.S.M. C. E. Steele, R.G.A. (Belfast).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He organized and commanded a party of men despite heavy shelling, and prevented a serious fire from spreading to an ammunition store. He then entered a shelter which was in flames and extracted a dead man, and searched for another who was missing. His conduct set an example to the men under him.

720767 L./Sjt. S. G. Stephens, M.M., Lond. R. (Camberwell).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He organized and guided to an ad-