

ing. He stayed out till dawn amongst the enemy positions, searching for the missing men. His conduct was excellent.

20100 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) J. Shephard, M.G. Corps ([E] Newcastle-on-Tyne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his section when the officer and serjeant became casualties, and handled his men with cool judgment and tactical ability. His personal gallantry under intense fire, his cheerfulness and devotion to duty were a splendid example, and greatly helped to maintain the spirits of his men under harassing conditions.

S/24572 Pte. J. H. Shepperd, R. Highrs. (E. Sheen).

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He advanced alone on a post occupied by twenty-one of the enemy, whom he captured and brought back to his lines. His magnificent courage and enterprise set a great example to those around him.

D/20515 Pte. R. W. Short, Dn. Gds. (Dunmow).

For most conspicuous gallantry during an attack. He was sent out with another man to reconnoitre a village. This reconnaissance was carried out with the greatest dash, the two entering the village and capturing twenty prisoners and two motor lorries. Private Short further killed two of the enemy who showed fight. He displayed fine courage and enterprise.

82452 Cpl. P. T. Shufflebotham, M.M., R.F.A. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. At the commencement of the bombardment he fired 60 out of the 80 rounds, and later went forward with three men and fired the remaining 20 rounds under intense enemy fire into the advancing enemy. He then put his gun out of action, withdrew to battery headquarters, and was the first man to volunteer to assist in placing two guns in action to cover a bridge. He did fine work.

201194 Sjt. G. Sievwright, M.M., R. Highrs. (Dundee).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When some of the men were missing after a raid, he went out to search, and in spite of heavy machine-gun fire, succeeded in bringing in the wounded, one of whom was beyond the enemy's front line.

83963 Sjt. C. A. Sills, M.M., R.E. (Doncaster).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the carrying party of which he was in charge suffered severe casualties from a heavy hostile barrage, this N.C.O. ordered the remainder to take cover, while he himself, in the absence of stretcher-bearers, bandaged the wounded and got them into comparative safety. His fine qualities of leadership and determination enabled him to keep his party together, and to accomplish successfully the task entrusted to him. Later, he was in charge of a section working for four hours under heavy shell and machine-gun fire constructing a road for pack animals to within 400 yards of the front-line

posts. He successfully completed the work, and whilst returning he found a wounded man in the standing corn who had been missed by the stretcher-bearers. The machine-gun fire was intense, but he brought the wounded man in and handed him over to the stretcher-bearers. His conduct throughout was exemplary.

771893 Gnr. H. Simpkin, R.F.A. (Bridlington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While retiring with a wounded man towards a river bridge he observed that the bridge was held by the enemy. He went a kilometre to the left of the bridge, swam out to a boat in mid-stream, and under heavy fire returned with it and brought across a party of twenty men. He led the party to the canal and waded shoulder deep with the wounded man under cover of the reeds to the bridge, getting him safely across under heavy fire from the river bank.

38270 Pte. E. Simpson, W. York. R. (Bramley, near Leeds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While Pte. Simpson was engaged in cutting a gap in the enemy wire, which was checking the progress of his section during our advance, he was attacked by an enemy officer, who fired at him at point-blank range. Pte. Simpson, who was untouched, desisted from his task and killed his assailant, and then resumed his work of cutting the wire, eventually making a way for his section to advance. Subsequently, when the enemy threw several stick grenades at his section, with rare promptitude and courage he picked up the grenades before they exploded and threw them back, undoubtedly saving many casualties. During the whole operation his conduct was distinguished by fine courage and disregard of danger.

6124 Cpl. M. Simpson, West India R.

For conspicuous gallantry and consistent good work when in charge of a Stokes gun during an attack. After the firing line had given ground, he brought his gun and ammunition back in splendid order under very heavy fire. Later, he rendered fine service whilst in charge of a Stokes gun throughout a day's fighting.

75577 Sjt. J. Sims, R.G.A. (Bristol).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as No. 1 of his gun, which was in action continuously for sixteen hours. His gun was hit twice, and he was hit and knocked over, but he continued firing until ordered away thoroughly exhausted. His shooting was most accurate all day, and his services throughout were invaluable.

10/1134 Pte. W. Singleton, E. York. R. (Hull).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During our attack a gap was formed between the battalion and the unit on its flank. Pte. Singleton, on his own initiative, took up a position with his Lewis gun and kept the gap covered with his fire until the final objective was reached and the gap