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26th January, 1918.

With reference to the award of the Distinguished Conduct Medal conferred as announced in the London Gazette dated 22nd October, 1917; the following are the statements of service for which the decoration was conferred:—

**BAR TO DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT
MEDAL.**

45510 Sjt. H. W. Abbiss, R.A.M.C. (Cromer).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was continuously in charge of stretcher bearers throughout the operations under heavy shell fire. He remained on duty day and night for a week, and showed great organising abilities and coolness under the most difficult conditions, setting a splendid example to all under him.

(D.C.M. gazetted 20th October, 1916.)

6692 C.S.M. F. Birtwistle, Rif. Bde. (Bury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. When all his own party had become casualties he collected scattered men of other units and captured a strong point. He personally accounted for

several of the enemy, and showed great fearlessness and ability.

(D.C.M. gazetted 18th June, 1917.)

18549 L./Cpl. W. F. Chapman, W. Kent R. (Lenham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went forward alone and captured five of the enemy who were holding out in a dug-out, and later, when in an advanced bombing post, he was of the greatest assistance to his officer. Although his comrades were up to their waists in mud and water he made light of the conditions and by his cheerfulness encouraged the men to hold on until relieved.

(D.C.M. gazetted 25th August, 1917.)

13769 Sjt. J. Donnelly, Durh. L.I. (Benwell, Newcastle).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a gap had been caused in the line owing to an enemy counterattack, he led his platoon, which was in support, forward and filled the gap. He held his position throughout the day against several attacks by the enemy, and though his platoon suffered many casualties, he continued

to encourage and lead his men and set them a magnificent example throughout.
(D.C.M. gazetted 25th November, 1916.)

1543 Sjt. C. Easton, R. Highrs. (Edinburgh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Seeing that an officer had been hit some eighty yards in front of his post and was unable to move owing to continuous sniping, he ran forward, dressed his wounds and got him back to the river bank. As sniping still continued he swam the river, supporting the wounded officer, and gained the opposite bank. But for his splendid act of gallantry the officer must again have been hit by the enemy within a very short time, as they were within three hundred yards.
(D.C.M. gazetted 14th November, 1916.)

9839 B.S.M. T. Floyd, R.F.A. (Motherwell).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under a heavy rain of bombs from enemy aeroplanes he went to the assistance of several wounded men, bound them up and carried those who could not walk to a lorry and drove them all to safety. His prompt and fearless action was a splendid example to all.

(D.C.M. gazetted 14th January, 1916.)

40658 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) H. Goodwin, R.A.M.C. (Lewisham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He successfully led eight squads of stretcher bearers to our front line under hostile fire so intense that it was necessary several times to get the men under cover on the way up. Having arrived there he arranged the evacuation of the wounded under continuous shell fire. He was eventually wounded himself whilst attending to the wounded. On many occasions he has displayed similar gallantry in leading stretcher squads under heavy fire, and on one occasion, although off duty, rushed to the help of a stretcher squad which had been knocked out by heavy enemy barrage, and saved the life of a man by the promptness and skill in which he attended to him under heavy fire.

(D.C.M. gazetted 16th August, 1917.)

8005 C.S.M. (A./R.S.M.) H. Harwood, Rif. Bde. (Cardiff).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The enemy were making repeated attempts to drive in some advanced posts. On four occasions he took a party carrying bombs and rifle grenades a distance of over a mile exposed to heavy fire, and though knee deep in mud he succeeded in bringing much needed reinforcements of both men and material to the outpost line.

(D.C.M. gazetted 14th January, 1916.)

1172 Pte. W. Humm, Rif. Brig. (Colchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as battalion stretcher bearer. He went out and brought back over twenty wounded who were lying out in the open, under direct enemy machine-gun and rifle fire. To do this he had also to get through the enemy's barrage which was between the wounded and

the aid post. The nature of the ground made it impossible to move except at the slowest pace, owing to the wet weather, and at times he was over his middle in mud. By his splendid gallantry and devotion many lives were saved.

(D.C.M. gazetted 18th June, 1917.)

200832 (frmly 3631) Sjt. D. Hutton, R. Highrs. (Dundee).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in attack. When all his officers were wounded he took command of his company under very difficult conditions and displayed absolute fearlessness in going about encouraging the men, though exposed to heavy machine-gun fire. He carried back a wounded comrade who had gone forward with him to silence an enemy strong point. Later, when the flank of his company became exposed, he held on to his position exposed to enfilade fire of all kinds until he received orders to withdraw, and he then carried out the withdrawal with great skill and without casualties, being the last man to withdraw. He set a splendid example of determination and courage.

(D.C.M. gazetted 11th December, 1916.)

18539 Sjt. W. Jones, R. Welsh Fus. (Rhondda).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon commander was wounded he reorganised his party and led an advance upon an enemy trench in the face of enemy sniping and machine-gun fire, and having placed parties on either flank he advanced with two men and bombed the enemy. Forty of them surrendered, and he captured a machine gun as well, after killing four of the enemy. He then collected his platoon again and continued his advance. He set a splendid example of coolness and fine leadership.

(D.C.M. gazetted 1st January, 1917.)

200309 (frmly. 1891) C.S.M. J. A. Morris, L'pool R. (Seacombe, Cheshire).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He gave the greatest assistance to his platoon officer in the capture of an enemy position, setting a splendid example to the men by his fearlessness and determination.

(D.C.M. gazetted 11th December, 1916.)

14092 Sjt. L. V. Royall, C. Gds. (Norwich).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of bridges. He kept them in order during the night under very difficult and trying circumstances, repairing three of them personally when broken by a hostile barrage. The following day he showed exceptional gallantry and resource whilst preparing pontoon approaches, and it was due to his coolness and efficiency that the work was quickly and successfully completed.

(D.C.M. gazetted 1st January, 1917.)

4029 C.S.M. (Drill Sjt.) H. G. Simons, C. Gds. (Clapton Park, London, N.E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in rescuing a wounded comrade from a burning dug-out. The dug-out had been set alight by an enemy shell, and this Warrant Officer, knowing that there was a consider-

able supply of bombs under the burning débris, immediately dashed up, at imminent danger of being blown up, and managed to extinguish the fire. Had he not taken these prompt and gallant measures the wounded man underneath the débris would undoubtedly have been blown up.

(D.C.M. gazetted 14th January, 1916.)

B/2391 Sjt. H. J. Willey, Rif. Bde. (Stoke Newington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon through a heavy barrage to reinforce another unit which was being strongly counter-attacked. He rallied men who had been driven back and led them forward. Though counter-attacked again and losing heavily, he held on to his position, which was one of the greatest importance, until relieved. He set a splendid example to all.

(D.C.M. gazetted 16th November, 1915.)

CANADIAN FORCE.

53610 L./Sjt. C. E. Routley, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His platoon officer becoming a casualty, he led his platoon to their objective with great coolness, and handled a difficult situation successfully. He reorganised his platoon, and assisted greatly in the reorganisation of his company. He led a patrol, capturing by himself a machine-gun and four prisoners. He located a large party of the enemy assembling for the attack, and succeeded in getting information to the artillery for this target. Although wounded twice in this patrol, he continued in command of his platoon until relieved four days later. His devotion to duty and excellent personal example to his men materially assisted the success of the operations.

(D.C.M. gazetted 14th November, 1916.)

DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.

266978 L./Cpl. L. Abrahams, Oxf. & Bucks. L.I. (Stepney, London).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as runner during an attack. When his platoon commander was wounded he carried him to a place of safety under intense machine-gun fire. He returned to the platoon, and, finding it without a leader, took command and led it in a most gallant manner to its objective. He then went to Battalion Headquarters with important information through an intense barrage, and, having handed over his platoon to a supporting company, continued his duties as runner under heavy fire. He showed the greatest initiative and courage on this and several other occasions.

15560 Pte. T. Adams, R. Fus. (Stourbridge).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as stretcher-bearer in an attack. He carried wounded men from the thickest part of the enemy barrage to the aid post, and worked unceasingly throughout the day and the following night dressing and bringing in wounded. His conduct is worthy of the highest praise.

20048 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) W. H. Afford, North'n R. (Offord Darcy).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all his officers had become

casualties in the attack he took command at a critical moment, reorganised the company, and enabled the advance to be continued by his own coolness and gallant personal example. Later, he again reorganised his men, and held the position throughout the night under very heavy fire.

12377 Q.M.S. (T./S.M.) B. L. Aldhous, R.A.M.C. (Dublin).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a dressing station was being shelled he supervised and helped with the evacuation of all the wounded, visiting all the tents and huts to see that they were clear under heavy fire. It was largely due to his initiative that 500 cases were removed without a single casualty.

6094 Sjt. A. Aldridge, Oxf. & Bucks. L.I. (Oxford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. By his skilful organisation and courage he was largely responsible for winning back some important ground which had been lost. He organised a counter-attack on a party of the enemy, and led it successfully under heavy fire. He set an excellent example of leadership and determination.

240999 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) H. Allan, Gord. Highrs. (New Blyth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After his platoon commander had become a casualty he took command of the platoon and led it forward. He was foremost in the attack, and set a splendid example, afterwards holding an isolated post for two days under heavy artillery and rifle fire, and by his coolness and determination beating off two counter-attacks on his flank.

325971 Cpl. S. Allgood, Camb. R. (Granchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed great ability in handling his Lewis gun team during an enemy counter-attack, and inflicted heavy losses on the enemy. Later, in spite of having had no rest for four days and nights, he cheerfully remained out in a shell-hole full of water with his team until the battalion was relieved. He set a splendid example to his men.

266629 Sjt. S. Allibone, Herts. R. (Tring).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. With an officer and a handful of men he fought his way through the only gap in the enemy's wire and bombed down the trench. When all his company officers had become casualties he took command of the remaining men of the company and led them with great ability. He showed exceptional qualities of leadership.

23/689 Cpl. T. W. Allison, North'd Fus. (Choppington Station, Northumberland).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when on patrol. He accompanied his officer on a difficult reconnaissance, and when the latter was severely wounded, and lying under fire, he went back and sheltered him with his body at great personal risk, remaining with him until it was possible to move him to a place of safety. No praise can be too great for this splendid act of devotion.

3/8645 A./S.M. E. E. Amos, Bedf. R. (Bedfont).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He worked day and night organising carrying parties to the front line until exhausted. He showed great gallantry in salving ammunition and distributing it to the companies in action, and by his total disregard of danger instilled a splendid fighting spirit in all ranks.

355024 C.S.M. J. H. Amos, L'pool R. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When told that all his company officers were out of action, he rallied what men he could find and gallantly led them forward in face of heavy machine-gun fire to the enemy's trench, which he was the first to enter. He displayed very great courage and fine leadership.

6750 C.S.M. J. T. Amos, N. Staffs. R. (Wolverhampton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He assisted an officer to rally some men of a neighbouring unit who had been forced back from an important post by an enemy assault. He then led a party in a counter-attack, and materially assisted in the recapture of this post. He set a splendid example of fearlessness and determination.

325619 Pte. E. L. Anderson, Cambridge R. (Cambridge).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Though wounded in the assembly position for an attack, he carried the gun 4,000 yards to the final objective, and dug in under very heavy fire. He was rapidly outflanked, and, all his team having been wounded, he remained behind and blew up his gun. He then fell back and joined the infantry, using his rifle to help to repel the attack. He acted throughout the operation with great coolness and devotion to duty.

72202 L./Sjt. M. Anderson, M.G. Corps (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a hostile counter-attack he got his two guns into a shell-hole thirty yards in front of our trench, and kept them in action under heavy bombardment, until the attack was repulsed. He exposed himself fearlessly to all kinds of fire in order to do this—by his coolness and devotion to duty keeping the teams in hand during a very trying period. He was largely responsible for the repulse of the counter-attack.

25033 Pte. W. Anderson, Sco. Rif. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With an N.C.O. he reconnoitred the ground in front of the position for 600 yards in broad daylight, capturing an enemy machine gun and killing the team. As the result of this action the line was advanced 600 yards, and the gain consolidated.

840329 Sjt. W. Arnold, R.F.A. (Coventry).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. An ammunition dump at the battery position was set on fire by hostile shelling. He set to work, with two other men, under heavy shell fire, and extinguished the

dump, saving several hundred rounds of ammunition. He showed great courage and coolness.

24980 Pte. (L./Cpl.) E. Ashton, N. Lanc. R. (Bolton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his section of bombers successfully to their final objective. Later in the day, when forced to withdraw, he noticed that another N.C.O. had been wounded whilst carrying his gun to the rear. He at once picked up the gun, and carried both the gun and the N.C.O. to the next position, thereby preventing both from falling into the hands of the enemy. Throughout the whole engagement he set a magnificent example of initiative and gallantry.

265494 Cpl. (actg. Sjt.) W. Ashwell, Herts. R. (Letchworth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He fought his Lewis gun until all the team and the gun had been knocked out. He then took command of the men round him, and helped to clear the enemy out of dug-outs. When all the officers of his company had become casualties, he took command and reorganised and consolidated the line. Throughout he set a splendid example to his men, and displayed great qualities of leadership.

201490 Sjt. H. L. Aust, R. Berks. R. (Reading).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an action. When all his officers became casualties, he took command of his company until the battalion was relieved. Throughout the action he showed a fine example of resolute courage and contempt for danger.

10918 Sjt. E. A. Austin, N. Staff. R. (Stoke-on-Trent).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He directed a successful attack on an enemy machine gun which was holding up our advance, captured it and took fourteen prisoners. His exceptional courage and resource saved many casualties, and largely contributed to our success.

6485 C.Q.M.S. (A./C.S.M.) S. Averill, N. Staff. R. (Keele, Staffs.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all his company officers had become casualties he took command, and secured the objective, in spite of heavy machine-gun fire on his flank. By his contempt of personal danger and splendid spirits he set a magnificent example to the men under his command.

L/9700 C.S.M. J. R. Ayres, Midd'x R. (Chatham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations, and especially during a counter-attack, when he rallied the men of his company after all his officers had become casualties, and by his fine personal example was instrumental in the attack being repulsed.

17881 Pte. C. Backhouse, Y. & L. R. (Leeds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to

duty under exceptionally trying conditions. Under very heavy shell fire he dug out several men of his company who had been buried. The following day he stuck to his rifle-pit, under very heavy shell fire, until it was demolished. He then dug out his platoon serjeant, who had been buried, and finally recovered his company's rations, and carried them to a place of safety. The next day he went forward under machine-gun and rifle fire, and brought in three wounded men. Throughout the operations he showed a magnificent spirit of determination and devotion to duty.

265630 Cpl. A. Baker, Herts. R. (Ware).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. After the officers of his company had become casualties, he led his platoon and displayed great initiative and good leadership. He collected parties of men and assisted the regimental serjeant-major, who was commanding the battalion, to consolidate the position. During the whole of the time he was under very heavy fire.

11398 Cpl. A. E. Baker, Worc. R., attd. L.T.M.B. (Stourbridge).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at a critical moment. When trench mortar detachments had become split up and disorganised owing to enemy shell fire, he found himself in charge of two gun detachments and a carrying party. He promptly organised his men, and resolutely led them to the first and second objectives, where he materially assisted the infantry in opening fire upon the enemy's machine guns.

P.1624 L./Cpl. F. Baker, Rif. Brig. (Kensal Rise).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as stretcher-bearer. Having got separated during the advance from the Medical Officer, he went out to the first objective and established an aid post, where he dealt with the wounded and organised bearer parties. After communicating his whereabouts to Headquarters, he continued to do excellent work throughout the action, often under heavy shell fire—setting an example of fearlessness and devotion to duty that deserves the highest praise.

108482 Dvr. J. Baker, R.F.A. (Birkenhead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when acting as guide to an ammunition-carrying party. On the return journey, seeing that a bridge which had to be crossed was under heavy shell fire, he went ahead to see if it was safe. Two of his party followed him, and a shell having broken the bridge, all three were thrown into the river. With great gallantry and devotion he rescued them both, and then climbed on to a portion of the bridge, only to find that it was drifting down-stream. He accordingly took to the water a third time, swam to the bank, and shouted to the party to go round by another bridge. That they all returned safely was due to his gallantry and presence of mind under very trying conditions.

490762 Pte. W. Baker, Lond. R. (Thornton Heath).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After all the stretcher-bearers in his company had been wounded, he repeatedly went into the open to bring in wounded men, and later in the day, when the enemy were shelling his battalion headquarters heavily, he went out alone and fetched in two wounded men, and was himself seriously wounded when returning to bring in a third. Throughout the day he set a splendid example of courage and disregard of personal danger.

14759 Sjt. E. Baldwin, L'pool R. (Burscough Town).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Assisted by another N.C.O., he bombed a concrete dug-out, drove out fourteen of the enemy, and made them prisoners. Later in the day he led a party with which he bombed several more dug-outs, and on the following day led his men in a most gallant manner through very heavy fire. After the attack his work in reorganising was invaluable; he collected his men under close and accurate machine-gun fire, brought them up in line, and personally supervised the consolidation of the new position. His gallantry and devotion to duty was most marked.

L./8718 Pte. (L./Cpl.) G. W. Bardell, R. Fus. (Winchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in handling and keeping his men together during an attack. Having arrived at one objective, he collected some men together, and on his own initiative led them forward against a strong point, which they captured, killing many of the enemy. His behaviour throughout was beyond all praise, and inspired confidence in all around him.

19951 Pte. (L./Cpl.) J. W. Barker, R. Scots Fus. (Durham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During twenty-four hours of heavy fighting he acted as company stretcher-bearer and did magnificent work under intense fire of every description. At one period a bomber was shot close to him, and two of the bombs in his pouch were ignited. With great promptitude Lce.-Corpl. Barker pulled open the man's pouch and threw both bombs away, when they immediately exploded. He was dressing the wounded man at the time, and his courageous action undoubtedly saved the lives of many of his comrades.

18427 Sjt. E. Barlow, North'd Fus. (Bulwell, Nottingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He commanded his platoon throughout the advance with great ability, leading a charge against a strong point which was holding up the advance, putting the whole garrison out of action. He then collected parties of men, and reached his objective after heavy fighting. His example throughout was magnificent, and it was due to him that the objective in that part of the line was reached.

C/3553 L./Cpl. W. J. Barltropp, K.R.R.C. (Newport, Essex).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as stretcher-bearer. He worked untiringly for six days, dressing the wounded under fire with admirable skill and disregard of personal danger. During this time he carried a wounded man, who was in need of immediate medical treatment, over ground which was swept by enemy snipers; they had already that day accounted for four runners who were using the same road. No praise can be too great for his courage and devotion.

54271 Pte. H. Barnett, R. Welsh Fus. (Leominster).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as runner during an attack. He continually carried messages of great importance over ground swept by enemy fire. It was only through his courage and untiring efforts that communication was kept up.

473174 Pte. F. Bass, R.A.M.C. (Needham Market).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He went about in the open in the most advanced position for several hours dressing the wounded under very heavy fire. He showed the greatest courage and devotion to duty.

201318 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) J. A. Bateup, North'n R. (Leicester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the officers of his company were casualties he handled his men with great coolness and skill during severe fighting, and maintained an advanced position until dusk. Since that occasion he has also done excellent service in reorganising his company, setting a fine example to all those under him.

20086 Sjt. (A.B.S.M.) D. G. Batson, R.G.A. (Southampton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an intense hostile bombardment of his battery position. With two guns hopelessly out of action and the remaining two with their camouflage and splinter mats on fire and the ammunition exploding, he gathered two or three men, went out and extinguished the fire, and got the two burnt guns into action. By this prompt and gallant action the enemy's guns were silenced, and a critical situation was restored by his admirable courage and presence of mind.

34887 A./Cpl. R. Bayliss, R.E. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of an advanced visual station. He crossed a canal under heavy shell fire, close behind our attack, and at once set up communication with Brigade Headquarters, which he maintained throughout the day, working amidst heavy bursts of shelling which twice blew in his station. He displayed the greatest gallantry and disregard of danger throughout, and was invaluable as the only means of communication between the attacking battalion and his brigade.

13162 Sjt. W. Beddoes, Shrops. L.I. (Bridgnorth, Salop).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he commanded his platoon for four days, and displayed the greatest gallantry in tackling and capturing enemy shelters, machine-gun emplacements and dug-outs. He also personally led parties into the ruins and cellars of a village, and successfully dealt with enemy snipers who were holding up units on his flanks. But for his prompt decision and gallantry in thus dealing with an area which was out of his own line of objective, our advance would have been seriously hampered. He also assisted to repulse several hostile counter-attacks by his own inspiring personal example.

50040 Bdr. T. Bell, R.F.A. (Kilkenny).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. A dug-out at the battery position was hit by a gas shell, and two officers were buried. Though the gas was very thick, he immediately went to their assistance, and with great difficulty liberated one of the officers. He carried him into the open air, and, though suffering from the effects of gas, returned and helped to rescue the other officer. He showed great courage and presence of mind.

20587 Sjt. W. Bell, M.G. Co. (Dublin).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His officer having been killed early in the action, he took charge of his two guns, and on the objective being reached carried out a daring personal reconnaissance under a heavy shell fire, and posted his guns in commanding positions with great judgment. He remained in command until relieved two nights later, displaying exceptionally fine qualities of leadership, and inspired all ranks with the coolness and skill in which he handled the guns.

4951 Sjt. G. H. Bellis, R. Ir. Rif. (Woodford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he led his platoon with great dash and gallantry, and on reaching the objective went forward beyond the outpost line and cleared many enemy dug-outs. His assistance was invaluable to his company commander, and throughout the operation he showed the utmost gallantry and ability both in leading and reorganising his company.

