

parapet after everyone in his platoon, including himself, had been wounded, and he continued until blown off the parapet by a shell and again wounded. His great courage and determination prevented the enemy from entering our lines at this point, and the conditions under which he worked could not have been worse. The trench was completely flattened out by an intense bombardment of heavy mortars and shells of all calibres.

M2/051606 Sjt. E. M. Hatchell (New Brighton), A.S.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He attempted to drive a car, under heavy shell-fire, to the rescue of a motor ambulance which had been hit and disabled. His car was smashed, and he then crawled along to the motor ambulance, temporarily repaired the extensive damage, and was able to drive it back to the dressing station. His great courage and exceptional resource under extremely trying circumstances were worthy of the highest praise.

18861 Pte. F. Hayes (Wigan), L. N. Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when acting as stretcher-bearer. He and a comrade took out a stretcher into No Man's Land, under very heavy rifle fire, to rescue the wounded pilot of a wrecked aeroplane. His fellow-bearer was killed, but, with the assistance of a N.C.O., Pte. Hayes succeeded in carrying the wounded man back to our lines. He displayed the utmost coolness and gallantry throughout.

78894 Cpl. E. J. Hayhoe (New Southgate, London, N.), R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty under heavy fire. Although badly gassed, he continued to serve his mortar for six hours under heavy shell-fire, and, though his emplacement was hit three times, he repaired it and kept his gun in action. He set a magnificent example of pluck and determination.

27312 Pte. C. Hemsley (Forest Row), G. Gds.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in covering the retirement of a raiding party. He rushed forward single-handed and attacked eight of the enemy who were threatening to surround the party, thereby enabling the retirement to be carried out. He was the last man of our party to withdraw, and he carried a badly wounded comrade back to our own trenches.

23983 L./Cpl. J. A. Higson (Farnworth), L. N. Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in making a valuable and very daring personal reconnaissance at a critical time, under heavy hostile barrage and aircraft fire. He crossed the open in order to do so, and brought back very valuable information as to the enemy's movements. Afterwards he swam a river with a rope to the assistance of twenty men who were unable to swim, and was instrumental in bringing them safely across. This gallant action was performed under continual hostile shell-fire.

66897 Gnr. J. R. Hill (Liverpool), R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in maintaining communication under very heavy shell-fire by visual signalling when all other means had failed. After displaying great fearlessness and skill in successfully transmitting valuable messages, he found he could no longer get them through in this manner, so acted as runner, repeating his journey three times and passing through exceptionally heavy shell fire with his information. Throughout the day he was invaluable to the F.O.O. by reason of his pluck and energetic support.

10574 Pte. J. Hindle (E. Preston), L. N. Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With a comrade he established and maintained telephonic communication under conditions which rendered their work almost impossible owing to the extreme danger to which they were subjected. Heavy and direct machine gun fire, hostile barrage and aeroplane bombardments were continually directed upon them, but, in spite of all, these two very gallant men continued to patrol the line and effect repairs which were constantly becoming necessary, thus maintaining communication between the front line and Battalion Head Quarters at a most critical time. Their splendid determination and fearless devotion to duty cannot be too highly praised.

241453 Pte. W. Hogarth (Mapewell, nr. Barnsley), R. Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in lying up with a comrade in No Man's Land in order to examine enemy wire. Both were wounded, Pte. Hogarth severely so, so that he was almost unable to move. He, however, sent his comrade back with the required information, and dragged himself back after dark, having been hit in four places. His keenness in volunteering for patrol work and his gallantry in performing it have always been most noticeable.

L./19580 Sjt. H. Holmes (Scarborough), R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of teams with ammunition. He brought them through heavy barrage, by which a team was knocked out and he himself severely wounded in the head and arm. Despite this he stopped a runaway team, reorganised the remainder, and brought them along until unable to proceed further, when he was taken to the dressing station, having ensured the delivery of the ammunition by his pluck and great devotion to duty.

241689 Cpl. J. Holt (Bolton), N. Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a light trench mortar detachment. He had the important duty of covering the flank of one of our raiding parties, and when a counter-raid by the enemy came over his breastwork he attacked them vigorously with bombs and rifle fire, and, although outnumbered by five to one, compelled them to retire. Having done this, he opened fire with his mortar and fired ninety-