

He reorganised the remnants and led them forward to the final objective with great determination. Working under very adverse conditions and in the face of intense fire this warrant officer set a fine example in maintaining the discipline and morale of the company.

246304 Sjt. W. Cooper, D/15th Bde., R.F.A. (Bermondsey).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On two occasions he was with a convoy of wagons carrying ammunition, which was subjected to heavy shelling. The first time, after reconnoitring, he volunteered to conduct the wagons, one by one, through the barrage, passing through the shelling twelve times. On the other occasion three wagons stuck in a place being heavily shelled. His great courage and presence of mind prevented a panic and enabled the wagons to be successfully got away.

315790 Pte. G. Corbett, 18th Bn., Sco. Rif. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While acting as stretcher-bearer he saw a wounded man among the enemy wire, 300 yards away. He immediately proceeded to his aid, and, despite continuous sniping, brought him back part of the way, and finally with some help got him under cover. Later, when the company was ordered to withdraw, he, along with two others, remained with two wounded men for a day and a night. Subsequently, when one of the men died, he endeavoured to get the other back, but failed owing to the amount of wire in the way. He then returned to our lines, and in the evening, as gas was to be projected, volunteered to go out and affix the S.B.R. on the wounded man, but failed to find him.

29528 Pte. J. W. Cotton, 2nd Bn., Hamps. R. (Cotes).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He went forward alone to silence a troublesome machine gun, although fired on from about twenty yards. He rushed the post, capturing two machine guns and five of the crew. Later in the day he assisted in capturing another two machine-gun posts. His courage was magnificent.

22054 Pte. (L./Cpl.) E. Coulton, M.M., 3rd Bn., G. Gds. (Wigan).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative. When in command of his platoon this non-commissioned officer led it with great courage and skill into the objective. While engaged in consolidating the position he found some more of the enemy, who had not been engaged by our troops, and at once attacked and forced them to surrender.

G/5723 Pte. J. Cowell, 1st Bn., R.W. Kent R. (Westerham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a platoon runner. He advanced with his platoon to the attack, and after his serjeant had become a casualty assumed command and led his men forward to the objective, working his one remaining Lewis gun successfully in covering the advance. He

established touch with the battalion on his right and superintended the consolidation of the line of shell holes in touch with the troops on either side of him. On being relieved next day he brought his men out with only one casualty through a shell-swept area. His conduct throughout was magnificent and inspired all his men.

CZ/2047 P./O. J. G. Cowie, M.M., Hood Bn., R.N.V.R. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and resource during the attack on and capture of a village. He bombed a machine-gun post, killing the crew, and later, when counter-attacked, though he was wounded and gassed, he did invaluable service in getting together men of another unit as reinforcements, and by his fine courage and personal example aided materially in repelling the counter-attack.

M2/100487 Pte. W. T. Crawford, A.S. Corps (M.T.), att'd. 103rd Fld. Amb., R.A.M.C. (E) Plymouth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of a motor-ambulance wagon. He cleared casualties from the regimental aid-post, under heavy shell fire, for twelve hours. On one occasion, when the road was being heavily shelled in front of him, he volunteered to drive his car through the barrage to bring a badly wounded man back to the advanced dressing station, and, owing to his courage and resource, the man's life was saved. His was the only car that got through.

25561 Sjt. A. E. Cribbes, 6th Bn., Sea. Hghrs. (T.F.) (Kensington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This non-commissioned officer was in charge of a patrol sent forward by day to reconnoitre. In the face of heavy machine-gun fire and sniping, he captured an advanced post consisting of five men and a machine gun. Sending back the prisoners he continued the reconnaissance until he had established beyond doubt that the line was held by the enemy in force.

27847 Pte. W. Crook, 2nd Bn., Hamps. R. (Stoke Canon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He attacked, single-handed, an enemy machine-gun post which was holding up the attack. He succeeded in getting round it, and killed or captured the whole crew. Throughout the operations he showed most determined courage.

65350 Pte. J. J. Cross, 4th Bn., R. Fus. (Folkestone).

For conspicuous gallantry in action as a stretcher-bearer. The enemy were occupying a sunken road in strength, and were inflicting heavy casualties on our men. Despite very accurate and deadly machine-gun fire, at a range not exceeding 200 yards, and in full view of the enemy, he remained in "No Man's Land," dressing and attending to the wounded, continuing his magnificent work without interruption for eight hours, until he was finally wounded.