292492 Sjt. D. Bennet, R. Highrs. (nr. Forfar).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon Commander became a casualty he immediately assumed command, and successfully led his platoon to the objective. He then personally led a mopping up party, with which he successfully dealt with several enemy dug-outs, and later, when the platoon assaulting the final objective was weakened by casualties, he quickly reinforced it at a critical moment, thereby very greatly assisting in the success of the operation. His gallantry and initiative greatly inspired his men.

200142 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) A. E. Bennett, North'n R. (Irthlingborough).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to

duty. He led his section with great dash first through very heavy shell fire, and then through a hail of rifle and machine gun fire; and when most of his section were wounded, took over the men around him and maintained the ground gained until dusk. His gallantry and determination deserve the highest praise.

62 Sjt. A. W. Bennett, E. Surr. R. (Walton-on-the-Hill).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led the first wave of an attacking party with great gallantry and dash to the first objective, capturing fifteen of the enemy and killing many more. He then took command of the party and led them to their second objective, where he killed an officer and several men. During the withdrawal of the raiding party he showed a fine example to his men, and withdrew them as if on parade, although subjected to severe rifle fire.

307552 L./Cpl. J. W. Berriman, War. R. (Beverley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company were advancing to take up a line of outposts he was reconnoitring with one other man, and came upon a gun-pit occupied by the enemy. He shot a sentry and took the remainder prisoners. He showed great fearlessness and initiative.

266505 Pte. J. Bibby, W. Rid. R. (Low Bentham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the enemy's trenches. He pushed out three of the enemy and captured them with the assistance of a comrade. A machine gun was taken from this post also, and his action in rushing the post undoubtedly saved the second wave from being held up by machine gun fire.

43371 Pte. A. J. Biggs, Bedf. R. (Northampton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. Although wounded he insisted on remaining in action, and later during an enemy counter-attack he was bayoneted, but still remained cheerful, and encouraged his comrades until evacuated. He set a magnificent example of pluck and fearless devotion to duty.

24989 L./Cpl. F. Birtles, G. Gds. (Stoke-on-Trent).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack upon the enemy's line. When his platoon was held up by an enemy machine gun he led his section with great skill and initiative round the flank and rushed the position, capturing the gun and killing its team. By this gallant act he enabled the advance to proceed. He subsequently did excellent work as a sniper until he was eventually wounded.

240003 C.S.M. C. J. Bishop, R. War. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. In the first fifty yards of the advance all his officers became casualties. He took command of the company and under heavy shelling and accurate machine-gun fire led them forward and consolidated the position. Though movement was very difficult he succeeded in getting back accurate

information as to his strength and position to battalion headquarters. He set a splendid example of initiative and courage.

6/3130 Sjt. D. Bisset, R. Ir. Regt. (Guernsey).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. Though badly wounded at the start of the attack he refused to leave his guns, and by his splendid example led them through the heavy barrage to the final objective. His action weakened the enemy's resistance and greatly assisted in the advance. He showed great fearlessness and determination.

240523 A./L./Sjt. T. Bisset, Gord. Highrs. (Peterhead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon commander was wounded he took command and led the men forward to the enemy's trench under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire. He afterwards again led them forward with the leading company and attacked a farm under heavy machine-gun fire, capturing sixty prisoners. He displayed the utmost gallantry and determination throughout the day.

5121 C.S.M. J. A. Blake, Hamps. R. (Ventnor).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a very heavy enemy bombardment on the front line he continued, though in full view of the enemy, to go round ten posts encouraging the men and setting them an example of coolness and fearlessness. He also superintended and assisted in evacuating all the wounded. His conduct and contempt for danger were an inspiring example to all.

36780 Cpl. J. Blackledge, E. Lan. R. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company had reached their objective and were digging in he saw a small party of the enemy getting a machine-gun into position. Without waiting for orders he at once rushed out at them, calling on them to surrender. They did so and were captured together with their gun. He showed great courage and initiative.

5822 Pte. P. C. Blazeby, Rif. Brig. (Manor Park).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when acting as a battalion runner. He carried many messages to advanced positions under the most dangerous conditions, continually volunteering for another run when all the other runners were either killed or wounded. When a hostile counter-attack was attempted he went back through heavy machine-gun and sniping fire and succeeded in bringing up ammunition which was urgently required. Throughout the day he behaved with most magnificent courage.

12844 Pte. F. Blewitt, S. Staffs. R. (Oldbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He was sent forward with two men to get in touch with a company whose position had become obscure. He proceeded through a heavy barrage to a point where the fire was so intense that he

decided to leave the men under cover and go forward alone. He succeeded in getting in touch with the company, but was severely wounded. Having obtained all the information he had been ordered to get, although suffering severely from his wound, he made his way back to his company commander under heavy shell fire, delivered his message, and then collapsed. His pluck and devotion to duty were magnificent.

18335 C.S.M. C. V. Blyth, North'n R. (Gt. Yarmouth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the two assaulting companies were held up by enemy machine-gun fire, he, with two comrades, worked round an enemy trench, killed two hostile gun detachments, and dispersed a number of the enemy, thereby enabling the advance to be continued. Later, he was wounded whilst reconnoitring, having displayed the utmost gallantry throughout the action.

85640 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) A. P. Bone, R.E. (Norfolk).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He worked continuously for four days and nights during the operations maintaining communication with four battalions in the line. The wires were continually cut, and he remained in the open under very heavy fire repairing breakages and keeping up communication. He showed great coolness and skill.

13183 Sjt. A. Bonser, York. L.I. (Mansfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He assumed command when his company commander was wounded and conducted the operations with the greatest gallantry. He set a magnificent example of fearlessness and initiative.

28110 Pte. E. Boon, Ches. R. (Denton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the capture of an enemy position the first two waves of the attack were held up by a strong point. This N.C.O. initiated a flank attack and successfully put the strong point out of action, thus enabling our advance to proceed. His coolness and dash were most marked, and set a splendid example to his men.

70059 L./Cpl. F. W. Boswell, Yeo. (Windsor).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in continuing to work his Hotchkiss gun when he himself was wounded. This he did for over three hours when the effect of his fire saved what was a very critical situation. He set a very fine example of pluck and devotion to duty.

L/13678 Cpl. R. Botting, R. Fus. (Clewer, near Windsor).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of stretcher bearers. For several days in succession he went out under very heavy machine-gun and shell fire and collected wounded, undoubtedly saving many by his gallant conduct. His undaunted courage and absolute indifference to danger were beyond all praise.

7929 Sjt. (A./C.Q.M.S.) W. G. Boulding, North'n R. (Dartford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at a critical moment. When part of his company were delayed by wire entanglements he led six men round the obstacle and captured the objective on his own initiative. Before assistance could reach him a whole company of the enemy counter-attacked him across the open, whereupon he, with his small party, instantly attacked them, killing many and driving them back. Whilst doing so he came across an enemy machine gun position, which he at once attacked and took, killing the team. Throughout the operation he showed exceptional gallantry and initiative of a very high order.

18558 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) F. H. Bowers, Suff. R. (Edwardstone, Suffolk).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Having voluntarily gone forward and reconnoitred an enemy strong point in the face of heavy machine gun and rifle fire, he took a prominent part in the assault upon it, personally killed six of the enemy, and destroyed the machine gun. Later, when his Officer and Serjeant were killed and wounded, he took command of his Platoon, and handled it with an ability and determination that greatly inspired all ranks.

1796 L./Cpl. F. J. Bradshaw, Linc. R. (Leamington Spa).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He held an isolated advanced post for three days and nights with his Lewis gun team. His post was continually under shell fire, but he kept his men together and held the position until relieved. He showed courage and determination of the highest order.

40035 Cpl. T. Bradshaw, Welsh R. (Bolton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during reconnaissance of enemy trenches. He led his section forward in the face of heavy rifle and machine gun fire, and bombed two enemy dug-outs, killing the occupants. He was the only one of his section who returned. A few days later he was stunned by a shell during the attack, but on regaining consciousness rejoined his Company, and continued to lead his section with great pluck and determination.

P/798 Cpl. C. Brazier, Rif. Brig. (W. Kilburn).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the final objective had been gained a hostile machine gun was causing many casualties. This N.C.O., with a small party, entered the house where the machine gun was located, wounded one of the enemy and captured three others, together with the gun, which he brought back to our lines.

266100 Sjt. E. Bridges, O. & B. L.I. (Aylesbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. Finding the troops in front of him held up by heavy machine gun fire from a strong point, he led his platoon round the flank and was largely responsible for the surrender of the garrison. He afterwards reformed his platoon and led them forward. He showed great initiative and determination.

240377 Sjt. T. Bridges, Midd'x R. (Hawwell).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an action. He freely exposed himself under rifle and machine gun fire, going from post to post with orders. When the Company Serjeant-Major became a casualty he took over on his own initiative and made his presence felt everywhere, encouraging, organising and superintending the evacuation of casualties. His assistance was invaluable to his Company Commander.

71883 Pte. (A./Cpl.) M. F. A. Brooke, R.A.M.C. (Nottingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a heavy hostile shelling of his battery. He displayed the utmost promptness and gallantry in attending wounded men, taking two of them to a dressing station a mile away under heavy shell and gas fire. On another similar occasion he was again conspicuous in moving two wounded men to a place of safety under heavy shell fire, and, in fact, on numerous occasions he has displayed exceptional gallantry and devotion in going into battery positions which were being heavily shelled to attend to wounded men.

9651 A./Cpl. A. Brown, E. Lanc. R. (Wandsworth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in organising and controlling in a most able manner parties of men of different units who were without officers. By his personal example and skill the enemy's fire was kept down, and many casualties were saved.

70729 Pte. E. Brown, Notts. & Derby. R. (New Mills).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At a critical moment, when the enemy were advancing up his trench, he jumped on the parapet and opened fire on them with his Lewis gun, killing and wounding twenty-six of the enemy, and enabling the remainder to be captured by his platoon. By his gallantry and presence of mind he saved the flank of his platoon, which was in great danger, having run completely out of bombs.

15035 Pte. J. D. Brown, R. Fus. (Stirling).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in working his machine gun with great fearlessness, skill and determination during severe fighting, in which an enemy machine gun was silenced and captured.

116370 A./Bombr. S. W. Brown, R.F.A. (nr. Faversham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an intense hostile shelling of the battery position he rushed to a burning ammunition dump and put it out. He then rushed again into the gun-pit, which was also in flames, and with great gallantry and fearlessness extinguished the fire, thereby saving the remainder of the ammunition, which had already begun to explode.

56559 A./Sjt. T. G. Brown, R.F.A. (Battersea).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the emplacement of his bat-

tery received a direct hit, and he and his mortar were blown clean out, he at once got the mortar into action again, with the assistance of a corporal, under an intense hostile barrage. Later, hearing that another mortar was out of action, he proceeded to the spot under heavy shell fire, and got it into action again. Throughout the operation his initiative and exceptional gallantry set a splendid example to the men of his battery.

8836 L./Cpl. J. Brunton, Sco. Rif. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His post was twice attacked by the enemy, but by his coolness, prompt action and leadership he drove them off successfully on both occasions, inflicting many casualties. Later he attacked, single-handed, a hostile machine-gun position, killed the gunner and carried off the ammunition. He displayed the greatest fearlessness throughout the operations.

266477 L./Cpl. W. Buckland, O. & B. L.I. (Marlow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. When all the Senior N.C.O.'s in his platoon had become casualties, he took command and maintained his position in spite of very heavy fire throughout the day. He was largely responsible for stopping an enemy attack in greatly superior numbers on a post on his flank, killing a considerable number of the enemy by rifle fire. He showed great initiative and determination.

17229 Sjt. H. E. Bufton, Shrops. L.I. (Ludlow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After an advanced line of outposts had been established it was found necessary to relieve them, and under very heavy fire he reconnoitred the line without guides, and returning through a very heavy barrage safely brought up his relief. His bearing and example throughout were beyond praise.

528139 Sjt. F. W. Bull, R.E. (Sutton, Surrey).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on all occasions. He has superintended the work of his Signal Office with the greatest skill, and his work during two actions, in particular, was specially praiseworthy.

26733 C.S.M. R. Bullimore, Notts. & Derby. R. (Long Eaton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an enemy attack on our trenches he organised and helped to man a rifle post in full view of the enemy and under hostile rifle and machine gun fire, thereby preventing a number of the enemy, who were sheltering in shell holes and hedges, from regaining their trenches. He killed five of the enemy himself, and by his initiative and determination brought about the capture of fourteen prisoners.

23855 L./Cpl. E. Bumstead, R.E. (Hastings).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the preparations for an offensive. It was essential that bridging stores should reach their destination, and on two successive

nights his carrying party was cut in two by enemy barrage. With great gallantry and resource this Lance-Corporal led the leading portion of his parties personally through the barrage, returning through the fire again for the remainder. He displayed splendid fearlessness, and a firm determination that his stores should be delivered no matter how great the danger to himself.

7767 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) W. J. Burch, R. Fus. (Vauxhall).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all his company officers had become casualties in an action he succeeded at a critical moment by his coolness and courage in rallying the men of his company. He reorganised the line, garrisoned a very important strong point, and, by careful disposition of his Lewis guns, he succeeded in destroying enemy infantry who were forming up for an attack. During the night, by his good example and cheerful encouragement of his men, he succeeded in beating off a determined counter-attack by the enemy.

9106 C.S.M. H. Burnell, E. Lanc. R. (East Ham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While his company was on the way to the trenches they came under shell-fire, and two officers and several men became casualties. He reorganised the company and led them forward to their position. Later, when the only remaining officer was wounded, he took command of the company. During a counter-attack, when troops on both his flanks had been forced back, he maintained his position and successfully drove off the enemy. He set a magnificent example of courage and devotion to duty to all ranks.

22129 Pte. (L./Cpl.) S. C. Burnett, R.W. Surr. R. (Guildford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack on our trenches. He remained for two hours in an observation post with three men under a most intense bombardment, not withdrawing until it was absolutely impossible to remain. On getting back to the trench he was severely wounded in the head, but in spite of loss of blood and great weakness, refused to leave the trench. When the enemy attack was launched an hour later he was the first to open fire, and subsequently to organise and lead a bombing squad in a counter-attack. His pluck and devotion to duty deserved the highest praise.

315235 Rfn. W. Bushell, Lond. R. (Rams-gate).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was wounded early in the attack, but continued to advance, and put the garrison of an enemy strong point out of action, and in the fight was again wounded. Though his second wound prevented him from using his rifle, he continued to advance and bombed an enemy dug-out. Throughout the whole action his conduct was magnificent.

201260 L./Cpl. T. Butcher, N. Lanc. R. (Preston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When ten of his platoon were killed

by one shell in their assembly trench he kept up the spirit of the remainder by his great coolness and personal example until the time came to advance. Subsequently, when his platoon commander was badly wounded during the attack, he rallied his men and led them with great gallantry and determination to their final objective, until he was wounded himself.

12165 Sjt. H. A. Bygrave, R. Berks. R. (Norwich).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Having lost all his Lewis gun team, owing to sniping and machine-gun fire, he kept his gun in action under most difficult conditions. Though cut off from his company, he collected some men of his own and other units and got his gun into position and established a strong point. He showed great courage and initiative throughout the operations.

8901 C.Q.M.S. L. Byrne, R. Dub. Fus. (Co. Kildare).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When bringing up rations he carried on in spite of the fact that he had been wounded in three places, and personally saw the rations delivered to his company in the front line, under continuous and heavy fire. He refused to go to the dressing station on his return until he had handed over all his company papers.

201098 C./S./M. J. C. Cairns, Oxf. & Bucks L.I. (East Ham, London).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed great gallantry during the attack, and, on reaching the objective, he organised parties of men of various companies and carried on the consolidation with great courage and coolness, setting a magnificent example to all ranks.

9522 Pte. A. Callaghan, E. Lancs. R. (S. Tottenham, London).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He proceeded with a convoy of 40 pack animals through a heavy barrage of shell and machine-gun fire to a ridge which had just been captured, where his officer and N.C.O.'s became casualties. Although hit in two places by pieces of shell, he volunteered to take charge of the remaining animals, and successfully led them forward again with ammunition and water, displaying magnificent pluck and devotion to duty.

265214 Sjt. P. Campbell, R. Highrs. (Pitlochry).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he set a splendid example to his men, repeatedly collecting parties of them and personally leading them to the assault of enemy strong points.

15247 Sjt. J. Canham, G. Gds. (Ponders End).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon throughout the attack with the greatest gallantry and disregard of danger; personally organised and led a bombing party against a concrete machine-gun emplacement and silenced it, killing all the occupants. His quick grasp of the situation and great personal courage

were of the utmost value. Although wounded later in the day he remained at his post until ordered by his commanding officer to report to the dressing station.

77690 1st Class Air Mech. A. W. Cant, R.F.C. (Uppingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on reconnaissance and offensive patrols. He has on more than one occasion caused great confusion and many casualties amongst hostile infantry by attacking them with his machine gun at a low altitude and on two occasions has shot down hostile machines which attempted to interfere with his photographic work.

29056 Gnr. H. Casey, R.F.A. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at a forward observation post. Having been ordered to maintain a stretch of telephone wire with a comrade, the latter was wounded and sent back. Gunner Casey then remained at his post single-handed and without relief for thirty-four hours, during which time he continued to repair the line, which was being repeatedly broken by heavy shell fire, and to send back valuable information. He was all the time under shell fire of great violence, and by the coolness and gallantry he displayed under circumstances of exceptional difficulty and danger he not only gave a striking instance of devotion to duty, but contributed very greatly to the success of the operations.

267844 Sjt. F. Catterall, L'pool R. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When our advance was held up by machine-gun fire, he captured a position, with three other men, and secured a gun which he brought away with him. This gallant action undoubtedly saved many lives and made the subsequent successful advance possible.

6741 Sjt. W. Challoner, R. Lanc. R. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack upon the enemy's position. He led a party of twenty men to the enemy's communication trench, where he held on although subject to heavy enfilade fire, by which twelve became casualties, eventually blocked the trench and put a Lewis gun in position, thus preventing the enemy from making any further advance. He was wounded himself and set a splendid example of initiative and determination.

201450 Sjt. J. J. Chandler, Bedf. R. (Bedford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has carried out some exceedingly fine patrol work, bringing in valuable information of the enemy's position. He has also done splendid service in bringing in wounded and recovering quantities of arms, ammunition and equipment, and his energetic example and personal gallantry have greatly influenced others to do the same.

230176 Sjt. J. H. Cheese, Lond. R. (Lambeth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During our attack he showed fine leadership and gallantry. He organised the mopping up of several dug-outs and crawled into a "pill-box," through the machine-gun aperture, the only entrance he could find, after the garrison had been put out of action with bombs.

782 Sjt. F. Clark, M.G. Corps (Rutherglen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He dug his guns into two different positions during the day under heavy shell fire, and by his complete disregard of personal danger filled the place of his section commander with great success when the latter had taken over command of the company. It was due to his fine leadership that his section were able not only to advance through heavy barrage, but also to help the advance of the troops, and throughout the day Sjt. Clark displayed consistent gallantry, coolness, and resource.

26415 Sjt. J. Clark, Shrops. L.I. (Stalybridge).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of his platoon he cleared several loopholed ruins, concrete shelters and sniper posts and surrounded one concrete fort, captured the garrison of nine, and continued to clear the enemy out right up to the objective, which he successfully held against all counter-attacks. He worked throughout the day under intense fire doing invaluable work and utterly regardless of his own personal safety.

508112 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) C. F. Clarkson, R.A.M.C. (Crouch Hill, N.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He repeatedly dressed wounded under heavy shell fire, and by his organisation of stretcher-bearers saved many lives under the most difficult conditions. He set a magnificent example to all.

85801 Sjt. A. Cliff, R.E. (London, N.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the company was at work a very heavy enemy barrage was put down on the site of the work. The men had previously been ordered to take shelter in a trench near by, and all the officers had gone forward to reconnoitre. In their absence, this N.C.O., when casualties began to occur, organised a small relief party, and, at the greatest personal risk, superintended the intensive digging operations to extricate the wounded who had been buried in the demolished portions of the trench. During the whole of this time the bombardment was intense, and it was wholly due to the action of this N.C.O. and his party that at least two of the wounded were recovered alive.

42226 Sjt. R. F. Cobby, R.G.A. (Nr. Salisbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when with a forward observing party. He rendered the greatest assistance to his officer in getting the line forward, and although twice hit by shell splinters, continued to carry out his duties and carried

in the more seriously wounded of his party, who were suffering heavy casualties. It was due to his fine example that much valuable information was sent back.

58559 Pte. H. E. Codling, M.G. Co. (Durham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At a critical moment during an attack his gun came under heavy shell-fire and all the team became casualties. Although he himself was wounded in the face, he kept his gun in action single-handed, in spite of continual shelling, and remained at his post until reinforcements arrived, displaying exceptional pluck and devotion to duty.

15224 Pte. (L./Cpl.) H. W. Codling, C. Gds. (Norwich).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in outflanking and capturing an enemy strong point, with its garrison of two officers and 30 men and three machine-guns, at a time when it was holding up our advance and causing considerable casualties. His bold and finely executed action undoubtedly saved the situation, which threatened to hold up the whole attack.

203440 Pte. D. R. Collard, Ox. and Bucks. L.I. (Borough).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. The other men of his Lewis gun team became casualties, and, on reaching the objective he established his gun in a shell-hole in front of the line. He inflicted many casualties on the enemy, though he was under heavy shell and machine-gun fire throughout, and was instrumental in breaking up a hostile counter-attack. When his gun was destroyed he crawled back to the line, secured another and returned to his position, where he remained until relieved. He set a splendid example of courage and initiative.

