

202254 C.S.M. W. Rushton, Lan. Fus. (Stoke-on-Trent).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After the capture of an enemy post he set about the work of consolidation with great skill, though considerably harassed by snipers. He crawled forward to reconnoitre and located three, whom he killed. He returned to the post, but the consolidation was much interfered with by the enemy with rifle grenades and trench mortars. He then crept out some distance to a flank, and, showing himself, and ostentatiously digging and throwing up earth, induced the enemy to think the consolidation was proceeding in his locality. His ruse de guerre was very successful, and he drew the enemy fire off the post and enabled the real work of consolidation to be completed. He set a brilliant example of gallantry and alert initiative.

S/14820 Sjt. W. Sadler, M.M., Cam'n Highrs. (Invergowrie).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon with the greatest gallantry in an attack. Though wounded no less than four times, he kept advancing and controlling his men perfectly, giving his orders under intense machine-gun fire with the greatest coolness. He was finally wounded for the fifth time. His splendid courage and tenacity were a great inspiration to his platoon.

76029 Dvr. J. H. Sargent, R.F.A. (Mile End, E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This man was driving a gun into action when an enemy shell burst near by, killing the off horse and severely wounding him in the hand. He got the dead horse clear of the harness and then drove the gun through heavy fire about 500 yards clear of the shelled area. He had to be lifted off his horse, and it was found his right hand had been almost blown off. His gallant endurance and devotion to duty undoubtedly saved the drivers and team from further casualties.

11/1207 Cpl. T. Sawyers, E. York. R. (Hull).

For conspicuous gallantry in leading his section against an enemy post which was holding up the general advance. The situation called for immediate action, and, realising this, he skilfully pushed his section forward and eventually rushed the position. When the line was established he organised parties to carry ammunition to the posts under very trying circumstances. His courage and determination were a fine example to his men.

34774 Sjt. W. F. Scrivens, R.F.A. (South Godstone).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Coming into action hastily to cover a retirement, he fired most successfully with open sights all the afternoon on two enemy field batteries which were coming into action and on the advancing enemy, until a shell burst on his gun, killing or wounding all the detachment and slightly wounding himself. He got his wounded away to a dressing station. His fire saved the divisional in-

fantry from more losses on the ridge they held.

630585 Sjt. S. N. Seager, Lond. R. (Penge).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. When the leading line had been held up by machine-gun fire he collected seven men and led them along a ridge. All seven were wounded, so he walked back and fetched more men, whom he led forward. Again every man was hit. He walked back again and asked if he should take more men and make a third attempt.

51132 Sjt. F. Shakespeare, Durh. L.I. (Lichfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as acting C.S.M. He was of great assistance in making arrangements before the attack. During the assault he controlled and steadied the men, reorganising them on reaching the objective. Later, although wounded, he remained with the company until it was relieved.

201991 Pte. H. E. Sharpe, Linc. R. (Little Bytham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He covered his company's withdrawal with his Lewis gun team, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy and holding them up. Next day, when his team became casualties and his gun was buried, he dug it out himself, and in a few minutes had it in action against the advancing enemy. During the remainder of the action he fought his gun with the greatest determination with only a small scratch team, inflicting serious losses on the enemy. He did fine work.

265181 Sjt. J. Shaw, Sea. Highrs. (Granton-on-Spey).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In an attack he led his platoon forward with conspicuous gallantry, took his objective, and maintained his position, despite very heavy shell fire. His coolness and fine leadership under very difficult circumstances were most marked.

5643 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) W. G. Sheath, M.M., M.G. Corps (Aston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He rendered very valuable assistance to his officer, and when the latter was wounded he assumed command of the sub-section and kept the men well together, patrolling the ground between the two guns under heavy enemy bombardment. When ordered to withdraw he was the last to leave the position, covering the withdrawal by rifle fire, and when it was found that the spare parts case had been left behind he went back again to get it. Four of the enemy tried to cut him off. He shot one, and the rest gave up the attempt. Throughout the battle he set a very fine example of courage and determination to his men.

44296 Pte. A. Sheffield, Worc. R. (Southampton).

For conspicuous gallantry in a raid. After rushing an enemy pill-box he attempted to surprise and capture a machine-gun post, but discovered that several of his party were mis-