

the men. The dug-out was full of lethal gas fumes, and six of the men affected subsequently died. He set a splendid example of fearless devotion and self-sacrifice.

242630 Cpl. T. W. Taylor (Escombe), York. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy night attack upon our trenches. Although his bombing section was cut off from the rest of the company, he held on and bombed the attacking enemy from the rear, inflicting considerable casualties. By his coolness and courage he set an excellent example, and was responsible for the gallant conduct of his section.

37096 Spr. W. H. Thomas (Plaistow), R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in establishing and maintaining telegraphic communication under a heavy bombardment, and over exposed ground, during which he was constantly fired on by hostile aeroplanes at close range. His work was completed by sheer pluck and determination, and he patrolled the line at night at great personal risk, in order to maintain communication.

M1/5696 Pte. (A./Cpl.) A. R. Wadsworth (Upper Holloway, London, N.), A.S.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when, with lorries which were loaded with ammunition a block of traffic occurred, and great confusion ensued owing to heavy shell-fire, all the drivers except one leaving their lorries to take cover. He remained at his post, reversed his lorry, and took it out of danger, eventually by his own efforts saving four lorries from destruction. During this operation he had to take cover in a ditch, where he remained for 2½ hours. He displayed exceptional gallantry and presence of mind.

13713 L./Sjt. T. J. Waterfall (Manchester), G. Gde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a raiding party. Although seriously wounded in five places, he exhibited such valour, offensive spirit and powers of endurance that he succeeded in overcoming a numerically superior enemy and inflicted such losses on them that he was enabled to withdraw his party, amongst whom were three stretcher cases, to our trenches. His sound tactical dispositions frustrated an attempt to outflank his party, and he refused to be attended to until he had rendered a report of his raid to Hd.Qrs.

37748 Sjt. J. H. Williamson (W. Ealing, London), R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a working party. He kept them together under heavy shell fire, by which two of his gunners were wounded and the whole party badly shaken. By his courage and coolness the wounded were attended to and brought back to the dressing station under heavy shell fire. He set a very fine example.

13868 Sjt. (A/C.S.M.) G. A. Wills (Colchester), R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when engaged in laying cables. On account of its extreme urgency he persevered with his work under heavy shell fire, by his splendid example inducing the men of his working party to accomplish the task with complete success. He was finally very dangerously wounded.

35168 Sjt. H. Wood (Horbury, near Wakefield), E. York. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid upon enemy trenches. When his company commander was severely wounded he took command, and not only directed the withdrawal but carried his officer back for a considerable distance, bringing up the rear in spite of the enemy continuing to attack. His pluck and devotion were most marked.

240321 C.S.M. W. Wright (Bentley, Doncaster), Yorks. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. When in charge of a torpedo party he was responsible for laying the charges under the enemy wire. This duty he performed with the greatest skill and courage, though under constant fire at close range, afterwards laying out the tapes from our line to the point of entry into the enemy's line with equal success, though under continuous machine gun fire. He set a splendid example of determination and fearlessness.

93336 C./S./M. W. B. Young (E. Glasgow), R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a dump of stores. Although it was practically blotted out by a heavy enemy bombardment, he remained at his post, calmly and courageously issuing stores the whole time, and thus enabling the maintenance of bridges and communications to proceed without any delay. His devotion to duty and powers of organisation were invaluable.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

30 Sjt. T. Johnson, Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in continually keeping his gun in action under the most trying conditions. His great courage and fine personal example under heavy shell and machine gun fire and hostile aircraft attacks were magnificent. He displayed great skill and resource in improvising loading stores, and carrying on until his gun was put out of action. He then personally attended to the wounded, carrying them to a place of safety under heavy shell fire at the imminent risk of his own life.

CANADIAN FORCE.

14445 L./Cpl. C. H. Atcherley, Cav.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a torpedo party.