41369 A./Cpl. P. Collingwood, M.G.C. (Morecambe).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an action. He carried his gun and belt box a distance of 2,500 yards to his objective and opened fire; but his gun was immediately put out of action, and he found himself the only remaining member of his team. He fought his way back with a revolver, assisting a wounded N.C.O. to safety, and, picking up a rifle, joined an infantry unit. With one of the officers, he got an enemy machine-gun into action and forced the enemy to retire. He set a magnificent example of courage and devotion to duty.

8595 A./Cpl. H. R. Collins, Devon R. (Barnstaple).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of a party carrying ammunition to the front line. His guide lost the way, and led the party into the enemy's lines, and they were immediately fired on by hostile machine-guns. He immediately got his men under cover, and engaged the enemy himself with a Lewis gun, enabling the party to withdraw safely with all the stores. He then withdrew with the

gun, and succeeded in handing over the stores to the unit, who were urgently in need of them. Throughout the operations he displayed exceptional courage, resource, and devotion to duty.

267438 L./Cpl. J. Collins, Sea. Highrs. (Midlothian).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After his platoon commander had become a casualty, he led them with great skill and gallantry to their objective, which he consolidated under heavy machine-gun fire. When hostile fire caused his platoon to cease work, he immediately led four of his men to a position from which he could enfilade the enemy machine-gun, which he and two others then rushed and captured, having killed two of the team by rifle grenades.

26574 Pte. J. W. Colthorpe, S. Lan. R. (Southport).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a visual station during an attack. In spite of heavy shelling, his messages were sent continuously and correctly, and were of the greatest value. His coolness and devotion to duty were exceptional.

282298 Sjt. H. Combes, R.G.A. (Chester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in keeping his gun in action under heavy fire of every description. One gun of his section was put out of action, and the remaining sub-sections were forced to withdraw to cover. He, however, stood fearlessly in the open in the rear of his gun and kept it in action against a hostile battery, thus setting a splendid example of pluck and determination to all ranks at a critical time.

685161, Gnr. W. P. Connolly, R.F.A. (Widnes).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. A convoy of ammunition came under hostile shell fire. Several casualties to teams and drivers were caused and the N.C.O. in charge was wounded. He at once took charge, cut the wounded clear, and superintended the rehoring of the ammunition waggons. He saw to the removal of the wounded, and then led the convoy up to the position and delivered the ammunition. His great coolness and courage saved a difficult situation and proved an incentive to the rest of the men.

20230 L./S. W. A. Connor, Berks. R. (Totenham, London).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of an advanced post. An enemy counter-attack drove back the troops on his flank, but he held on to his post, covering the withdrawal, and when outflanked fought his way back with his men and rejoined his battalion. He showed great fearlessness and initiative.

9287 Sjt. H. Cook, High. L.I. (Leytonstone).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led a patrol to reconnoitre a position which had been recaptured by the enemy, and although slightly wounded by a

shell, completed his reconnaissance and returned with his patrol. He did not report that he had been wounded until relieved on the following day, and during a hostile counter-attack he continued to fire a Lewis gun after the gunners had been killed, overhauling it when it was put out of action by a shell, and bringing it again into action. His pluck and determination are worthy of the highest praise.

32731 Sjt. F. J. Cooke, Oxf. & Bucks. L.I. (Oxford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When our advance was held up, he knocked out a machine gun team with his own rifle and bombed the enemy with great dash, thus enabling the advance to continue. Later, when he had charge of two platoons which were separated from the remainder of the company, by his great coolness and gallant personal example he maintained his position under heavy fire and sniping for two days.

21758 C.S.M. T. Cooke, York. L.I. (Bentley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all his company officers had become casualties he organised the remainder of his company and beat off a determined enemy counter-attack. When the troops on his left had been driven back and the enemy were actually behind him, he left his Lewis gunners to hold the line, and attacked the enemy in his rear. The enemy were all killed, and he then rallied the troops on his left and led them forward again to their original position. He set a splendid example of determination and courage throughout.

200684 Sjt. G. Cooper, Worc. R. (Stourbridge).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He was leading the second wave of the attack, and when the first wave was held up by machine gun fire he led his men through them and brought effective fire to bear upon the enemy. He showed great courage and initiative throughout.

46289 Cpl. J. Cooper, R.A.M.C. (Bethnal Green).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the enemy's trenches. He was in charge of bearers in a position where casualties were numerous and evacuation most difficult. In order to lead the way for squads, he continually crossed ground swept by shell fire, and although several bearers had been killed there, he carried on with complete disregard of personal safety. During this work, a badly wounded man had been placed on a stretcher when a shell burst close by. With the greatest gallantry and devotion Corporal Cooper immediately jumped between the shell and the wounded man in order to shelter him. Throughout the operation he displayed exceptional courage and fearlessness.

23015 Pte. R. B. Cooper, M.G. Corp. (Chryston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when acting as a runner. After

carrying messages for several days under heavy shell fire, he was in a shelter with nine men when a shell came through the roof, killing four and wounding five. He worked for an hour under heavy shell fire, although badly shaken and bruised, extricating the wounded and carrying all five to the dressing station, which was 200 yards distant. Shortly afterwards, when the signal Corporal was killed whilst mending the wire, he unhesitatingly took his place and successfully mended the wire to the furthest forward signal station of the Brigade. Throughout the whole operation he displayed the utmost gallantry and coolness.

28218 Pte. E. Copley, Notts. & Derby. R. (Hucknall Torkard).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when battalion linesman. He worked for five days between Battalion and Brigade headquarters, maintaining the line under frequent heavy shell fire and the most trying climatic conditions, and although suffering from the effects of gas. He went out on three separate occasions on his own initiative under an intense enemy barrage to mend the line, which he succeeded in doing. On a fourth occasion, however, he was severely wounded—having set an example of fearlessness and devotion to duty which could not be surpassed.

16455 Sjt. H. Corcoran, R. Welsh Fus. (Granard, Co. Longford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when acting as Company Serjeant-Major. His company was subjected to very heavy shell fire, and several casualties occurred, but he went about regardless of danger, inspiring his men by his cheerfulness and confidence. During the attack he took command of two platoons whose officers were killed, and though wounded, he led them forward until he collapsed from the effects of his wound. He set a magnificent example of courage and determination.

14358 Pte. T. L. Corrigan, G. Gds. (Newport).

Conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During our advance, his platoon was held up by rifle and machine gun fire from a concrete blockhouse. He, with a comrade, rushed forward and captured the post at the point of the bayonet with the utmost dash and gallantry, killing four of the enemy, and capturing seventeen, with their machine gun. The courage and initiative of these two men undoubtedly saved the lives of many of their comrades.

19795 Cpl. M. Coverley, Notts. and Derby. R. (Stapleford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of battalion stretcher-bearers. He worked indefatigably and with complete disregard of his own safety, attending wounded men under machine gun and shell fire for several hours. Whilst dressing a badly wounded man in the open a shell burst close beside him, killing the man he was attending to and stunning and burying him. He returned, however, two hours later when slightly recovered, and set a splendid example to the other stretcher-bearers of coolness and devotion to duty.

17/8501 Sjt. F. Cowman, Manch. R. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in getting men forward and organising the firing line under intense artillery and machine gun fire. At a moment when it was necessary to send a report of the situation to brigade headquarters, and after two members had been killed in attempting to do so, he volunteered and successfully accomplished the task himself, under very heavy fire of every description.

13811 Sjt. J. Cox, Essex R. (Forest Gate).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a platoon of a mopping up company. Seeing that the objective had not been reached and consequently that his initial rôle was altered, he placed himself at the disposal of the nearest officer and, acting on his orders, filled up a gap in the line in the most skilful manner. Throughout the action he showed great coolness and fine leadership.

8826 Sjt. L. Crispin, Devon. R. (Kingsbridge).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of battalion signallers. He took command of the signallers when his officer had become a casualty, and showed the utmost coolness and determination in laying lines under extremely heavy hostile fire. He personally laid ten lines, all of which were smashed by shell fire, but with a total disregard of danger he supervised the repairs, organised relay posts, and worked unceasingly for thirty-six hours under an intense bombardment. He displayed remarkable initiative and set a splendid example to the men under his command.

23823 Cpl. R. Crompton, Manch. R. (Wigan).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He led his platoon on when his officer had been killed until they were held up by an enemy strong point. This he attacked single handed, killing three and capturing ten of the enemy. He rendered very valuable service during the operations, and set a magnificent example to all.

200913 A./Cpl. R. Crosbie, L'pool R. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack on the enemy trenches he entered the front line and engaged three machine gunners, whom he took prisoners, and captured their gun single handed. This particular gun had caused much trouble prior to the attack.

25726 C.S.M. J. R. Crosby, L'pool R. (Ellesmere Port).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack upon enemy positions. He led his company with great determination after all his officers were casualties, and by his splendid example inspired his men to defend and hold on to a very exposed position.

202738 Sjt. J. M. Cross, R. Lanc. R. (Kecchdale).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in attacking single-handed an enemy strong point and capturing it, together with five prisoners. On reaching the objective, when all his officers had become casualties, he took charge and carried on with great energy and skill, collecting stragglers from other units and covering the retirement of the battalion on his flank.

8323 Pte. F. Crownshaw, M.G.C. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The enemy advanced and bombed his gun team, causing several casualties, and he immediately went forward alone and shot one of the enemy, the rest being dispersed by machine gun fire. Later, when the enemy raided a strong point and two of them got in, he at once attacked them single handed, killed one and captured the other. His promptness and gallantry saved the situation on both occasions.

A/7672 L./Sjt. J. B. Currie, Sco. Rif. (Ayrshire).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack, when his platoon was held up by a hostile machine gun which was inflicting many casualties, he advanced by himself and killed the three men who composed the gun team single-handed, thus enabling his platoon to advance to their objective.

68728 Gnr. R. C. Dadd, R.H.A. (Whitstable).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a heavy shelling of his battery position, the camouflage was set alight. He and another gunner took the lead in putting out the fire, which, but for their prompt action and disregard of danger, would have caused very serious danger to guns and ammunition. Later, the battery was again very heavily shelled, and the detachments were ordered to vacate the position. A man was wounded after clearing the position, whereupon Gunner Dadd went straight back under very heavy shell fire to the position to fetch a stretcher. He set a splendid example of fearlessness and devotion.

290394 L./Cpl. E. Dale, Ches. R. (Macclesfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the attack and occupation of an enemy position, he remained for some eighteen hours on duty without a rest at the regimental aid post, in charge of the stretcher-bearers. Throughout this trying period he set a splendid example of energy and devotion that was beyond all praise, and it was very largely owing to his personal example that all cases were safely evacuated from this position.

12579 L./C. J. Darley, York & Lanc. R. (Hillsboro, Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. An enemy party raided his post and attempted to take him prisoner. Covering him with revolvers, they compelled him to get out of the trench, but seeing one of the enemy in the trench below him, he threw

himself on to him and after a severe struggle took him prisoner. The remainder of the enemy were meanwhile driven off by the remaining men of the post. By his bold and determined action he not only defeated the enemy's object but obtained a valuable identification.

54601 Pte. D. Davies, Welsh R. (Aberdare).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He made his way through an enemy barrage to the front line to obtain information as to the situation. Though wounded on the way out he returned with the required information. He did very gallant work.

13484 Pte. D. Davies, R. Welsh Fus. (Flint).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as stretcher-bearer during an attack. He continually attended to the wounded under rifle and shell fire, and on one occasion he left the trench under heavy fire and rescued a badly-wounded comrade in the open. He set a splendid example of courage and devotion to duty.

3572 Pte. E. Davies, R. Lan. R. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. Single-handed he manned a signal station in the front line, and though the enemy had partially surrounded the position, he continued his work with the utmost coolness and sent back valuable information. In the face of heavy fire, when a number of runners had failed to get back with messages, he went out alone and repaired the wire and re-established communication.

25167 A./Cpl. R. O. Davies, R. Welsh Fus. (Ruabon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At a moment when our line had become temporarily disorganised, owing to the barrage being lost, he went forward single-handed and captured fifteen of the enemy who had come out behind the barrage and were holding up his part of the advance. He showed great promptness and a ready and fearless grasp of a critical situation.

C./1571 L./Cpl. A. S. Davis, K.R.R.C. (Bourne End, Bucks).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at a critical moment. During our advance he went straight for a machine-gun emplacement from which fire had opened on our front line as soon as the barrage lifted, and, with three comrades, killed four of the enemy and took prisoner one officer and eight other ranks. His prompt and gallant action saved many of our men in the advancing waves.

44507 C.Q.M.S. E. W. Day, R.E. (Maldon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When ordered to a certain point with his battery, on the unfulfilled assumption that all objectives would be taken by the time he got there, and orders to stop him going up having failed to reach him, he found himself, with eight men and eight horses, only 300 yards behind our new front line. He left his men under shelter of a derelict tank and waited himself with one man at the

rendezvous from 10 p.m. until 4 a.m. He returned at day-break, capturing one of the enemy on his way and bringing him back to camp. On his return, although he had been wounded in two places, he refused to stop work until he had replaced the rations which had been destroyed by shell fire.

5228 Pte. J. Day, R. Ir. Rif. (Waterford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an enemy attack all the Lewis guns in the front line had been rendered useless. He ran back to the support line and returned with a Lewis gun under very heavy machine gun fire. He then opened fire and held up the enemy advance. His behaviour at a critical moment was magnificent.

201435 Pte. A. Deeley, Worc. R. (Netherton Dudley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack upon a hostile position. With great fearlessness and determination he worked round a blockhouse and attacked it from the rear with bombs, forcing the garrison of ten men to surrender.

4/2887 Cpl. J. Delaney, Leins. R. (Ballinahill, Co. Kildare).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company was held up by a strong point and was suffering heavy loss, he collected a few men and attacked a concrete dug-out that was causing the most trouble. After several of his men had been hit, he took the survivors to a flank, and by means of a bombing attack down the trench reached within a dozen yards of the dug-out, where he established a block, which he maintained in spite of having three men killed and one wounded, until the dug-out was captured from the other side.

26132 C.Q.M.S. F. Delves, Notts. & Derby. R. (Leicester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was at work on a ration dump when it was very heavily shelled by the enemy, and the three N.C.O.'s in charge of company rations became casualties. He was himself wounded and stunned, but after being dressed at the field ambulance returned to the dump, and although still under heavy shell fire, sorted out and issued, single-handed, the whole of the Battalion rations, which at this juncture was of vital importance.

240783 C.Q.M.S. E. Denner, Welsh R. (Abercynon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack, when all the officers in his vicinity were wounded, he took command and led the men forward under very heavy machine gun and rifle fire, showing an utter contempt for danger. Later in the day, with one man (the remainder being casualties) he rushed an enemy trench and captured forty-two prisoners.

8998 Sjt. P. Devine, R. Ir. Rif. (Belfast).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a strong enemy counter-attack had compelled his company to withdraw, he organised a bombing party with which he cleared the enemy from the trench. He then went out into the open and bombed

an enemy machine gun which was commanding the trench, killed the gunner and brought the gun back to our lines, having displayed a very fine example of dash and determination at a critical moment.

C/6255 Cpl. W. H. Dinsdale, K.R.R.C. (Halifax).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while acting as Battalion Medical Orderly. He went forward close behind the assaulting waves of an attack and immediately began to attend to the wounded under heavy shell fire. When daylight came, he was frequently made the target for heavy rifle fire and machine gun fire as he moved from one wounded man to another, but during the whole period he showed a complete contempt for danger and the most fearless devotion to duty. He did not return to the aid post until he had dressed and cleared all the wounded that he could find, working throughout the whole of one day under heavy fire with such splendid gallantry and energy that when he finally returned he fell down exhausted and unconscious.

C/6926 Sjt. F. H. Diplock, K.R.R.C. (Hove).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all his officers had become casualties and the company was disorganised he collected a small party of men and attached himself to an officer of another unit, who was then leading his company to the attack. Although he knew that his Battalion had been relieved, he remained twenty-four hours with this officer, greatly helping him in the consolidation, and returning only when directly ordered to do so.

20067 L./Cpl. A. Divine, M.G.C. (Wakefield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of a gun team in an advanced position, which was rushed by a large party of the enemy, and the position had to be abandoned, but he returned, under fire from the enemy, and brought back the gun and ammunition, making three journeys in all. He finally got his gun into action single-handed. He showed great fearlessness and determination.

18201 A./C.S.M. L. A. Dobson, R. Welsh Fus. (Pwllheli).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all his officers were wounded he took command of his company under very heavy fire, kept them together, and consolidated the position, keeping his Battalion Commander informed by frequent and accurate messages. He displayed very great gallantry and resource throughout the day.

17387 Sjt. C. R. Dolby, R. Welsh Fus. (Buckley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in taking command of his company when it had lost all its officers and leading it forward, capturing all the objectives without a hitch. He then reported to the nearest officer and placed himself under his command, having displayed admirable ability and skilled leadership at a critical time.

9603 Sjt. D. E. Dollery, Hamp. R. (Andover).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although wounded at the commencement of the attack, he refused to leave his platoon and led his men with great courage and determination throughout the whole of the assault. During the relief, he remained behind and carried back a wounded man of his platoon, showing throughout the action courage and devotion to duty of the highest order.

316293 Pte. W. S. Donald, R.A.M.C. (Golspie, Sutherlandshire).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He carried the wounded for twenty hours at a stretch without any rest, and volunteered to act as regimental stretcher-bearer for a medical officer who had lost half his men through wounds. Most of his work was done over ground that was both shelled and swept by rifle and machine-gun fire. Throughout the day he showed a most admirable spirit and cheerfulness under trying circumstances.

19257 Pte. J. Dooley, Welsh R. (Llanharra).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as stretcher-bearer. His company came under a heavy hostile barrage during a relief, and many casualties resulted. He attended to all the wounded, and carried them to the nearest aid post, working all the time under very heavy fire. Later, he went to the assistance of another unit during a heavy bombardment, and saved many lives by carrying wounded to safety. He set a magnificent example to all.

5012 A./C.S.M. R. Douglas, K.O.S.B. (Berwick-on-Tweed).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when all his company officers except one had become casualties. By his steadiness and capable handling of a difficult situation he was able to hold the position. He moved about under very heavy shelling and machine-gun fire with complete disregard of his own safety, inspiring all ranks by his gallant example, and helping them to drive off an enemy counter-attack which took place on the following day.

241031 Pte. D. G. Dowman, Welsh R. (Merthyr).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack on an enemy position he displayed the greatest coolness and gallantry, and in the later stages of the fight he, with a N.C.O., rushed an enemy trench and captured forty-two prisoners.

21205 Cpl. J. Doyle, N. Lan. R. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. When the right flank became exposed he immediately crept forward alone with his Lewis gun into a shell hole some forty yards in advance. He remained in this position for twenty-four hours, covering the flank and using his gun with good effect. His prompt action materially assisted his company in holding their objective.

15078 Sjt. W. Drane, S. Lan. R. (Cardiff).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He continually visited his posts under heavy fire, and by his indefatigable efforts kept up the spirits of his men under very difficult conditions. On relief he took charge of a party, and by his exceptional coolness brought them out through a heavy barrage without casualties. His energy and confidence inspired all ranks.

Z/1890 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) H. Draper, Rif. Bde. (Darwen, Lancs.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on three separate occasions when patrolling at night. He brought back valuable and accurate information as to the position of enemy posts and machine guns. On one occasion, when approaching an enemy post, the enemy threw a bomb which wounded two of his men. He succeeded in bringing both back under heavy rifle fire. On another occasion he crawled up to an enemy post, and shot the sentry at point blank range. He has consistently shown the greatest boldness and initiative in patrol work, and his conduct has been a fine example to all ranks.

S/3223 Sjt. W. Driscoll, Rif. Brig. ("E" Abertridwr).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When commanding a post in the outpost line, he and another N.C.O. crawled out in broad daylight a distance of 250 yards in front of our line and brought in a wounded officer, whose rescue had already been unsuccessfully attempted by a stretcher party, carrying him from shell hole to shell hole until they reached a place of comparative safety. The state of the ground was such, owing to the heavy rain, that the rescue of this officer entailed much physical strength as well as pluck of the highest order. This N.C.O. afterwards crawled out four times to four other wounded men and supplied them with food and water, personally superintending their removal by stretcher parties when evening fell. His gallantry and great devotion throughout the day deserve the highest praise.

265115 Cpl. G. Driver, W. Rid. R. (Keighley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the enemy's lines. When his platoon officer and serjeant had both become casualties, he rallied his men under difficult conditions and led them to their objective. He brought his men back at the end of the raid and then returned to No Man's Land in order to help a comrade along who had been wounded in the eye and unable to see his way, setting a splendid example of disregard of personal danger.

341023 Sjt. J. Drury, R.A.M.C. (St. Helens).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He worked for five hours continuously with stretcher squads, never hesitating to lead his men through intense shelling over the roughest and muddiest ground. On one occasion he volunteered to take an important message through the heavy barrage, a distance of 600 yards, in order that casualties might be cleared, and

it was entirely due to his magnificent efforts on that day that the wounded were evacuated. Although it was not his duty, he himself formed part of a squad to bring down the remaining casualty through machine gun fire. His gallantry and devotion to duty during the whole of the period deserve the highest praise.

50799 Pte. E. E. Duddles, Ches. R. (W. Rasen, Lincs.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as company stretcher bearer, in volunteering to go out and bring in a badly wounded officer. Later, he continued to carry the stretcher cases, although he had been wounded in his right arm. Both these acts took place under intense enemy shelling, during which he displayed such complete personal disregard of danger that he greatly encouraged the other stretcher bearers who were working with him.

50949 Sjt. T. Duffield, R.F.A. (Leith):

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when a gun had been hit and set on fire by the enemy's shell. He immediately left the cover of his own gun and got a party to move the burning gun away from the wagon as well as two men who had been wounded by the same shell. Had he not done so the wagon would have caught fire and blown up. Although hit by a splinter of a shell, he continued to perform his duties with great pluck and energy throughout the day.

28259 Pte. P. Duffy, Manch. R. (Salford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in taking charge of a section and rushing an enemy trench, capturing there a machine gun and five trench mortars.

Although wounded in the leg he declined to leave the Battalion until it was relieved. He was conspicuous throughout for his pluck and devotion to duty.

459089 Pte. C. S. J. Duke, R.A.M.C. (Plymouth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a stretcher bearer in charge of a squad of four men. Having placed a wounded officer on a stretcher under machine gun fire, his bearers were ordered to crawl over a ridge. As, however, the officer did not appear over the crest he went and fetched him himself, thus getting the officer out of the bullet-swept area, and by this gallant action showing himself to be possessed of coolness and courage under fire that were beyond all praise.

33875 Pte. T. Dunn, Manch. R. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Accompanied by another man, he went out some 200 yards to a detached post to bring in a wounded man. They dressed and carried in the man 700 yards across the open in broad daylight, in spite of rifle, machine gun fire, and sniping, machine gun fire from an aeroplane, and in the later stages very heavy shell fire. Had the wounded man been left until night he would undoubtedly have died. He set a splendid example of courage and devotion to duty.

8 Cpl. J. Dunning, Ind. Unattd. List.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He successfully laid an important line to an advanced position under heavy fire and maintained it, keeping up communication throughout an attack under very difficult conditions, and in spite of very heavy fire. He displayed great initiative and devotion to duty.

20655 L./Cpl. J. Dunsby, M.G. Corps (Burton-on-Trent).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When both his machine guns had been blown up by a shell and most of his teams knocked out, he immediately got his guns into a dug-out and in a very short time had them again in action, having put them in position and reorganised his teams. He then went along the front line trench, which had been wrecked by shell fire, and afforded little cover, and brought back four wounded men who would undoubtedly have died but for his great gallantry and prompt action.

265621 Sgt. G. Dyce, Gordon Highrs. (Inverurie).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon commander had become a casualty, he took command and led them to their objective. During the latter part of the advance, he organised an attack upon a concrete emplacement from which a machine gun was inflicting casualties on our troops, and was the first to reach it. He then shot the gunner, two others of the enemy being despatched by his men.

47672 A./Cpl. W. Eastick, R.A.M.C. (Norwich).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When two loaded ambulance cars were set on fire by enemy shelling, he at once went to the spot, started the engine of another car which was in immediate danger, and moved it to a place of safety, and undoubtedly saved the wounded in the car. Later, when an advance dressing-station was shelled, and the removal of the wounded held up, he at once rendered assistance, though severely wounded, and dressed cases in the open, remaining there, under fire, till all had been attended to. He showed great courage and devotion to duty.

8823 Sgt. R. E. Edgecombe, E. Lan. R. (Lewistown).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. All the officers of his company having become casualties, he took command of the company and led them, under heavy machine-gun fire, to a position which he successfully maintained throughout the operations. He set a magnificent example to his men.

240743 A./Sjt. E. Edwards, Welsh R. (Treforest).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At a critical moment he volunteered, with four or five men, to rush part of the enemy's position, unsupported by reinforcements, which were hundreds of yards away. This was successfully done and the position captured and its garrison disarmed before they had time to realise the small

numbers of the force to which they had surrendered.

70051 L./Cpl. S. Edwards, Notts. & Derby. R. (Long Eaton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When employed as a scout he three times volunteered for dangerous and difficult patrols in very exposed country under heavy shelling and machine-gun fire. By his cheerfulness and courage he kept up the spirits and efficiency of the other members of the patrol.

204792 C./S./M. S. Ellingworth, Middx. R. (Hounslow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty under very heavy fire. Rallying scattered groups of men, he organised them and consolidated a line of advanced posts. Throughout the day he was of the utmost assistance to his company commander, and by his fearless example did much to encourage and help the men.

7756 Pte. B. Ellis, North'n R. (Brunstead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in carrying messages under heavy shell-fire. He was also one of a party of six who took a large section of the enemy's trench by themselves, attacking and defeating a hostile counter-attack of over 100 men, most of whom they killed and took prisoners, and finally destroying an enemy machine-gun position which was supporting this counter-attack. He displayed the greatest courage, dash, and devotion to duty throughout this action.

532046 Sgt. F. Ellis, R.E. (Eastbourne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst at work with a party in a forward position. Although one of his men was blown to pieces, and others were wounded, he continued to work, in spite of continuous and heavy shelling, and successfully completed the task. Throughout the operations he was of the greatest assistance in organising fresh working parties, and displayed remarkable courage and determination.

19901 Pte. W. Emmens, Ches. R. (Leeds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When out laying a wire, during an attack, with another N.C.O., they lost direction and met a party of twenty of the enemy with a machine gun, whom they attacked without hesitation, their only weapons being one rifle and a signalling-lamp stand. They captured the gun and put it out of action, and brought back two prisoners. They then established communication with the captured position and maintained it, under heavy fire, throughout the day, showing great gallantry and determination.

910 B.S.M. W. R. Emmett, R.F.A. (Newton Abbott, Devon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on three separate occasions. When in charge of the first line wagons he led them through intense hostile barrage, during which his horse was killed under him and a team destroyed. He succeeded, however, in bringing all the wagons into posi-

tion, and made two more journeys under the same dangerous and difficult conditions. On the following day he again had his horse killed under him, and lost several men and horses, but was again successful in bringing many rounds of ammunition to the guns. A few days later, when under heavy shell-fire with his battery, he was knocked over by a shell when assisting a wounded man to cover. He declared he was not hit, and assisted to dress four wounded men before blood was observed coming through his clothing and he was found to be wounded himself. No praise can be too high for his splendid gallantry and devotion to duty.

19428 Pte. W. J. English, R. Welsh Fus. (Bridgend).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Having organised his men in an attack upon an enemy strong point, he advanced with a Lewis gun on the right flank of the enemy and demonstrated in front and on the left, thereby causing the enemy to vacate the post. He then advanced and shot five of them, causing the remainder to surrender. He displayed admirable initiative and skilled leadership.

18764 Pte. J. H. Enticott, Oxf. and Bucks. L.I. (Rugby).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In spite of heavy machine gun fire, he volunteered to go out and look for wounded, and succeeded in bringing back successfully an officer and a N.C.O. He showed complete disregard for danger.

32651 B.S.M. H. W. Evans, R.F.A. (Rugby).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his wagon lines were heavily shelled, he promptly organised the clearing of the lines and removed the wounded to an aid post. All this took place under very heavy shell fire, which killed or wounded six men and thirty-seven horses. By his complete coolness and splendid disregard of personal danger, he averted all panic and saved many casualties.

269348 Pte. C. E. Fallon, L'pool R. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack upon the enemy's redoubt, he fearlessly entered dug-outs without hesitation, and captured several prisoners. Although wounded in the shoulder, he carried on with his work for a considerable time, and it was not until his officer ordered him to the dressing station that he reluctantly left the position.

S./25927 Pte. F. Fare, Rif. Bde. (Bristol).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as stretcher-bearer. He dressed and carried wounded without a pause for 24 hours under continuous bombardment and machine gun fire, exposing himself fearlessly with utter disregard of danger. He was responsible for saving many lives and set a magnificent example of courage and devotion to duty.

13070 Pte. F. Farrar, North'n R. (Wellington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. With another man he located an enemy machine gun which was holding up the advance. He immediately rushed the position, captured the gun and put the team out of action. His quick grasp of the situation and courageous action enabled the advance to continue.

G./24566 Cpl. A. Fellowes, R. Fus. (Southall).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the enemy's trenches. He took command of a party when his officer had been hit, led them forward under heavy fire and bombed four dug-outs. After the raid, he immediately volunteered to go and look for some men who were missing, and continued the search, though continually fired on, until daylight. On the following night he again led another search party, approaching to within 10 yards of the enemy's position. He set a splendid example of initiative and courage.

250747 L./Cpl. (A./Cpl.) B. Fenner, Essex R. (Colchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In spite of three bullet wounds in the arms, he continued to lead his Lewis gun section in an attack until he was unable to go further from loss of blood. He set a splendid example of pluck and determination.

10278 Cpl. A. Ferner, York. R. (Stepney).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the advance, he moved the line in the open under machine gun fire, directing and encouraging his platoon, and later when ordered with his machine gun section to outflank a strong point, he moved up his gun, and though all his men were disabled, and he himself was wounded, continued to fire it until it was put out of action. His pluck and coolness were deserving of the highest praise.

40653 Sjt. F. G. Finch, R.F.A. (Brixton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He established and maintained a visual station in a very forward and exposed position and held it under very heavy fire, and later, when his officers had been killed or wounded and the telephone lines cut to pieces, he restored communication between the observing officers and the infantry by means of runners. He showed exceptional resource in this, collecting runners and getting the messages through under intense fire with complete disregard of personal danger, greatly inspiring all those who were under him.

8244 Sjt. W. Finch, Hamps. R. (Newbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an advance. When his company neared its objective a strong point was offering resistance. With splendid gallantry and determination he ran forward through our own barrage, killed four of the enemy and captured twenty-six single-handed. Throughout the day he showed himself to be absolutely fearless.

19664 Pte. Q. Finlay, Army Cyclist Corps (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When our first assault on a redoubt was driven back, he rushed forward, waving the Royal Standard of Scotland. On the second attempt he led his comrades into the redoubt, and when there moved about in the coolest manner, sniping the enemy and encouraging the men. He also twice made trips to the isolated left of the position and brought back information. He set a splendid example of pluck and initiative at critical moments.

54204 Pte. G. H. Fisher, R. Welsh Fus. (Abergavenny).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When owing to heavy shell fire two previous attempts to reach the front line with a message had failed, he volunteered for the task. In spite of heavy shelling he reached the front line and brought back information which was of the greatest importance to the conduct of the operations. He showed great courage and determination.

1232 Sjt. J. Fisher, Ches. R. (Carlisle).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the officers of his company had become casualties, he led the company to the attack and capture of a position, and by his determination and courage carried his men through a heavy barrage and consolidated his objective. He set a splendid example of gallantry and devotion to duty throughout the operation.

56796 Pte. S. Fisher, Welsh R. (Landore).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, when acting as scout to his company commander. When direction had been lost he went forward under heavy fire and guided his commander to the correct objective. Later he assisted a stretcher bearer to take back a wounded man two miles, and when the bearer was wounded he carried in the man himself, although he took 9½ hours to do so, and arrived in a completely exhausted condition. He displayed a magnificent spirit of devotion to duty.

230062 C.S.M. W. Fittin, Lond. R. (St. John's Wood).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During our attack he displayed the utmost gallantry and fine leadership, and by his coolness and personal example succeeded in reorganising men of several companies, and taking up part of the line of defence.

350035 Pte. F. Fowler, L'pool R. (Nr. Stafford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed great gallantry and initiative in bombing the enemy, and when his supply of bombs was finished he used those which he had captured. Through his efforts at least a dozen prisoners were taken and his gallant conduct was an inspiration to all.

10077 Pte. F. C. Fox, E. Surr. R. (Crewekerne, Somerset).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When heavy hostile barrage had cut all the telephone wires and prevented

runners from getting back with information; he volunteered to try and get a message through. He was twice buried, but undauntedly got out of the trench, and made his way over the top through the barrage. He brought back valuable information from a unit that was being hard pressed. Reinforcements were then sent up and the situation relieved.

48525 A./Cpl. T. Fox, Manch. R. (Oldham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his section through a very heavy barrage, and outflanked an enemy machine gun. He was hit in the right eye whilst doing so, and it was completely destroyed, but in spite of this he remained at duty for another six hours, showing the most magnificent pluck and devotion by his determination to assist his company commander as long as he could possibly do so.

4811 Cpl. A. H. Franklin, R.A.M.C. (Staines).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst in charge of bearers. On two occasions he led a party of stretcher bearers through a very heavy barrage to an extremely exposed position, and rescued men from an aid post in the front line. He was twice struck by splinters, but continued to do excellent and valuable work, displaying a splendid disregard of danger and remarkable leadership in managing a large party of men who were practically untrained to the work.

11725 Sjt. F. J. Frankum, R.E. (Hounslow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when senior N.C.O. of a working party. By his fine personal example and good work under heavy fire he steadied the men after casualties had been sustained, and greatly assisted the sole remaining officer to bring the work to a successful completion.

6/17476 Pte. L. Frayne, S. Wales Bords. (Pontypool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a company stretcher-bearer. He attended to the wounded under very heavy shell fire, regardless of his own safety. He also found, and put in a place of safety, his company commander, who was severely wounded, and although wounded in several places, blinded in one eye, and buried on two occasions by shell fire, made his way back to Battalion Headquarters and reported that his officer was wounded.

23651 Pte. J. French, E. Lanc. R. (Colne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In company with an N.C.O. and another private he dashed out across 150 yards of open ground, which was swept by machine gun fire, and took up a position on our flank, where an enemy machine-gun team were endeavouring to get a position. He and his comrades drove off the enemy, and held their position for eight hours under heavy shell and machine gun fire, until all three were wounded by a shell. This prompt and gallant action saved what would undoubtedly have been an awkward situation.

240012 C.S.M. (A./R.S.M.) J. J. French, Suff. R. (Sudbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty over an extended period of operations, and especially during two engagements, when he set a splendid example to the men by his coolness under fire and the ability with which he performed his duties.

29988 Pte. S. Fudger, Worc. R. (Worcester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at a critical moment when his platoon was held up by an enemy machine gun. He and an N.C.O. took forward their Lewis gun and attacked the enemy. Finding after a time that they had not put the gun out of action, they went forward with the greatest courage, accounted for the gun team and captured and brought back the gun.

11327 L./Cpl. W. Fuller, Shrops. L.I. (Lancaster).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He led his Lewis gun section to an advanced position close to an enemy machine gun which was holding up the advance and succeeded in silencing it. Though his flanks were exposed, by his courage and determination he hung on for two days and nights, thereby insuring the safety of the whole line. His great cheerfulness and courage was a wonderful tonic to his section under heavy fire.

6197 R.S.M. J. Furey, Rif. Brig. (Winchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he went to an advanced position to encourage the men and showed a very fine example of courage by shooting many of the enemy from a dangerous and exposed position, until he fell severely wounded. Even then he continued to encourage and cheer his men, and when the enemy were reported to be advancing in mass, although wounded in the stomach, he had himself helped to his feet and saw that every man was at his post. He displayed exceptionally fine pluck and devotion to duty.

266025 Cpl. W. H. V. Gandy, L'pool R. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although wounded in the foot during an attack, he refused to go to the dressing-station and took complete command of his platoon, as the platoon sergeant had been hit. His organisation and initiative in leading patrols were invaluable. At one period his information led to a machine gun being sent forward and dispersing many of the enemy, and his courage throughout set a splendid example to the men.

40037 Pte. G. Gardiner, Sco. Rif. (Dundee).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon was held up by hostile machine gun and rifle fire, he advanced with his Lewis gun, clearing the enemy away as he went, and, working round their position, broke down their resistance and enabled his platoon to advance once more. Later in the day he observed parties of the enemy massing to counter-attack, and immediately brought heavy and effective fire upon them, inflicting many casualties, and

completely breaking up the attack. By his coolness and good judgment he very materially added to the success of the operation.

103826 Spr. R. Gardiner, R.E. (Gloucester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Throughout the whole night before the attack and the following day he continually repaired telephone lines under very heavy machine gun and shell fire, always going out on his own initiative as soon as a line became disconnected. During an enemy counter-attack he took an active part in the defence of his line and showed the greatest fearlessness and determination throughout the operations.

10594 Cpl. S. E. Gay, Som. L.I. (Bath).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an action. Under heavy machine gun and rifle fire he delivered a message to an officer who was almost surrounded in an advanced position. On his way back he collected several small parties and a machine-gun detachment, and led them forward on his own initiative to reinforce the main body. Later, during an enemy counter-attack, he collected a party of runners and signallers and led them forward to reinforce the line. He showed the greatest initiative and courage throughout the operations.

292521 Gnr. E. C. Gee, R.G.A. (Nr. Maidenhead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After his battery had been ordered under cover, during an intense hostile bombardment, he went out voluntarily and carried in an infantry man, who had had his leg shot off, to a place of shelter. He afterwards continued to assist the wounded to the dressing station, displaying the greatest courage and disregard of danger during the whole period of heavy shelling.

341040 Sjt. W. Gee, R.A.M.C. (St. Helens).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. For over a period of five days he repeatedly led stretcher squads long distances, over muddy ground, under continual and heavy shell-fire; and on two occasions, aided by another N.C.O. and two men, brought a wounded man down on a stretcher for a distance of 600 yards in the open, through an intense enemy barrage, across ground that was in such a terrible condition of mud as to be almost impassable. Throughout the whole of this period he obtained practically no sleep, and by his wonderful example of grit and endurance great work was done by his men.

46962 Bomdr. W. Gibbons, R.F.A. (St. John's Wood, London).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He made four journeys into a tunnel which had been wrecked by heavy enemy shell-fire, in order to rescue the occupants of dug-outs, which were smashed up inside the tunnel. He twice rescued men, one by one, who were unconscious and pinned down by fallen timbers; but on his fourth journey he was rendered unconscious by gas fumes, and while in that state was rescued by two men of his battery. On regaining consciousness he insisted on returning to duty, but

fainted whilst carrying out firing orders, and was then taken to hospital. He displayed a very splendid example of pluck and devotion to duty.

R./8891 L./Cpl. T. W. Gibson, K.R.R.C. (Buxton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack his battalion was held up by machine-gun fire from a blockhouse. As rifle fire proved ineffective in silencing the enemy's fire, he, with another N.C.O., rushed straight for the guns and very materially assisted in capturing the blockhouse, which contained seven machine-guns and a garrison of forty-five men. Although wounded in the arm during this action, he continued to advance with his company to the final objective, setting a fine example of pluck and determination.

325159 Cpl. A. Gilbert, Yeo. (Dudley, Worcs.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He rendered valuable service to his officer in accompanying him through the enemy outposts and assisting to cut their telephone lines. Two days later he displayed the greatest courage and coolness in leading his section throughout a severe action, although he himself was very exhausted.

14542 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) R. Gilbertson, N. Lanc. R. (Rochdale).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack on an enemy position, he led a party against a strong point and captured the garrison of two officers and twelve men. Throughout the attack he displayed the greatest courage, accounting for several of the enemy himself, and during the consolidation and the counter-attack which followed his coolness and control of rifle fire were invaluable to his company officer, and filled all ranks with the greatest confidence. The repulse of the enemy was mainly due to his skilful organisation of the defence.

203794 Sjt. F. Gilding, R. Berks. R. (Luton Hoo).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. When all the officers of his company had become casualties, he took command of the company, and handled them with great ability in a difficult position. He set a fine example to all ranks.

200011 Sjt. S. H. Gilfoyle, Ches. R. (Birkenhead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. This N.C.O. showed a very fine spirit, and seemed to be actuated by the sole desire to get to close grips with the enemy; so much so that on several occasions he had to be restrained from exposing himself unnecessarily. He was one of the first to reach the enemy's position, and was instrumental in capturing several prisoners. His dash and fearless determination deserve the highest praise.

265987 Sjt. W. Glennie, Gord. Highrs. (Stonehead, Insch).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon was held up,

during its advance, by machine-gun fire, he immediately organised and led the attack. The gun was rushed from both flanks, and he was the first to reach it, killing the three men who were working it. He then led his platoon forward to its objective, a distance in all of about 3,000 yards, with great skill and ability.

11371 Sjt. H. Godbold, Notts. & Derby. R. (Ipswich).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his platoon during an attack. He consolidated over 100 yards of a captured trench with exceptional skill, organising a garrison consisting of several units, appointing section leaders, and putting his Lewis guns in the best possible positions. He personally accounted for three of the enemy in a hand-to-hand fight, and it was due to his fine leadership and complete disregard of his own safety that the hostile counter-attacks were repulsed.

29813 Pte. D. Godson, Worc. R. (Blockley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With great skill and courage he led a Lewis gun team against an enemy strong point which had been isolated by the attacking troops. To effect this he had to advance several hundred yards across the open under heavy shell fire and without any protective barrage, in spite of which he successfully occupied the position. He was wounded later on the same day.

265094 Sjt. T. Golding, O. and B.L.I. (Marlow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He led his platoon with great determination under very heavy machine gun and rifle fire against a concrete blockhouse, which he captured, killing and taking prisoner a large number of the enemy. He showed great initiative and determination.

7504 L./C. P. H. Goldsmith, R.W. Kent R. (Gravesend).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy were actively patrolling No Man's Land he took out three patrols during the night, and succeeded in locating an enemy post. He acted throughout the night with such a determined and aggressive spirit that the enemy were kept well away from our lines and prevented from gaining any information. He inspired great confidence in his men by his fine example.

6435 Pte. W. H. Gomersall, M.G. Corps (Brighouse).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The whole of his team except himself and one other man were put out of action by an enemy barrage. The gun was in a most important position and completely isolated from the infantry, but they kept their gun firing for an hour, in answer to an S.O.S. signal, throughout the most intense bombardment of gas and high explosive shells. His courage, resource and very gallant conduct proved of great value at a critical time.

70718 Sjt. J. Goodall, M.G.C. (Leeds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took charge of a gun team during an attack, and assisted in the capture of a concrete strong point, ten prisoners and a machine gun. He at once manned this gun and used it against the enemy, and kept his own gun in action, also beating off an enemy counter-attack. He showed great courage and initiative.

24360 Pte. (A./L./Cpl.) J. Gornall, L'pool R. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a small bombing party of four. He conducted a most vigorous defence against strong enemy attacks until he found himself left with only one man. He then rushed through the enemy's rifle and machine gun fire at close range and returned with a Lewis gun, with which he drove the enemy back to their lines, aided by a neighbouring post. His splendid and gallant defence of his small post frustrated the enemy's intention of attacking the main post from the rear.

9005 Sjt. F. Goss, C. Gds. (Paignton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in handling his transport on practically every night for nearly two months, with the greatest possible courage and good judgment. His absolute disregard of shell fire in going forward and personally reconnoitring shelled areas has not only reduced casualties in his transport to a minimum, but has also enabled forward brigade dumps of ammunition and material to be formed. On one night in particular, when a road was blocked by horseless wagons and runaway animals, under intense shell fire, he not only delivered the material for which he was responsible, but also brought his transport up to the dump in perfect order.

240129 C./S./M. M. Graham, Hamps. R. (Wigton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a raid upon enemy trenches he led his section with great gallantry, and personally accounted for three of the enemy.

S./4649 Pte. W. Graham, Gord. Highrs. (Leuchars).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when acting as stretcher-bearer during an advance. Under circumstances which made the removal of wounded impossible, he displayed the greatest gallantry in the front line, dressing and taking them to the nearest cover. Two of his own company were lying wounded near our front line, and having dragged them to cover with utter disregard of his own personal safety, he dressed their wounds and endeavoured to get them back to our lines, but the broken conditions of the ground made it impossible. He, however, went out after dark with a party and brought them both in.

29353 Sjt. W. Graham, K.O.S.B. (Ecclefechan).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty under difficult circumstances. Although suffering from an injured foot and the effects of gas, he led his platoon in

the attack with great dash, and later in the day, although buried by a shell, he stuck to his post with great pluck and determination. By his example he greatly encouraged his men.

59602 Pte. H. R. Grahnert, R.A.M.C. (Wimbledon Park).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The enemy opened a very heavy barrage, causing many casualties among the troops forming up for an attack. Without regard to his personal safety he passed through the enemy barrage at least eight times, bringing in and attending to wounded men. His courage and resource undoubtedly saved many lives.

19484 B.S.M. R. Grainger, R.G.A. (Welling, Kent).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an intense bombardment of his battery, a shell hit a gun pit and set fire to several boxes of cartridges and the camouflage. He immediately rushed out and extinguished the fire, thereby saving much damage to guns and ammunition. Just before he had put out the fire, he was hit in the back and legs by splinters, but with the greatest pluck and devotion continued until the fire was subdued.

7255 L./C. S. Grant, R. Berks. R. (Fulham, London).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He did excellent work in bombing and clearing dug-outs. Hearing that all the officers were casualties, he collected his company and took command. He set a fine example of fearlessness and initiative.

266197 L./Sjt. W. C. Grant, Sea. Hgrs. (Grantown-on-Spey).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon to their objective after its commander had become a casualty, consolidated the position under heavy artillery fire and maintained communication on both flanks and with his battalion headquarters. Later, seeing the unit on his left checked by machine gun fire, he personally led a party to the emplacement, killed the gun team and captured sixty prisoners. He showed a splendid example of leadership and courage.

10237 Sjt. H. Gray, Sco. Rif. (Southwark).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While leading his men to the attack he was held up by two hostile machine guns, which he immediately attacked and captured, displaying the greatest personal courage and disregard of danger throughout the operation. Later in the day he was invaluable to his company commander in consolidating the position gained, and preparing for threatened counter-attacks.

L/14130 Sjt. H. J. Gray, Midd'x R. (Edmonton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. When all his officers became casualties he took command of his company and led it with the greatest possible dash and determination. He brought fire to bear on a hostile machine and materially assisted in the advance of the troops on

his right. He showed great determination, good leadership and courage.

205270 Cpl. J. Gray, R.W. Kent R. (Hitchin).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He carried a wounded officer back from the front line under heavy fire, and then returned, took command of the men around him and by his conspicuous gallantry and splendid personal example, encouraged them to push forward in the attack.

18965 L./Cpl. H. W. Green, North'n R. (Kettering).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack upon a machine gun post. He personally bayoneted many of the enemy, and carried out a successful bombing attack along the trench. By his splendid courage and determination he contributed very largely to the success of the operation.

305891 C.S.M. T. Greenwood, L'pool R. (Blackpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all his officers had become casualties, he successfully rushed his company to its objective through heavy rifle and machine gun fire. When the enemy counter-attacked, he collected and rallied men of other units and again made a stand against the enemy until all his ammunition was expended. His fine leadership and contempt for danger inspired all ranks.

S/8512 Pte. H. Greig, Gord. Highrs. (Mintlaw).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Throughout an attack, when his battalion were suffering heavily, he displayed the greatest coolness and contempt of danger, going out time after time under shell and machine gun fire, when it seemed impossible for him to escape being hit, and attending to the wounded. He was the last of the Medical Officer's orderlies, and, after he had worked unflinchingly until so exhausted that he could hardly stand, he was wounded by machine gun fire.

46240 Sjt. J. Grinyer, R.F.A. (Woking).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he maintained communication throughout the day between Divisional Headquarters and Artillery Group Headquarters. The line was cut on many occasions; but, in spite of heavy shelling, he repaired it and maintained communication at a most critical period. This N.C.O. displayed great gallantry throughout, and set a splendid example to all his men.

4060 L./Cpl. A. L. Guise, R. Fus. (Ashton-on-Mersey).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on enemy trenches. He was the first of his party to enter the enemy sap, and immediately bayoneted two sentries before they could recover from their surprise. He then commenced to work down the trench, to where a block had to be established, and in so doing killed several of the enemy with their own bombs, which he found in the trench. He reached his objec-

tive with his party, successfully held it, and eventually covered the withdrawal. The manner in which he and his men carried out their task materially assisted in making the operation a successful one.

53595 Pte. J. Haggart, M.G.C. (Edinburgh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was firing a machine-gun in an important position on the right flank of the brigade. The enemy attacked and surrounded him, but he kept his gun firing, though bombed and sniped at, until the gun was put out of action and he was severely wounded. He set a splendid example, both on this occasion and on the previous days, when he kept his gun in action under very heavy shell-fire and inflicted many casualties on the enemy.

10274 Pte. A. G. Hall, Linc. R. (Bungay).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he rushed on in front of his platoon and bombed the enemy's trench and dug-outs, until he was himself wounded in the head. This prompt and gallant action demoralised and scattered the enemy, and materially assisted in securing the objective.

21771 L./Cpl. W. Hallam, Notts. & Derby. R. (Annesley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at a very critical moment. Coming under heavy and unexpected machine-gun fire at close range with his section, he instantly charged the gun with his own Lewis gun, firing it from hip as he ran, and killing the enemy gunner. This enabled him to get to close quarters, and to dispose of the remaining men of the team, five in number. He subsequently used the enemy's machine-gun with good effect in the counter-attacks which were delivered against the position he had captured. His conduct throughout the operation was marked by a complete disregard of danger and determination to close with the enemy.

7595 Cpl. H. Hallett, R. Fus. (Peckham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon commander had been killed he took command of two Lewis gun teams during an attack, and by his skilful handling of them compelled the enemy to retire from a strong point which was holding up the advance. Afterwards, under heavy fire, he got his guns into good positions for holding up the enemy's counter-attack. His coolness and judgment at a critical period were of the greatest service.

3865 L./Cpl. W. Hand, Notts. & Derby. R. (Ilkeston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a Lewis gun section. When his platoon was temporarily held up by a strong point, and half of them knocked out by a shell, he dashed straight at the enemy's position, firing his Lewis gun from the hip as he ran, and killed or captured the whole of the garrison of the enemy post. By this prompt and gallant action he enabled the advance to be continued.

240443 L./Sjt. W. B. Hannah, L'pool R. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the advance of his company from the enemy front line to their reserve line he, with great quickness and initiative, worked to a flank and attacked the enemy machine-gun in a concrete emplacement, shot the gunner and single-handed compelled the remainder of the crew to surrender.

30893 Sjt. J. Hardy, R.A.M.C. (W. Hartlepool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a number of men were killed or wounded near his dressing station, he went out eight times into heavily shelled areas and on each occasion brought back a wounded man. His dressing-station was eventually struck by a shell, but he continued at his work of tending the wounded and evacuating them to a place of safety with splendid devotion and disregard of personal danger, until the station had to be abandoned on account of heavy shell fire.

26867 Sjt. W. Hardy, Notts. & Derby. R. (Bottesford, Leicester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack upon enemy trenches he was the first man in his platoon to reach them, and promptly bombed two dug-outs. Later in the day, when his officer became a casualty, he showed great gallantry and ability in commanding his platoon, under heavy shell and rifle fire. In addition to this, he acted as company sergeant-major for five days, and rendered most valuable services to his commander under trying circumstances, setting a splendid example of coolness, cheerful spirits, and untiring energy to his men.

13104 Pte. S. G. Hastings, Norf. R. (Norwich).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a party carrying ammunition from the dump to a point about 800 yards distant. The trench by which the party had to proceed was under continuous and heavy fire from high explosive and gas shells, and on at least half a dozen occasions the party was dispersed and unable to carry out the work. The fact that the task was continued and finally completed was entirely due to the pluck and determination of this non-commissioned officer.

494613 Cpl. T. Hatcliffe, R.E. (Avonmouth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when working on the defences of a captured strong point. On ground completely dominated by the enemy he reconnoitred the position with a view to wiring. While reconnoitring he saw several of the enemy in shell holes, and immediately went forward alone, cleared the enemy from the shell holes, capturing six prisoners. The whole operation was carried out under heavy shell and machine gun fire.

67012 Bombr. S. A. Hatt, R.F.A. (Tilbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the occasion of his battery position

being heavily shelled. Several gun pits were set on fire, and he promptly and gallantly rushed into them and removed the dial sights, carrying them to a place of safety. He afterwards returned and assisted to extinguish the flames. A few days later, whilst firing a barrage, under another intense enemy bombardment, he displayed the utmost fearlessness and presence of mind in collecting and organising detachments to replace casualties, extinguishing burning ammunition in a gun pit and keeping his gun in action under most perilous and trying conditions. The personal example of daring which he set was entirely responsible for the barrage being successfully maintained.

2305 Cpl. J. Havenhand, York. L.I. (Doncaster).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At a critical moment in the attack, when his company was held up by heavy machine-gun fire from a concrete post, he worked forward with a few men and succeeded in getting up to the post and bombing it. This gallant action overcame the enemy resistance, and the taking of the first objective was assured.

200160 Sjt. F. Haworth, Lanc. Fus. (Bury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an enemy counter-attack on his battalion headquarters, in which all officers of the battalion became casualties, he took command of the battalion, superintended the advance, and brought them out of action the following day, having displayed great resource and fine leadership throughout the operation.

12988 C.S.M. F. Hayward, Shrops. L.I. (Wrexham, N. Wales).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company commander was wounded, he displayed the greatest gallantry and determination in distributing the men amongst shell holes and building up advanced posts under intense machine-gun fire, thus very largely contributing to the repulse of repeated hostile counter-attacks. He personally led bombers and riflemen in close hand to hand fighting, killing and capturing many of the enemy, and throughout the operations his courage and disregard of danger were worthy of the highest praise.

7366 Cpl. A. Henderson, Sco. Rif. (Tarbolton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With another man, he reconnoitred the ground in front of the position for 600 yards, in broad daylight, capturing an enemy machine gun and killing the team. As the result of this action the line was advanced 600 yards and the gain consolidated.

65390 A./Bombr. E. G. Hewes, R.F.A. (Madras, India).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went out five times in one hour under very heavy fire to mend the wire from the advanced section to his battery. In spite of being wounded, he continued to go out and afterwards worked the telephone until another signaller arrived. He had then to be assisted to the dressing station, having set a magnificent example of pluck and devotion to duty.

580437 A./Bombr. F. A. Hirst, R.F.A. (Blackpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a signalling party. During our infantry advance and subsequent retirement, he was entirely instrumental in laying and maintaining, under heavy and continuous barrage, a telephone line, and in getting through information of the most vital nature to headquarters. It was due to his gallantry and absolute disregard of his personal safety that communication was kept up throughout the day.

235121 L./Cpl. G. W. A. Hobbs, Som. L.I. (Watford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although twice wounded during an attack, he brought his Lewis gun into action, and stopped the rush of some twenty of the enemy, killing or wounding every one of them. This he did entirely on his own initiative, as all his officers had become casualties. His conduct during the whole operation was exceptionally gallant.

11315 C.S.M. R. H. Hockings, G. Gds. (Andover).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although twice wounded he assisted to lead his company throughout the engagement, displaying the greatest coolness and determination. He also carried out a very daring and valuable personal reconnaissance in front of the final objective, and brought back information regarding a hostile battery which was causing considerable trouble.

S/9045 Sjt. J. Hogg, Sea. Highrs. (Langholm).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the officers of his company except one had become casualties during a hostile counter-attack, which had pierced our line on both flanks, he organised the platoons near him under heavy barrage of machine-gun fire, steadied them, and issued orders whereby the line was able to hold firm and inflict heavy losses on the enemy.

20649 Sjt. D. Holland, M.G. Corps (Bethnal Green).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when advancing with two machine-gun teams under very heavy shell fire. He was buried by a shell burst, and on being extricated found that his right hand was badly smashed and some of his fingers destroyed. With an utter disregard of pain, however, he had a field-dressing applied and continued to advance with his team, afterwards returning to company headquarters and reporting that the guns were in position.

446012 Sjt. E. Honey, R.A.M.C. (Maidenhead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the regimental aid post was under heavy barrage and had received a direct hit which blew it in and buried three men, he went to their assistance and at great personal risk succeeded in digging them out and attending to them under continual shell fire. He worked for thirty

hours on a forward line exposed the whole time to enemy machine-gun fire, and his gallantry and determination throughout the day were beyond all praise.

412308 Spr. J. Hope, R.E. (Coatbridge).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On two occasions whilst wiring in front of our new positions he displayed steadiness and fearless devotion to duty which won the admiration of all.

840150 B.S.M. G. Hopewell, R.F.A. (Rugby).

Conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when his battery ammunition dump was set on fire by enemy shelling. He at once went to the position with his battery commander and another officer, and although under heavy shell fire and in great danger from the exploding ammunition, he collected earth and saved a large quantity of material. Both officers were wounded whilst performing this gallant act.

20/41 A./Sjt. A. Houston, Durh. L.I. (Sunderland).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Having led a bombing attack on an enemy sniping post with his company commander, all the party except himself were killed, whereupon he organised a second party and led them on again. When all these men had been killed, he organised a third party and successfully bombed the enemy out of his position. On the following day he organised a defence against an enemy counter-attack, which was repulsed by his skill and coolness, and throughout the whole operation he set a fine example of fearlessness and initiative to those who were with him.

8349 C.S.M. W. D. Howarth, Notts. and Derby. R. (Chichester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the enemy's lines. Seeing a dug out which had been missed by the first wave, he charged the entrance with three men and bombed the dug-out, killing several and capturing two of the enemy. He also displayed the greatest devotion and fearlessness in getting wounded men through a particularly exposed and dangerous bit of the trench.

73064 Pte. B. Howland, M.G.C. (Lydd).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was one of the garrison of a strong point in a very advanced position where the fighting throughout the day was of a very severe nature. He went out in broad daylight in face of enemy snipers at close range and brought in a wounded man who was lying in front of the position. He set a splendid example to all.

16534 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) F. W. F. Howse, Som. L.I. (Barnet).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the first wave of our attack was held up by machine-gun fire, he promptly formed a defensive flank, and by the skill and determination with which he used his Lewis gun he enabled the assaulting party to capture their objective. He greatly assisted in the capture of eight

hostile machine guns, two of which he at once brought into action and used against the enemy; the other he put out of action. Throughout the action his gallantry and initiative deserved the highest praise.

268534 Pte. D. Hudson, W. Yorks. R. (Leeds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid upon the enemy's trenches. After being wounded in the face he twice guided supports to the enemy's parapet, passing through a heavy barrage of bombs, rifle grenades and machine gun fire with the utmost fearlessness. Later, while still under this intense fire, he succeeded in carrying two seriously wounded men out from the enemy's wire. But for his personal courage and determination his two comrades would have died.

290983 Pte. H. Hulley, Ches. R. (Macclesfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As one of a Lewis gun team he behaved with the utmost fearlessness and gallantry in accompanying his leader to an advanced position under heavy rifle and machine gun fire. By his coolness and courage he greatly assisted in the effective fire of his gun at a critical moment during our advance against the enemy's fortifications.

G/11299 L./Cpl. W. F. Humphrey, R.W. Surr. R. ("E." Dulwich).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Having crept forward under heavy machine gun and rifle fire to a shell hole that was close to the enemy's strong point, he put two machine guns out of action from this position, thereby saving the lives of the men of his company who were consolidating their position.

17849 Pte. A. Hunt, M.G. Corps (Twyford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although wounded in the leg on the way to his battery position, he declined medical assistance and stuck to his gun, firing the first two barrages. When that was finished, he moved forward again with the section, but was again wounded, this time in the back. He still attempted to carry on, until he fell exhausted, setting a splendid example of pluck and devotion to duty to the rest of the team.

265539 Sjt. H. J. Hurst, Oxf. & Bucks. L.I. (Wolverton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He was in command of a platoon, and, though wounded, he continued to lead them, gained his objective, and consolidated the position. He then made untiring efforts to bring in the wounded, and saved the lives of an officer and several men. He inspired all his men by his energy and leadership.

14161 L./Cpl. E. Hyndman, E. Lanc. R. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On his own initiative he took his Lewis gun and team across the open over ground swept by machine gun and rifle fire, coming into action and maintaining his position under shell and machine gun fire for

eight hours, thereby frustrating a hostile attempt to envelop the whole of our position. Shortly after his arrival his finger was blown off, but he remained at his post until eventually a shell put his gun out of action, wounding all the men and also wounding him again in two places. He set a splendid example of pluck and devotion to duty under critical and trying conditions.

8280 Cpl. G. Hyslop, Cam'n Highrs. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all his officers and senior N.C.O.'s had become casualties, he took command, and by his gallant and personal example rallied the men. He had previously brought up ammunition under heavy shell fire, and afterwards successfully conducted the withdrawal of his company, and by his courage and initiative preventing serious loss and confusion.

19216 Pte. R. Ida, R. Berks. R. (Acton, London).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as Battalion runner. He continually carried messages across the open under heavy machine gun and rifle fire, and, when the enemy were advancing to the attack, went back in the face of heavy enemy sniping to fetch maps and documents to prevent them from falling into the enemy's hands. He showed the utmost disregard of danger during the whole operations.

241629 Cpl. V. F. W. Ind, Glouc. R. (Mitcheldean, Glouc.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Early in the attack he found himself in charge of two platoons, and led them to the attack on an enemy strong point. The attack was held up and he withdrew his men successfully. Later he led a successful attack on the same position. He showed great powers of leadership, and splendid courage and contempt of danger.

M2/200290 Pte. E. G. Isaacs, A.S.C. (Morecambe).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of a lorry, he came under heavy gas shell fire, whereupon he immediately stopped and ran back to warn all the other drivers. He then proceeded to his destination, and finding that the working party there had been dispersed by the shell fire, unloaded the lorry, assisted by a comrade, repaired the road where it had been hit and drove the lorry out of danger. He then took charge of another lorry, the driver of which had been severely wounded, and again proceeded, delivering his load when the shelling had slackened. By his presence of mind and gallantry he saved many casualties, both to men and transport.

241 L./Cpl. E. Jagger, Tank Corps (Levenshulme).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When casualties occurred in his Tank under very heavy shell and machine gun fire, he transferred a wounded member of his crew to another Tank. He also dug out with his hands two wounded men who had been buried by shell fire. He displayed great courage and contempt of danger.

17401 Pte. D. James, Welsh R. (Swansea).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when acting as stretcher-bearer. For three days and nights he attended the wounded and carried them in under a heavy fire, and although in an exhausted condition continued his work until finally he was severely wounded on the third night. His self-sacrifice and devotion to duty were beyond all praise.

S/3014 C.S.M. A. T. Jeffcock, Rif. Bde. (Wokingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He reorganised and got forward parties carrying bridges for the crossing of a stream during an advance, when they had got into difficulties owing to the heavy ground. It was largely owing to his example and personal effort that the attacking troops were able to cross the river. After the crossing, when the left of his company was held up, he showed great initiative in rallying the men and leading them forward successfully and consolidating the position under heavy machine-gun fire. He set a magnificent example to the men.

G/41362 Cpl. G. Jelly, Midd'x R. (Blechingly).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although severely wounded immediately after leaving our trenches, he refused to leave his section. He led them with great courage and coolness until his company was relieved, thirty-six hours afterwards. There were no officers and very few non-commissioned officers left in his company, and his pluck and devotion were consequently all the more valuable.

20334 Cpl. D. C. Jenkins, Tank Corps (N. Kensington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his officer was killed he kept his Tank in action with the greatest skill and gallantry until it was buried. He then took out all his crew and guns, and placing some on the top of the Tank and some on the ground, opened fire on the enemy and prevented them from advancing. Afterwards, finding another Tank which had been abandoned, he took charge of it until it also became immovable. His initiative and determined fighting spirit under these critical conditions deserve the highest praise.

1318 Pte. H. T. Jenkins, Welsh R. (Merthyr).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He was in charge of a signalling party, and on his way to his position he entered two enemy dug-outs alone, killed seven of the enemy and captured eight prisoners. He then proceeded to his post and continued to send back accurate and valuable information. He has on all occasions displayed great courage and initiative.

13980 Sjt. T. Jenner, Som. L.I. (Bexley Heath, Kent).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At a critical moment he showed great personal courage and initiative by collecting stragglers and attacking a strong

machine-gun post which was bringing flanking fire to bear on the remainder of his company, who were engaged in attacking another post. He captured the post and took the garrison prisoners.

130 Sjt. T. Jennings, Rif. Brig. (Hemel Hempstead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty under heavy machine gun and rifle fire. He established his section in position in front of our line, where he remained for two days until relieved, during which all his section except one became casualties. He dressed them all himself and sent them up to the dressing-station, setting a fine example of gallantry and devotion to duty under the most trying circumstances.

24983 Sjt. F. J. Johnson, R.G.A. (Trowbridge).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When under heavy hostile shell fire with his battery, he unhesitatingly exposed himself to grave risk to encourage his detachment, thereby maintaining the guns in action at a critical time. When a limber which was lying next to an ammunition dump caught fire, on his own initiative he promptly seized the limber and dragged it to a safe distance, thereby avoiding a very serious explosion. This gallant act was done under heavy fire, and he by his coolness and presence of mind set a splendid example to his comrades.

62889 Pte. F. R. Johnson, M.G. Corps (Reading).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The whole of his team except himself and one other man were put out of action by an enemy barrage. The gun was in a most important position and completely isolated from the infantry, but they kept their gun firing for an hour, in answer to an S.O.S. signal, throughout the most intense bombardment of gas and high explosive shells. His courage, resource, and very gallant conduct proved of great value at a critical time.

17763 Cpl. J. Johnson, Worc. R. (Nether-ton, Dudley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of a patrol of two men he met and attacked a hostile patrol, killing one man and bringing two others as prisoners. By this prompt and determined action he obtained valuable information as to a counter-attack which the enemy was organising at the time.

740066 By. Q.M.S. J. H. Johnson, R.F.A. (Newport, Mon.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During three days of operations he did splendid work in maintaining the ammunition and water supply, under constant fire, setting a very fine example of coolness and ability under trying circumstances.

240896 Pte. J. S. Johnson, Norf. R. (King's Lynn).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While acting as runner he displayed splendid coolness under fire, and carried messages to platoon commanders and Lewis gun

detachments at a time when the maintenance of communication was of the highest importance.

15962 Sjt. J. S. Johnson, Norf. R. (Putney Common).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy had penetrated our front line, and formed a bombing-block on his flank, he twice organised a bombing attack and went forward himself over the open to reconnoitre the enemy's position. On returning, he led the attack himself, continually getting into the open to throw his bombs. Throughout the operation he showed absolute disregard of danger, and by his fine initiative and devotion to duty set a splendid example to his men.

107394 Sjt. W. Johnson, R.E. (Colchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of the forward station of the brigade. For two days, under most adverse conditions, and in spite of very heavy hostile shelling and machine-gun fire, he managed to maintain almost continuous communication. His total disregard of personal danger inspired all under him with the utmost confidence, and through his coolness and able management it was possible to bring artillery fire on to a hostile counter-attack.

S/16555 A./Cpl. A. Johnston, R. Highrs. (Methven).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When persistent machine-gun fire from an enemy strong point was holding up our advance, he collected a party of rifle bombers, silenced the gun, and captured the position, enabling the advance to continue, and setting a splendid example of coolness and initiative at a critical moment.

13942 Sjt. D. Jones, Welsh R. (Merthyr Tydvil).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. Reorganising part of his company, which had become detached, he led them forward and regained touch with the main body, and afterwards with four privates he attacked and captured an enemy strong point and killed the garrison. He showed fine qualities of resource and initiative.

6/584 Pte. (L./Cpl.) E. Jones, Leins. R. (Clydach Vale).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the sole survivor of his gun team, he got into a trench with the two front companies, collected their guns and the remnants of their teams, and, taking up a commanding position on the left flank, opened fire on the enemy, who were massing, and dispersed them with heavy loss. His prompt and gallant action assisted the two leading companies to push on.

20589 Pte. E. Jones, R. Welsh Fus. (Ffynon-gown).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Hearing that there were many wounded in front of the line held by his battalion, he went forward, in broad daylight and in full view of the enemy, over ground

which was heavily sniped, and brought his wounded comrades back to the aid-post. He set a very splendid example of devotion and total disregard of his own safety.

12212 Cpl. G. Jones, Ches. R. (Chester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When signal communication with battalion headquarters was being constantly cut by heavy shell-fire, on his own initiative he made five separate journeys along the line to repair it. Later he laid a new wire under very heavy fire, restoring communication during a very critical period. He set a magnificent example of courage and devotion to duty.

B/1295 L./Cpl. G. Jones, Rif. Brig. ("E." Islington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of the battalion runners during an action, and repeatedly carried important messages through a heavy barrage day and night until he was completely exhausted. He rendered valuable service by his contempt of danger and knowledge of the ground.

6392 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) J. W. Jones, Shrops. L.I. ("E." Shrewsbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a party carrying stores to the front line. After his guide had been wounded he pushed on through an intense barrage. Though buried on two occasions and losing the majority of his party, he eventually completed his task, carrying a great part of the stores which had been dropped by casualties. It was entirely owing to his determination and splendid example that very urgent stores were got forward.

L/10011 C.S.M. W. S. Jones, Midd'x R. (Rochester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the capture and consolidation of a hostile position. He was of valuable assistance in organising his company against counter-attacks, and it was in a great measure due to his courage and untiring work that his company held its objective. His personal example and coolness under heavy fire, especially when his company commander had been killed, were worthy of the highest praise.

241471 Pte. F. C. Joughlin, L'pool R. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When warned that the enemy were about to counter-attack the advanced position which his company was holding, he went forward with a Lewis gun and established a post some thirty yards in advance, from which he brought very deadly fire to bear on the enemy whenever they showed themselves, and in spite of heavy shelling he remained in this position for two days in great danger and discomfort, without rest or relief. His gallantry and determination deserve the highest praise.

420675 Pte. H. H. Joyner, Lond. R. (Bethnal Green).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a shell had blown his Lewis

gun out of his hands, severely wounding him, he took the injured gun back to a place where it could not fall into the hands of the enemy, afterwards returning to his company with a rifle and continuing to fight throughout the day. He set a very fine example of pluck and determination.

240729 Sjt. J. Kelly, S. Staffs. R. (Wolverhampton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the enemy's trenches. He was in charge of a party which came upon a large dug-out from which the enemy commenced to emerge. The first man was shot, and the remainder retired into the dug-out and fired rifles through the entrances. He went in alone to reconnoitre, and returning for help finally brought out four prisoners. He showed the greatest initiative and fearlessness throughout.

266155 Pte. J. Kelly, R.W. Fus. (Ballygar-dine).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He was always the first in the rushes and in the final assault, and by his dash and fearlessness set an example that was most inspiring to his comrades.

33963 Sjt. C. R. Keyte, D. of Corn. L.I. (Bolkington, Nuneaton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the officers of his company were casualties, he took command of the men round him and rushed an enemy strong point. He went himself into the entrance of the strong point and drove out the enemy, who were put out of action by his men as they came out. When the enemy counter-attacked he held on for some time, but finally fell back and established and held a block in a trench, repeatedly driving back enemy bombing parties. He suffered heavy casualties and was wounded and buried himself; nevertheless he returned to his post when his wound had been dressed, collected more men, and held his position. He was conspicuous throughout the operations for his courage and energy and for the splendid example which he set to his men.

7975 C.S.M. J. R. Kilgour, Durh. L.I. (Durham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He carried a badly wounded N.C.O. out of action under a hot fire for a considerable distance. He set a splendid example of fearlessness and devotion to duty.

16244 Sjt. C. L. King, Som. L.I. (Hampstead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his platoon forward when all his officers had been killed. He collected his men and led them over very swampy ground in face of determined opposition from snipers, taking a considerable number of prisoners at the point of the bayonet. He also dealt with several enemy snipers, and by his energy and personal example encouraged and urged on those of his party who were getting left behind from fatigue. He finally reached his objective and dug in with the few men he had left, having set a splendid example of gallantry and fine leadership throughout the operation.

48068 Sjt. F. J. King, R.A.M.C. (Ogmore Vale).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Learning that the medical officer in charge of an aid post had been wounded he went forward under very heavy fire, and discovered that the medical equipment had been destroyed, and that many of the stretcher-bearers were casualties. He then returned to the next post in the rear, and took up a party of bearers with fresh stores, and organised the collection of the wounded. He remained at this forward post for three days and nights, during the whole of which time he displayed exceptional gallantry, and proved himself to be an able leader of men.

6455 Pte. G. King, M.G.C. (Tyler's Green, Essex).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his officer and sergeant both became casualties in the advance he took command of his team under very difficult conditions as he was extremely short of ammunition. He showed coolness, courage, and a good grasp of the situation throughout.

8985 C./S./M. H. King, W. York. R. (York).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he observed four enemy machine guns and a trench mortar firing from a wood. He organised a small party, outflanked the position and captured all the guns and their teams. By his fine leadership and prompt action the advance was not delayed, and he set a splendid example of coolness and courage under heavy shell fire.

10254 C./S./M. W. H. King, Sco. Rif. (Kingsland Rd., London, N.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his company in an attack when there were no officers left, and led them forward most gallantly. He showed great judgment in establishing a line of advanced posts which were of great assistance in the attack which followed. Later, he rallied his men under intense fire and led them to their positions with determination and boldness. His coolness and cheerfulness were largely responsible for the high state of efficiency of his company throughout the operations.

M2/177455 Pte. G. Kirkbright, A.S.C. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This driver used excellent judgment in his choice of a route over very treacherous sand dunes during an attack on enemy fortifications. After the enemy redoubts had been attacked in succession, he was instrumental in bringing the tank back to safety in spite of the severe injuries which he sustained from shell fire, and that the remaining members of the crew were wounded. His coolness and gallantry deserve the highest praise.

9678 L./Cpl. R. Lake, Essex R. (Gravesend).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the leading line of our

advance was temporarily held up by machine gun and rifle fire from a blockhouse, he advanced to an exposed position on a flank under very heavy fire, and, by quick and intelligent use of his Lewis gun, silenced the blockhouse and enabled it to be rushed. Many of the enemy were killed, wounded and captured there, and the fall of this strong point enabled the final objective to be secured. He subsequently helped to capture another strong point, displaying gallantry and fearlessness of a high order throughout the operation.

1188 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) J. Lally, Ches. R. (Roscommon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of his platoon during the attack and capture of an enemy post. By his personal dash and fine leadership he gained his objectives and consolidated them under heavy fire, afterwards maintaining his position against several determined counter-attacks.

362 Sjt. F. G. Lambeth, R.W. Kent R. (Halling).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he was in charge of an isolated post which was subjected to an intense barrage for three hours. Although his Lewis gun and team were three times partially buried, he extricated them on each occasion, and took them to another shell hole. He stuck to his exposed position and kept up an intense fire as soon as the attack commenced. Although severely bruised, he showed a splendid example of pluck and determination.

20887 Cpl. C. E. Lambourne, Mach. Gun Co. (Reading).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in maintaining a constant supply of ammunition and rations to his gun teams under most difficult and trying conditions. His carrying party consisted of five men, and the continual and urgent demand for ammunition necessitated many journeys under heavy fire. Without him the guns would have been useless, and it was due to his fine personal example and initiative that the work was so successfully carried out.

11412 Pte. L. B. Lamkin, C. Gds. (Dartford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in laying three-quarters of a mile of telegraph cable under very heavy fire. The two men who had started with him were wounded, and he completed the work single-handed. Later, again single-handed, he captured an enemy machine gun which was causing casualties to his comrades. A few days after this he displayed splendid presence of mind and disregard of his personal safety in rescuing a wounded comrade from a dug-out which had been set on fire by enemy shelling. He was in imminent danger of being blown up by a dump of bombs which was blazing freely at the entrance.

240067 C./S./M. G. Lane, Midd'x R. (Uxbridge).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an action. By his cheerful-

ness under exceptionally trying circumstances, and his energetic handling of his men, he greatly assisted his company commander. When wounded he refused to leave his post until ordered to do so, and he inspired all those he came in contact with by his fine example.

242582 Cpl. A. Langton, York. L.I. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. When his officer and senior N.C.O.s had become casualties he took command and led his party with great dash and determination into the enemy's trench, where he organised bombing parties and reached his objective, setting a splendid example of fearlessness and skilful leadership throughout the whole operation, under very heavy fire. He afterwards went out in search of wounded, and unaided brought in the bodies of his officer and four men who were lying out in No Man's Land.

48559 Spr. D. F. Langton, R.E. (Dartford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst laying an infantry track. Just as his party started, the officer and N.C.O. were killed and the remainder blown off their feet by a shell. Sapper Langton then obtained the map from the body of his officer and marked out the track himself, in spite of persistent sniping. The laying out of this track was in the highest degree important, and he showed the greatest courage and determination in leading his small party to the successful completion of the task.

935002 B.S.M. W. A. Lawrence, R.F.A. (Hush Hill Park, London, N.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when taking guns into action. Having come under heavy fire, his convoy was unable to proceed across a canal, whereupon he went forward four times, with an officer, to reconnoitre. By his great coolness and resolution the morale of his men was maintained, and it was very largely due to his fine example that the guns were eventually got into action.

204020 Pte. E. Lawson, Lanc. Fus. (Burnley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack on the enemy's lines. When all his Lewis gun team had become casualties and he was shot through the neck himself, he continued, with great pluck and determination, to keep his gun in action during enemy counter-attacks.

6/1522 Pte. J. Leacy, R. Ir. Regt., attd. R.E. (Gorey, Co. Wexford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took a Lewis gun up to the front line when the team had been knocked out, and assisted in repelling an enemy counter-attack. He remained with the infantry after his party had been withdrawn, assisting to repel further attacks. His example and disregard of danger were of great value.

10210 L./Cpl. W. Leckey, I. Gds. (Mallow, Co. Cork).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a Lewis gun section. By keeping up a heavy fire on an enemy-

machine gun which was holding up part of his company, as well as another unit, he enabled three men to get round the enemy's flank, and at precisely the right moment he pushed forward with all the spare men in his section, and succeeded in killing and capturing six of the enemy. He set a splendid example of determination and fine leadership.

28522 Sjt. A. G. Lee, M.G.C. (Rushington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Though wounded, he repaired a gun which had been temporarily put out of action, and carried on firing. Later, during a heavy barrage, he was blown off the parapet, sustaining fresh injuries, but again mounted his gun and kept it in action. During heavy shelling he removed some men from two dug-outs which had been blown in. He showed magnificent courage and energy throughout.

C/12091 Pte. H. Lee, K.R.R.C. (Sowerby, Thirsk).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a counter-attack he carried important messages from company to battalion headquarters through heavy shell fire, and again, when practically all his company N.C.O.'s had been either killed or wounded, he assumed the duties of company serjeant-major, organised ration parties, and volunteered for the most dangerous and difficult tasks. His conduct throughout was invaluable to the company commander, and by his splendid personal example of coolness and determination he succeeded in maintaining the spirits of his men in spite of continual shelling and the worst possible weather conditions.

18659 Sjt. T. Lee, Notts. & Derby. R. (Alfreton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all his officers had become casualties he took command of the company, and exhibited very high qualities of leadership, initiative and courage. Although three times counter-attacked, and twice left unsupported with his flank in the air, he so intelligently anticipated the enemy's movements that he was able to maintain his position and inflict very severe casualties upon them. He personally accounted for several of the enemy, and was the first to charge into the enemy strong point, at which his company commander was wounded, and from which a machine gun, two officers and forty other ranks were collected. He set a splendid example throughout.

19847 L./Cpl. J. Lees, Ches. R. (Hopwood Heywood, Lancs.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When out laying a wire during an attack with another N.C.O. they lost the direction and met a party of twenty of the enemy with a machine gun, whom they attacked without hesitation, their only weapons being one rifle and a signalling lamp stand. They captured the gun and put it out of action and brought back two prisoners. They then established communication with the captured position and maintained it under heavy fire throughout the day, showing great gallantry and determination.

5707 A./C./Q.M.S. J. Leverett, R. Ir. Rif. (Plumstead, Kent).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of the Regimental stretcher bearers during an action. When all the stretcher bearers had become casualties he organised parties to clear the danger zone of wounded, and searched with the greatest determination across ground swept by the heaviest fire. He set an inspiring example of resource and courage.

22539 Pte. A. E. Lewis, R. Welsh Fus. (Limehouse, E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a daylight raid, when his seniors had become casualties, he led his platoon with marked ability, and when held up by an enemy machine gun he tackled it single-handed, bayoneting two of the enemy and taking the remainder prisoners.

71080 Pte. L. Lewis, M.G.C. (Erith).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went forward with his machine gun during an attack, and when it was destroyed by shell fire he at once returned through the barrage and obtained another. He went forward again alone, found his team and got his gun into action. He maintained his position until he was seriously wounded, setting a splendid example of courage and devotion to duty.

10963 Cpl. W. Lewis, Shrops. L.I. (Hereford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. When his platoon commander became a casualty he collected his men, pushed forward, and established a post on the battalion objective. He then made a journey under intense shell and machine-gun fire to report on the situation, and re-joined his platoon, holding his post and sending in valuable reports throughout the day. He set a magnificent example to his men.

60397 Sjt. G. W. Lillyman, R.F.A. (New Basford, Nottingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an intense hostile shelling of his battery he ran to the position in the midst of exploding ammunition, entered a burning gun-pit, and carried away a blinded comrade. Although himself blown over by a shell, which wounded the blinded man a second time, he got him to safety and dressed his wounds.

He had already guided a man who was dazed by the explosion to a place of safety, and his splendid courage and contempt of danger were the means of saving both men's lives.

4765 Cpl. L./Sjt. E. H. Long, R. War. R. (Coventry).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the enemy's trenches. He personally captured two prisoners after a hand-to-hand struggle, and showed great courage and determination.

22521 Sjt. F. Lord, M.G. Corps (Heywood).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the gun teams were ordered to withdraw he took up a position from which

he covered the withdrawal of the infantry, and at nightfall, having sent back a team under a N.C.O., remained in front of our own barrage in order to observe the movements of the enemy, returning next morning with information of the utmost value.

13623 B.S.M. G. Low, R.F.A. (Bangalore, India).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While the battery was being relieved it was very heavily shelled, and many casualties were caused. He attended to the wounded and extricated several wounded men who had been buried in a dugout. He displayed magnificent courage and coolness under heavy fire.

1568 Sjt. (A./Bty. Q.M.S.) R. J. Low, M.G. Corps (Kirkcaldy).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst in charge of an armoured car. He has on several occasions displayed courage, skill and great initiative, particularly during one action, in which he did excellent work a thousand yards in front of our troops under very heavy shell and rifle fire. By his coolness and disregard of personal danger he set a very fine example.

30179 Pte. W. S. Lund, Sco. Rif. (Bolton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in continually leading assaults on enemy strongholds which were full of snipers and machine guns. Using his rifle with great skill, he shot, bayoneted or captured the occupants, displaying dash and gallantry in these hand-to-hand conflicts which were beyond praise. Finally he was wounded when advancing, regardless of danger, against a hostile machine gun in a concrete emplacement. It was entirely due to his fearlessness and determination that his platoon was able to continue their advance.

20461 Pte. T. H. Lunn, North'd Fus., attd. L.T.M.B. (Keighley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while assisting his officer to get a machine gun into action. When the man carrying the gun mounting became a casualty, he held the gun barrel between his legs to enable it to be fired while exposed to heavy fire from enemy machine guns and snipers. The gun was kept in action in this manner until an enemy machine gun was silenced. He set a magnificent example of devotion to duty.

S/16818 Pte. F. C. Luther, Rif. Brig. (Barnsbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When with his platoon in the front line, a shell burst in the middle of seven men, killing two and wounding the remaining five, including himself. He dressed the four others, and carried them back over the open under heavy machine gun and rifle fire before having his own wounds attended to. His pluck and devotion deserved the highest praise.

62984 2nd Cpl. H. Lyne, R.E. (Mountain Ash).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in repairing cables under heavy fire. In spite of the hardship and danger of his

task, he persevered throughout, and later, when the enemy counter-attacked, he on his own initiative collected all the stragglers he could find near his post, led them through an intense hostile barrage, and handed them over to an officer in the front line. He set a splendid example of fearlessness, energy and devotion to duty.

243086 Sjt. J. F. Macdonald, R. Lanc. R. (Beswick, Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in carrying out a determined reconnaissance when exposed to shell and rifle fire. When all his company officers had become casualties, he carried on in command for four hours until relieved by an officer, setting a splendid example of coolness and fine leadership.

241020 Sjt. A. Mackay, Sea. Highrs. (Edinburgh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on enemy trenches. His officer having become a casualty, he led and controlled his men with coolness and determination in the face of heavy rifle and machine gun fire. After the raid was over he volunteered to go to battalion headquarters from the front line in broad daylight over the open with an important message. This he did coming through heavy rifle fire and a strong hostile barrage. After dusk he rendered great assistance in looking for and bringing in wounded. His conduct was magnificent throughout.

315916 Pte. W. Macleod, R. Highrs. (Loch-inver).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While on patrol with two others, they were suddenly attacked by about thirty of the enemy advancing through a culvert, in a railway embankment. He at once ran to the culvert, killed four of the enemy, and, though fired at at close range, prevented the remainder of the enemy from advancing through the culvert. His prompt and courageous action enabled his two comrades, one of whom had been wounded, to get to a place of safety. He then remained in the position within a few yards of the enemy for nearly an hour until they had all withdrawn. He showed the greatest courage and initiative.

390494 Sjt. A. W. Madger, Lond. R. (Clapham Junction).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At a critical moment in an attack, when his platoon was held up by a party of the enemy in shell holes, he went forward and bayoneted the whole party. His gallant and prompt action enabled his platoon to advance.

6219 C.S.M. P. Mahon, Leins. R. (Castle-comer, co. Kilkenny).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although wounded, he went forward and rejoined his platoon, which was being attacked, and continued to direct it and to use his rifle until the attack was beaten off. He set a splendid example of pluck and fearlessness, and has on all occasions rendered exceptionally good and continuous service since the commencement of the war.

15256 Pte. G. W. Mallett, R. Suss. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as stretcher-bearer. He displayed the greatest coolness and disregard of danger in attending to the wounded under very heavy fire, and over very sodden and muddy ground. He further volunteered twice to carry messages in daylight under rifle and shell fire to the advance posts. He continued to attend to the wounded until he fell exhausted, having set one of the finest examples of devotion to duty under the most trying circumstances.

23951 Cpl. L. L. Malpass, M.G.C. (Chipping Norton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took charge of three machine guns in an attack after the officer became a casualty, and got them into action, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. Later, he also took charge of the guns on his flank and organised a defensive line. He brought a captured enemy gun into action in addition to his own, and also recovered two guns whose teams had become casualties. He showed great initiative and determination throughout.

305053 Sjt. E. Mann, R.A.M.C. (Dundee).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of bearers. A stretcher squad was carrying a wounded man when a shell burst near, wounding one of the bearers and one of the walking cases. On his own initiative he called for a bearer, ran out with a stretcher, accompanied by another N.C.O., under very heavy shell fire, rallied the bearers, and assisted in bringing all the cases to safety. Throughout the operations he displayed untiring energy and splendid disregard for personal safety.

9833 L./Sjt. J. T. Marriott, E. Lanc. R. (Hulme, Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. All the officers of his company having become casualties, he took command of the company and led them under heavy machine-gun and shell fire to a position on the right of the battalion. He remained at his post for three days, during which period he inspired all ranks by his courage and devotion to duty.

357148 Pte. W. Marsden, L'pool R. (Wigan).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a Lewis gun. He pushed forward in the open and silenced an enemy machine gun which was holding up his platoon, and afterwards, when a hostile bombing squad was working down a communication trench, he took his gun outside the parapet, and by his fire prevented the enemy from passing a gap in the trench. He was the only man left in his team, but kept his gun in action throughout.

8189 C.S.M. J. Marsh, W. York. R. (S. Farnboro').

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading forward a portion of his company and reaching the objective in spite of heavy machine-gun fire. Although suffering severely from the effects of gas, he succeeded in reorganising his men under

heavy shell fire, setting a very fine example of pluck and devotion to duty under trying conditions.

14523 Dvr. (A./Bombr.) L. F. C. Marsh, R.F.A. (Dover).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when at the telephone in a dug-out which was hit by a shell. Although half buried by the explosion, he worked his way out, repaired the wires, and restored communication. A second direct hit then blew in the dug-out, but he and a comrade again repaired the damage. Later, they rescued three severely wounded men from a gun-pit, and while carrying them to the dressing-station the party was heavily shelled. During the whole time his battery was under a very heavy bombardment, and full of mustard gas. He displayed admirable courage and devotion.

26153 Pte. W. Martin, M.G. Corps (Poplar, London, E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in taking his gun into the open under heavy machine-gun fire. When the enemy counter-attacked he did not leave his post until our infantry had passed him, when he withdrew, fighting his gun throughout, until the infantry were established in their trenches. He then took up his position with them, and immediately opened fire again, taking over command of a second gun which he found had no officer or N.C.O. in charge.

S/7972 Sjt. W. J. Martin, Gord. Highrs. (Bo'ness).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an advance he displayed the greatest courage and determination, locating hostile machine guns and so skilfully handling his platoon that the emplacements were rushed with a minimum of casualties. At one moment, when the crew of a gun was knocked out by shell fire close to his position, he dashed to the spot under heavy machine-gun fire, carried away the gun and brought it into action, inspiring his own platoon and all around him by his coolness and fearless bearing.

87566 Cpl. V. F. Mason, R.E. (Harringay).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took charge of the whole brigade forward party when the two officers had become casualties, and organised and kept up communication with headquarters at a critical moment under heavy artillery fire. He continued in charge of the station for three days' fighting, during which his position was heavily and continuously shelled, and he displayed the greatest coolness and courage throughout.

3757 Bomdr. W. C. Mason, R.F.A. (Bermondsey, S.E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when with an ammunition convoy. Coming under heavy barrage and gas shells, respirators were put on, but owing to the thick mist and the track being destroyed by shell fire the drivers could not see their way. He thereupon removed his respirator, with complete disregard of the deadly gas fumes, collected a portion of the convoy, with the drivers, and got them through the barrage to the battery position.

241856 L./Cpl. W. H. Matthews, L'pool R. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During our advance he rushed forward single-handed and ordered four enemy snipers, who were firing on our men from shell holes, to surrender. On their refusing to surrender he killed them all himself. His gallantry and determination deserved the highest praise.

10303 Sjt. J. McConnon, K.O.S.B. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although twice hit and buried by shell fire during an attack he carried on with his platoon and assumed command when his officer was wounded. It was entirely due to his endurance and able leadership that the objective was gained in the face of stiff opposition.

6923 C.S.M. J. W. McDonald, High. L.I. (Edinburgh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at a critical moment. During a hostile counter-attack he rallied his company, who were commencing to fall back owing to a misunderstanding, reorganised the defence, and by his fearless conduct completely restored their spirits and the situation. When two of his officers had become casualties he took control and showed complete disregard of shell and rifle fire in order to maintain communication with his flanks.

418022 Sjt. R. S. McDougall, R.E. (Partick).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during three days' severe fighting. He pushed forward with his cable detachment, laying cable by hand, as, owing to heavy shelling and the difficult nature of the ground, it was impossible to get the wagon forward. By his coolness, ability and determination, communication between the infantry and the artillery was maintained throughout the engagement without interruption.

6226 Sjt. H. McElroy, K.R.R.C. (Rusholme, Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Having led his platoon with great gallantry to its objective he went at great personal risk to the attack of a hostile machine gun which was active on his left flank. Accompanied by a rifleman, who was killed, he bombed and silenced the gun and killed its crew of three. Later, whilst holding the line, he set a splendid example of cheerfulness to his men and finally proved invaluable to his company commander whilst acting as company serjeant-major.

75769 L./Cpl. M. McGuire, Tank Corps (Middlesbro').

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After his tank had been put out of action by shell fire he volunteered to reconnoitre dug-outs from which machine-gun fire had been directed on the tank. He proceeded alone on foot in front of the advanced infantry and gained most important information, and throughout the action he set a splendid example to his crew when they held

a post for two hours in front of the advanced infantry.

4/4240 Pte. (L./Cpl.) M. McGuire, Leins. R. (Edenbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Finding his company held up by a strong enemy dug-out he organised a bombing party and attacked it, inflicting many casualties and forcing the occupants to run out. He then went forward alone, killing one officer and wounding three of the enemy.

5836 Pte. J. McIlheney, H.L.I. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In order to make a reconnaissance of the enemy front line he twice went over the parapet in full view of the enemy and crawled down the steep, slippery side of a crater, the bottom of which was full of water with barbed wire in it, crossed it, and crawled up into the enemy sap on the other side. At this point he was observed by an enemy sniper and fired upon, which compelled him to return to our lines. He returned again, however, the same afternoon with an officer and a serjeant and gained further information, although again heavily fired upon. That night he took part in a bombing attack upon the post which he had located during the day, and although outnumbered by the enemy and compelled to retire, he displayed splendid disregard of danger and great presence of mind, and as he crossed the crater in full view of the enemy, he threw into the water a large number of their bombs which he had found.

292782 Pte. J. W. McLintock, R. Highrs. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a stretcher bearer. He worked incessantly for thirty-two hours under heavy shell fire attending to the wounded and organising stretcher-bearing parties, both from our own men and the captured enemy. His coolness, endurance and initiative deserved the highest praise.

63141 Sjt. H. McMillan, R.F.A. (Beauley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty with a signalling party in our front line. Finding it impossible to keep a telephone line through to his battery he established a visual station back to the brigade rear observation post, and when the smoke of the barrage made it impossible to flash messages any longer he undertook the work of carrying them himself, continually passing through heavy barrages with the finest disregard of personal safety until he was severely wounded. He was of invaluable service to his battery, and his splendid determination and high sense of duty on these occasions was only one of many instances in which he has earned the admiration of all ranks.

240470 Pte. J. McRae, H.L.I. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a stretcher bearer. His work involved carrying men across the open, often under shell fire, for distances up to 600 yards. In spite of these dangerous and trying conditions he showed the greatest energy and a splendid disregard of personal safety in the discharge of his duties.

13733 L./Cpl. R. McSorley, N. Lanc. R. (Wigan).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of stretcher bearers. With splendid disregard of danger he brought in wounded men from exposed positions and dressed them under continuous shell and rifle fire. His exceptional fearlessness and devotion in attending to the wounded under continual and heavy fire set an example to the stretcher bearers, which enabled all the wounded to be successfully evacuated.

8722 L./Cpl. T. P. McTeague, R. Ir. Rif. (Belfast).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he displayed the greatest dash and initiative, and by his determination in rushing forward when any signs of resistance were offered he put to flight and captured at least two parties of the enemy. After reaching the objective he carried an important message back to battalion headquarters, and whilst crossing the enemy barrage he was wounded. He delivered his message safely, however, returned at once to his company, and remained on duty doing excellent and gallant work for the remainder of the operation. He refused to have his wound dressed until afterwards.

13120 Pte. J. McVinnie, K.O.S.B. (Dumfries).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when employed as a runner. Under exceptionally heavy shelling he delivered several urgent messages which other runners had failed to do, when only rough instructions could be given as to the whereabouts of the addressees. He repeatedly volunteered to carry out messages, whether in or out of his proper turn, whenever the conditions were dangerous, and never failed to deliver his messages promptly. He worked for a considerable period without rest previous to and during the attack, displaying exceptional energy and endurance.

290588 L./Cpl. A. P. Meldrum, Gord. Highrs. (Alford, Aberdeenshire).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although wounded soon after his platoon went over the parapet and two of his gun team were badly hit at the same moment, he continued to advance, carrying his Lewis gun as well as the ammunition of one of the wounded men. He kept his section under perfect control right up to their objective, and on his arrival there at once dug in and consolidated a position for his gun. Although suffering from his wound he carried on with the greatest pluck and determination until his battalion was relieved the following evening in spite of very trying weather conditions and heavy hostile shelling.

19220 Cpl. J. W. Meredith, M.G.C. (Ettingshall, near Bilston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of a gun team which advanced with the attacking infantry, and when the serjeant in charge of the sub-section became a casualty he took command of the sub-section. When a withdrawal of the infantry became necessary he remained at his post and covered the withdrawal until all his

ammunition was exhausted. He showed coolness, disregard for danger and a good grasp of the situation.

26559 Pte. A. W. Meynell, R. Welsh Fus. (Finsbury Park).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When our advance was held up by an enemy strong point he went forward by himself and killed several of the garrison with bomb and bayonet, and, though wounded himself, made prisoners of the remainder. He has on previous occasions shown the same splendid dash and disregard for danger.

37010 Pte. A. Michie, R. Scots (Aberdeen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when one of a brigade carrying party. He went to an ammunition dump which had been hit by an enemy shell and had commenced to explode and personally removed the high explosives from the centre of the dump in order to save ammunition and prevent more serious explosions. He carried out this work under very heavy shell fire, displaying throughout the utmost fearlessness and gallantry.

240276 Pte. P. J. Millichap, Glouc. R. (Cheltenham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as stretcher bearer during an attack. He attended to the wounded with complete indifference to danger under the heaviest fire. He saved at least 25 men by leading or carrying them to the dressing station, and, though wounded himself, he continued to work until the battalion was relieved. He showed great courage and devotion to duty.

3235 Sjt. J. Milligan, Ir. Gds. (Portadown).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as battalion intelligence serjeant. He went through an intense barrage and succeeded in establishing advance battalion headquarters five minutes after the position had been captured. He then assisted a company commander to organise his company and went forward with the attack, during which he was largely responsible for outflanking three enemy machine-gun positions, and for keeping up communication between our lines. Throughout the day his intelligence and fearless energy enabled communications to be maintained between headquarters and the front line.

24195 L./Cpl. W. G. Milton, G. Gds. (Mansfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in advancing against a machine gun which was enfilading the leading wave of an attack. He rushed forward and succeeded in bombing the gun, and personally accounted for the crew, six in number. His promptitude and great personal courage undoubtedly saved his company many casualties.

292347 Cpl. A. Minikin, Gord. Highrs. (Middleton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his section with great dash and went forward alone, silenced an enemy machine gun, and captured the team single-handed. This gallant and fearless action undoubtedly saved his company many

casualties, and allowed their advance to proceed unchecked.

5320 Sjt. T. Minto, H.L.I. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack, finding that a Lewis gun was required, he conducted a party through the enemy barrage and brought up a gun and ammunition. The following day, when his company were holding the line and communication was cut, he twice volunteered and brought the required information through heavy hostile barrage. On the second occasion, although badly stunned and shaken, he refused to become a casualty, and continued at duty, superintending and reorganising the men. His complete disregard of personal danger and quick appreciation of the situation proved invaluable to his company Commander.

15836 Sjt. J. N. Mitchell, D.C.L.I. (Bude, Cornwall).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an enemy counter-attack he skilfully led reinforcements through a heavy barrage and formed a defensive flank when troops on the right had been forced back. He personally accounted for an enemy officer and four men, shooting them one by one as they attacked down a trench. He saved the flank by his magnificent coolness and courage.

1374 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) W. Mitchell, R.W. Kent R. (Keston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty under exceptionally trying conditions. Having brought his company up to help in carrying back a large number of stretcher cases, he kept them at work, although knee deep in mud and under a heavy hostile barrage during each journey, by his splendid personal example of energy and determination.

14105 A./Cpl. S. Moore, Sco. Rif. (Great Harwood).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a hostile counter-attack was driving in our troops and they were falling back on either flank, he covered the withdrawal with his Lewis gun, only ceasing fire when his magazines were exhausted and two carriers had been wounded in attempting to bring up more ammunition. He was the last man of his company to leave his trench, remaining there until almost surrounded by the enemy.

12024 Sjt. W. Moore, Worc. R. (Evesham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack, he went with an officer 500 yards in advance of his position and captured and killed the occupants of an enemy stronghold, being exposed to heavy shell and machine gun fire the entire time. His personal courage and fearlessness greatly inspired his comrades.

241185 A./Sjt. W. Moran, S. Lanc. R. (Prescot).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in the face of heavy machine gun fire and very active sniping. At a very critical moment he advanced, firing his Lewis gun from the hip at an enemy machine gun 150

yards away, knocking out the enemy gunners and enabling our line to get forward and reach its objective. By his untiring cheerfulness during two days of hostile counter-attacks and heavy bombardment, he was of the greatest value in keeping up the spirits of his gun team.

13567 Sjt. G. Morgan, Norfolk R. (Stone, Dartford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Having led two platoons which were without officers through the enemy's barrage, he afterwards deployed them and went from shell hole to shell hole under heavy machine gun and rifle fire, encouraging the garrison of each and improving their firing positions. When seriously wounded later in the day, he still continued to issue instructions concerning the defence of the position, setting a magnificent example of pluck and devotion to duty.

200539 A./Sjt. F. Morris, L'pool R. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon Commander was wounded, he took command and led them to their objective, and on reaching it immediately reorganised them and constructed a strong point in accordance with the orders they had received previous to the attack. Throughout several days of heavy fighting he showed great gallantry and initiative.

267726 Sjt. J. Morrison, R. Highrs. (Falkirk).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when assisting in the capture of a farm. He personally killed three of the enemy before the garrison surrendered, and afterwards assisted in the capture of a field gun, and when his platoon Commander was wounded took command and led his platoon with great skill and gallantry.

740116 By. Q.M.S. A. G. Moseley, R.F.A. (Crosskeys).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During three days' operations he succeeded under difficult circumstances and under heavy fire in maintaining a supply of ammunition, of which there was a very heavy expenditure. On two occasions his horse was wounded in the shell-swept area through which he had continually to pass. His coolness and disregard of personal danger deserve the highest praise.

330619 Rifleman W. G. Mowbray, Hamps. R. (Wooton Bridge, I. of W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a stretcher bearer. He displayed the greatest pluck and coolness in helping to rescue the wounded crew of a disabled Tank under heavy shell fire. Although wounded two days later he remained on duty, setting a splendid example of devotion to all ranks.

326651 Pte. W. H. Muffitt, Camb. R. (Wisbech).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He was the only survivor of a Lewis gun team to reach the final objective. Though twice wounded he fought his gun throughout the day, holding an advanced post in front of the rest of his com-

pany for four hours. Twice he went over the open under the heaviest fire to fetch ammunition. When wounded a second time he rejoined his company with very great difficulty to prevent his gun from falling into the hands of the enemy. His gallant action undoubtedly saved the flank of his company, and was a magnificent example to all.

93732 Sjt. J. Mulligan, R.E. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a divisional visual station. He remained on duty for forty-eight hours, and it was through his personal gallantry and unfailing energy that this station kept communication with the front line under heavy and continuous shell fire.

1724 L./Cpl. T. Murdoch, Tank Corps (Ayr).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his Tank had been knocked out by direct hits and his officer and sergeant wounded, he took charge of the remainder of the crew and brought them to a place of safety. Afterwards, under heavy shell and machine gun fire, he returned to the derelict Tank and fetched pigeons, by means of which a message regarding the position of the infantry was sent off. He then assisted two wounded men to the dressing station under very heavy shell fire. His coolness and disregard of danger throughout the operation were worthy of the highest praise.

13190 A/R.S.M. H. Murphy, R. Dub. Fus. (Surbiton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an intense bombardment of his battalion headquarters, which caused severe casualties, he left a blockhouse, which afforded the only shelter available, and went out several times under heavy fire to bring in the wounded. He personally dressed their wounds, and by his gallant conduct saved many lives.

100393 Sjt. T. B. Murray, R.F.A. (Wyalong, N.S.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at a time when his battery was suffering heavily from an intense bombardment. On his own initiative he crawled across the open under heavy fire and rescued the wounded, making several journeys, although wounded himself. He displayed a magnificent disregard of danger and splendid devotion to duty.

11055 Pte. T. Murray, E. Lanc. R. (Blackburn).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In company with an N.C.O. and another private he dashed out across 150 yards of open ground, which was swept by machine gun fire, and took up a position on our flank, where an enemy machine gun team were endeavouring to get into position. He and his comrades drove off the enemy, and held their position for eight hours under heavy shell and machine gun fire, until all three were wounded by a shell. This prompt and gallant action saved what would undoubtedly have been an awkward situation.

5459 C.S.M. W. Murray, Scots. Gds. (Dufftown, Banff).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at a critical period of an attack. When the battalion on his right was held up he was of the greatest assistance to his Company Commander in forming a defensive flank, afterwards assuming command when his Commander was wounded, and, although wounded himself, leading his company to their final objective with the utmost coolness and resource. He displayed remarkable powers of organisation in dealing with machine gunners and snipers, and set a splendid example throughout.

98203 Sjt. S. A. Murrell, R.F.A. (Tollington Park).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After his battery detachment had been withdrawn by order of the Officer Commanding under an intense hostile bombardment, he returned to the position to fetch a dial sight which had been left behind. The result of this gallant act was that he had his hand practically blown off, a bad wound in his eye, and another in the leg. He showed extraordinary pluck when being bandaged, and has done excellent work in his battery for a long time.

22035 Pte. W. G. Myhill, R. Welsh Fus. (King's Cross, London, N.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in attacking an enemy strong point single-handed. He bayoneted three of the enemy, and thus cleared the way for our advance. On another occasion he entered an enemy strong point and brought out a man who had been wounded there when bombing the enemy on a previous occasion. He has displayed the greatest courage and cheerfulness on all occasions.

427 Cpl. W. Myleham, Tank Co. (Hurst, Berks).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During heavy fighting he drove his Tank for thirteen hours, and twice unditched it under heavy fire. When the Tank was eventually put out of action he went to the assistance of the Infantry with a Lewis gun, and helped them to repel a counter-attack. He remained with them until he was wounded, displaying great coolness and gallantry throughout the day.

45985 Sjt. A. Neal, R.F.A. (Fulham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an intense hostile bombardment of his battery, when one gun had already been blown to pieces and the personnel ordered to the flank, he ran back to the gun on his own initiative, and removed the dial sights. Very shortly after this the three remaining guns were buried by a shell. He was wounded later whilst carrying a wounded comrade to a place of safety, having displayed the utmost gallantry and disregard of danger during the operation.

21132 Pte. G. Neal, R.W. Kent R. (Tonbridge).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty under circumstances of exceptional danger. A box of bombs was blown by a shell into the entrance of a dug-out in which twenty

men were sheltering, Private Neal and ten others being wounded. One bomb with a fuze burning fell into the midst of the men. Although wounded and badly shaken, he seized and hurled it through the window, when it immediately exploded. His prompt and gallant action saved many lives.

202119 C./S./M. (A./R./S./M.) F. Neale, Lond. R. (Brighton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an action. He remained outside Battalion H.Q. throughout the whole engagement, looking after the runners and signallers and others. When Battalion H.Q. was hit by a shell he worked until the trench was cleared and the survivors were spread out in a safe part of the trench. By his courage and personal example he did a great deal to retain order at a critical moment.

20505 Sjt. J. P. Negus, Suff. R. (Chatteris, Cambs).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in a position isolated from the rest of the line. He organised and led bombing attacks, and gained 70 yards of trench, killing some of the enemy, and putting a machine-gun out of action. He constantly exposed himself in order to keep touch with the nearest troops, and on one occasion went over the open under very heavy fire, and brought back fresh supplies of bombs. For three days he held on to and improved a most difficult position, setting a magnificent example of initiative and fearlessness.

17968 L./Cpl. J. F. Norris, North'n R. (Irechester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He located and put out of action three enemy machine-guns which were holding up the advance, and used his Lewis gun throughout in a most able and effective manner, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. He showed wonderful initiative and courage, which were an inspiration to all around him.

270424 Pte. F. Nowell, R. Scots. (Walsall).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was preparing to fire a rifle grenade when an enemy shell burst, knocking the rifle out of his hand, and causing the grenade to fall out. Without any hesitation he called to the men round him to get clear, and put his foot on the grenade, which exploded and blew off his foot. By his very gallant act he saved the lives of an officer and five other men who were with him.

8308 Sjt. W. Nurse, R. W. Kent R. (Nunhead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company officers had all become casualties, he took command and consolidated with great ability and courage under heavy shell and machine-gun fire. When the company on his left had lost all its officers he took charge of the whole line, which he dug in and made a good defensive position under the most trying conditions of weather and continuous shelling, setting a splendid example of coolness and leadership.

537 A./C./S./M. B. J. Oatley, R. Suss. R. (Marylebone).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Before the attack he organised and superintended carrying parties to the front line, and it was largely owing to his efforts that arrangements for the supply of ammunition, bombs, and water were successfully carried out. He showed great dash and ability in the attack, and later went out and brought in wounded men. His good spirits, courage and devotion to duty were the admiration of all.

240116 Cpl. G. Oliver, N. Lanc. R. (Hindley, nr. Wigan).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On reaching the enemy's lines he set his signal section mopping-up and successfully cleared four concrete dug-outs, taking four prisoners and killing fourteen others. He then established his post and maintained communication until relieved, by his utter disregard of danger and coolness under difficulties setting a splendid example to all ranks.

8949 Sjt. F. Oram, Hamp. R. (Overton, Hants.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack on the enemy's position. At a critical moment he collected some of his own and of another platoon, and led them against an enemy strong point which was holding out with great determination and holding up our attack. He killed the officer who was directing the defence, and took many prisoners, as well as a number of valuable documents, afterwards rejoining his company and advancing with it to the second objective. His fearlessness and initiative deserve the highest praise.

28370 Pte. F. L. Osborn, North'n R. (Olney).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the two assaulting companies were held up by machine-gun fire he displayed great courage and initiative in assisting two N.C.O.'s to capture two hostile guns, and to disperse a number of the enemy. Later, when in an advanced position, he brought three wounded men to safety at great personal risk, having displayed the utmost gallantry throughout the action.

265405 L./Sjt. (actg. Sjt.) S. H. Osborne, Herts. R. (Hatfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He was in command of his platoon, and when the enemy counter-attacked on his immediate left he grasped the situation at once, and formed a defensive flank, which kept the enemy off. When the Regimental Serjt.-Major who was commanding the remnants of the battalion was wounded he took command and supervised the defence of the line, setting a splendid example of courage and initiative, until the battalion was relieved.

200027 C./S./M. A. J. Owen, Midd'x R. (Kilburn).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His company was moved forward in support, and for two nights organised

and held an advanced line of shell holes under intense fire. His splendid fearlessness, determination, and ability greatly encouraged and inspired the company under very difficult conditions.

200030 C.S.M. E. F. Palot, Essex R. (Chipping Ongar).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During operations he took command of his company for over six hours after reaching the enemy trenches, which he was one of the first to enter. Throughout this period he led his company with great ability, and set a splendid example to the men.

4624 Sjt. F. Parkins, North'd Fus. (Hirst Asbington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Though wounded in three places previous to the attack he refused to go to the aid post, but took command of a party in the advance, inspiring them by his personal example. He was again wounded, and though suffering severely and unable to move he still continued to urge his men on. His example of courage and leadership was magnificent.

8915 Sjt. A. H. Partridge, Devon R. (Exeter).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his company on his own initiative, when all the officers and non-commissioned officers had become casualties, and led it forward to the attack with great dash and gallantry. He helped to drive back a hostile counter-attack, and brought the company out of action with skill and fine leadership, having greatly inspired all ranks by his personal example.

43143 Pte. C. F. Pascoe, Manch. R. (Ventnor).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Accompanied by another man he went out some 200 yards to a detached post to bring in a wounded man. They dressed and carried in the man 700 yards across the open in broad daylight in spite of rifle, machine-gun fire and sniping, machine-gun fire from an aeroplane, and in the later stages very heavy shell fire. Had the wounded man been left until night he would undoubtedly have died. He set a splendid example of courage and devotion to duty.

242563 C.S.M. A. Passmore, Leic. R. (Leicester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when taking part in a raid. He organised parties and led them forward with the greatest fearlessness and determination, and when the withdrawal of the party commenced, he, with another man, carried back a wounded officer a distance of 300 yards under heavy fire. When the raiding party had returned, he went out into No Man's Land and brought in several more wounded men, working until he collapsed from sheer fatigue, and displaying a splendid disregard for his own personal safety.

29036 L./Cpl. J. W. Payne, W. York. R. (Beverley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With only two men he captured two concrete emplacements, killing and capturing

the whole of the garrisons. He showed a dashing and soldierly spirit throughout.

44040 L./Cpl. H. S. Pearce, R.E. (Hornsey).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of a visual signalling station, and though heavily shelled, and the lamps and telescopes put out of action several times, he stuck to his post and enabled uninterrupted communication to be kept up with the attacking troops. He was continuously on duty for four days, but he remained cool and collected under the most adverse conditions, and set an excellent example to his men.

9649 Sjt. J. Pearce, W. York. R. (Middlesbrough).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst in charge of a convoy. Owing to heavy shelling the animals became straggled and many were bogged, but with exceptional coolness and total disregard of personal safety he moved up and down, helping and cheering the men, and undoubtedly saving many animals by his gallant conduct. When the convoy was finally stopped, he superintended the unloading under heavy fire of every description, and did not leave the dump until satisfied that its position was known to superior authority.

558546 Pnr. (A./L./Cpl.) F. O. Pease, R.E. (Wandsworth, S.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. For four days he worked almost incessantly, and was often out repairing lines for hours in the dark during heavy hostile shelling. On the day of an attack he laid a line through an intense barrage to advanced Brigade H.Q. to replace one cut to pieces by shell fire, and it was largely owing to his fearlessness and devotion to duty that communication was maintained during a very critical period of the attack.

9624 L./Sjt. W. Peck, Bedf. R. (Barnet).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. With entire disregard for personal safety he rushed an enemy machine-gun alone, which was seriously holding up a platoon. He killed the gunner, and then jumped on to the emplacement and bombed the rest of the gun team. This act of gallantry enabled the attack to be carried on to a successful conclusion.

A/2273 L./Cpl. W. Peniston, K.R.R.C. (Doncaster).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an action. His company came under enemy barrage fire which caused considerable casualties, and he remained behind under heavy shelling, attending to the wounded, and helped to carry them to the aid post. He undoubtedly saved the lives of many seriously wounded cases by his prompt action, and set a fine example to the stretcher-bearers under him.

26422 L./Cpl. R. Phillips, R. Welsh Fus. (Briton Ferry).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon commander was killed early in the day, he led his men with great skill and determination, and finding

that they were held up by a sniper, he went forward alone, and located and killed the sniper himself. He afterwards captured a nest of the enemy who were holding up the advance. His conduct throughout was marked by courage and fine leadership.

11467 Sjt. T. C. M. Phippin, G. Gds. (Portland).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In spite of constant shelling, by which the cable was frequently broken between Brigade and Battalion Headquarters, he personally organised a party and laid five lines himself, maintaining communications at a critical time by his gallant and prompt action. On the following day he displayed similar initiative and skill in connecting up the forward companies with their Battalion Headquarters.

45139 Cpl. S. H. Pickard, Surr. Yeo. (Streat-ham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of a patrol. While withdrawing from the enemy's position his left flank got into difficulties with the enemy's wire. Though his men were widely extended and under continuous heavy fire, he succeeded with great coolness and courage in withdrawing his entire patrol without a casualty. He has shown great dash and resource at all times.

48525 Pte. A. Piggott, Manch. R. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst on his return alone from delivering a message, he noticed movement at the entrance to a dug-out. He at once entered, and found it occupied by an N.C.O. and seventeen of the enemy. Covering them with his rifle, he made them put up their hands and leave the dug-out. On reaching the top they attempted to return, but by means of signs and shots which he fired over their heads he collected the party and marched them alone to the Divisional cage, where he handed them over. His coolness and determination were beyond all praise.

40650 Cpl. W. H. Pinchin, R. Scots. (York).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a strong hostile raid in a thick fog upon his post, he was in charge of a Lewis gun team which was attacked from the front and rear. For some time he succeeded in keeping off the enemy on his front with the gun, and with the aid of bombs and rifle fire in resisting the attack from the rear. Finally, however, finding himself unable to keep them off any longer, he collected his team, four of whom were wounded as well as himself, got out of the trench, and firing his Lewis gun from the hip, made his way into No Man's Land, and fighting his way through the enemy, finally rejoined his company in the rear of the position, where he again brought his gun into action. His splendid courage and determination were worthy of the highest praise.

17982 L./Cpl. B. J. Platten, Suff. R. (Oulton Broad).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company was held up by machine-gun fire, he and a comrade went for-

ward on their own initiative, knocked out the gun, and killed the entire team, in spite of heavy machine-gun and rifle fire. This gallant act enabled the advance to continue and secure ground of vital importance. Throughout the operation the gallantry and determination of these two men set a splendid example to all ranks.

Z/1378 Pte. E. W. Plowman, Rif. Brig. (Reigate).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Finding himself in an isolated post on the left of his battalion, with the N.C.O. in charge of his section a casualty and the enemy working round his flank, he took charge of his Lewis gun and section with the greatest promptness and presence of mind. Quickly realising the situation, he took up a position in a shell-hole, and opened fire with such good effect that the enemy were driven back. He was suffering badly from the effect of gas at the time, but this in no way affected the pluck and determination with which he maintained his position against every effort of the enemy until reinforcements could be brought up.

50417 A./Sjt. A. Pool, R.F.A. (Bristol).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his gun and gun-pit were knocked out by a direct hit, another gun was sent up, and had to be placed in the open. He and another gunner kept the gun in action throughout the day, although two of his detachment of four were wounded, and he had been hit himself. A few days later, when the gun detachment next him had all been killed or wounded, he took over the gun and brought it into action again at once, together with his own. He has consistently set a fine example of coolness and devotion to duty throughout a very trying time.

4939 Pte. A. Poole, North'd Fus. (Bilston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a Lewis gunner during an attack. After the remainder of his team had been killed or wounded, he continued to push forward with the advance, and accounted for a large number of the enemy. He set a fine example to all.

5099 A./Sjt. W. S. Poole, R.I. Rif. (Cambridge Heath).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He held a most advanced post with ten men. He was heavily attacked on all sides, but held his ground, although the flanks had fallen back. He kept up rifle fire until all his ammunition was exhausted, and accounted for several of the enemy. He set a fine example of determination and courage.

70378 Sjt. A. G. Porteous, R.F.A. (Woolwich).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in action with his battery. During an exceptionally trying period, lasting for three weeks, he displayed marked and consistent gallantry and coolness under fire. He was indefatigable in his efforts to dig out wounded men under heavy shell and gas-shell bombardments, and it was due to his gallant conduct, and that of the officer with whom he was working, that the wounded men

were evacuated before daylight and that the battery never failed to respond to calls for fire.

14015 L./Cpl. A. Powell, Yorks. L.I. (Leeds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his battalion was held up by machine-gun fire from a concrete fort, he picked up a Lewis gun and fired into the loophole, silencing the enemy. He then seized a rifle and bayonet, and calling upon others to follow, dashed round to the back and captured the garrison. The moment was critical, and by his prompt and gallant action two officers and forty of other ranks were taken prisoners.

9401 Sjt. A. C. Powell, W. York. R. (Barking).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon was checked by an enemy machine-gun during an advance, he went forward with a section and put the gun out of action. He took command of his company when all the officers were casualties, and when ordered to withdraw he maintained an advanced position with six men covering the withdrawal of the company. He inflicted severe losses on the enemy, and only withdrew himself when outflanked. He behaved with great fearlessness and determination throughout.

200231 Cpl. E. G. Powell, Norf. R. (East Harling).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He assisted in dressing a large number of wounded under very heavy shell fire, and went forward at dusk with a medical officer to within 150 yards of the enemy trenches, where he remained until some twelve wounded had been dressed and collected. He then went back to act as guide to the stretcher parties, and got them safely in. His courage and devotion were worthy of the highest praise.

6930 S./M. W. Price, M.C., E. Lanc. R. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Owing to heavy casualties he found himself the only warrant officer remaining with his Battalion Headquarters, whereupon he showed great initiative in promptly reorganising the signalling system and the whole means of communication. During one period of the operations he found twelve of the enemy in a dug-out, and single-handed forced them to surrender, setting a splendid example of determination and fearlessness in face of superior numbers.

11910 A./Sjt. G. D. Prosser, E. Surr. R. (Gravesend).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After all his officers had become casualties, he took charge of the company and reorganised them under heavy fire, and led them forward during a counter-attack with great success. Throughout the whole operation he displayed the greatest coolness, cheerfulness and ability under trying circumstances.

9047 L./Sjt. W. Proud, Scots. Gds. (Butterknowle).

Conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst commanding a platoon during

an attack upon a hostile position. Noticing that the troops on his left were held up by an enemy machine-gun, he organised and led a party, with which he outflanked the gun and forced it to withdraw, thus materially assisting the advance of the other troops. The example which he set was splendid throughout the day.

M2/182415 Pte. C. R. Puckett, A.S.C. (Alton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when driving a lorry loaded with ammunition. His lorry sustained a direct hit, and burst into flames. He then went to the assistance of the second driver, who was seriously wounded, extinguished his burning clothing, and carried him to the dressing station, passing an ammunition dump which was exploding, and along a road which was being heavily shelled. He then returned to where his lorry had been standing, and rendered first aid to other wounded men, also assisting to get lorries that had not been hit to a place of safety. He set a very fine example to all ranks.

G/10802 C.S.M. W. Quimby, R.W. Surr. R. (Brixton Hill).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went ahead of his company in an attack, and himself accounted for six of the enemy. Later, although wounded, he rushed a strong point which was holding up the advance, and captured the whole garrison. His determination and fearlessness deserved the highest praise.

8005 C.S.M. (A./R.S.M.) F. H. Radford, Devon. R. (Exeter).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of regimental dumps. He was responsible for getting water and bombs forward for the use of companies during the attack. The enemy was shelling very heavily, and his parties came under very heavy machine-gun fire. He, however, continued to exhort his men to further efforts with the utmost determination and courage, and by his splendid personal example under appalling weather conditions and intense hostile fire the dumps were kept filled.

21942 A./Cpl. R. Rae, North'd Fus. (Newcastle).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a Lewis gunner during an attack. After the remainder of his team had been killed or wounded, he continued to push forward with the advance, and accounted for a large number of the enemy. He set a fine example to all.

266805 Pte. A. Ralph, Gord. Hfghrs. (New Piteligo).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company was held up by machine-gun fire, he pushed forward until within close range of the enemy's position. From there he threw a bomb on to the gun and destroyed it, and rushing forward, bayoneted one of the enemy gunners, the remainder being killed by his platoon sergeant. His gallantry and initiative enabled his company to continue their advance without loss of time, which was most important to the success of the operation.

M2/182297 Pte. (A./Cpl.) J. Ramsey, A.S.C. ("E." Portsmouth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of caterpillars moving guns to a forward position. The road was very heavily shelled. Several casualties were caused among his men, and one of the caterpillars was damaged by a shell. This he repaired under very heavy fire. The road was badly broken up, but by skilful manoeuvring he got the gun forward to its position. He then returned to bring another gun forward, but his only caterpillar was put out of action by a shell, whereupon he returned for another, and succeeded in removing the damaged one. He showed great initiative and determination.

250047 Sjt. N. H. Rand, Essex R. (Wyvenhoe).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When detailed as escort to machine guns during their withdrawal from a trench he remained until the last, and was captured by the enemy. He bayoneted two of them, but was knocked unconscious by a third. He was then left, and, regaining consciousness, escaped and made his way back with remarkable skill and initiative under trying circumstances.

23640 L./Cpl. R. T. Rawlings, R.W. Kent R. (Marylebone).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When out on patrol with two men they were attacked by a party of ten of the enemy. Though both his men were wounded they beat off the attack, killing and wounding four of the enemy and putting the rest to flight. He showed great coolness, courage, and ability.

7276 Sjt. S. G. Rawlings, Som. L.I. (Clevedon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During three days of incessant fighting he displayed the greatest ability in many times helping to reform his company. He was untiring in his efforts to keep men in forward positions supplied with ammunition and food, and was of the greatest value to his company commander, inspiring the men by his fearlessness and confidence under very heavy fire.

18182 Pte. F. J. Read, Suff. R. (nr. Framlingham, Suffolk).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company was held up by machine-gun fire he and a comrade went forward on their own initiative, knocked out the gun and killed the entire team in spite of heavy machine-gun and rifle fire. This gallant act enabled the advance to continue and secure ground of vital importance. Throughout the operation the gallantry and determination of these two men set a splendid example to all ranks.

240069 C./Q./M./S. C. S. Reid, R. Highrs. (Broughty Ferry).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a party bringing up rations during an action. His party came under very heavy fire, and would have been broken up but for his example and courage.

He was severely wounded, but refused any assistance until he had delivered the rations.

41573 Sjt. E. Renaut, Essex R. (Gayton, Norfolk).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company was held up during an attack by machine-gun fire from a blockhouse some 1,500 yards in front, he immediately volunteered to attack it, and collecting a party, led them across the open under heavy fire. Owing to his prompt action the blockhouse surrendered, and throughout the whole action he displayed splendid gallantry and leadership.

37683 C./S./M. J. A. Rice, Mach. Gun Co. (Rathminto).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty under exceptionally heavy enemy shell and machine-gun fire. He got the guns of his battery into advanced positions, and although wounded in the face had his wound dressed; and continued to command the battery on his officer becoming a casualty. All his available guns were kept in action, and the splendid example he set was of the greatest value to the morale of the men under exceptionally adverse circumstances.

10324 L./Cpl. C. Richards, Worc. R. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a Lewis gun. He and another man took forward their Lewis guns and attacked an enemy machine gun, which was holding up their platoon. Finding that they had not put the gun out of action, they again went forward with the greatest courage, and Lance-Corporal Richards himself accounted for the gun team with his revolver, and captured the gun, which they brought back with them. They then proceeded with their Lewis gun, and rendered valuable assistance on the flank, which was held up by hostile machine-gun fire.

Intell. Agent James Robert Richardson, Intell. Dept.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He remained at a critical juncture, although very ill, in touch with the enemy, and sent in valuable information, which enabled a small post to make dispositions to meet the enemy's attack. During five attacks he has shown most conspicuous gallantry, rallying his native scouts and displaying the greatest coolness and resource in action, although hopelessly outnumbered. He kept constant touch with the enemy for a period of over four days under the most trying circumstances, setting a splendid example of pluck, endurance, and determination.

3648 Pte. (L./Cpl.) P. E. Richardson, R. Fus. (S. Ealing).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when under intense machine-gun and shell fire. He proceeded many times in search of wounded, and displayed very great zeal and courage in his endeavours to organise parties of stretcher-bearers.

54603 Dvr. T. Richardson, R.F.A. (Bolton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His battery came under heavy and

accurate fire, and it was necessary to get out of action to another position. He was lead driver of the fourth wagon team to come up, and both the other drivers became casualties. He kept his team well in hand, and made another attempt to get hooked into the wagon. On this proving unsuccessful, he was ordered to take his team away. He displayed remarkable coolness and courage under trying circumstances.

18378 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) R. Rimmer, L'pool R. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company was held up by machine-gun fire from an enemy post he most gallantly went forward alone, and bombed and killed all the enemy in the post. He showed the utmost gallantry and devotion to duty until he was wounded, and was a splendid example to the men.

S/1787 Sjt. H. Roberts, Rif. Brig. (Goole).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Having led his platoon across a river under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire, he maintained them in position for forty-eight hours under most trying conditions, inspiring them to hold on by his own untiring energy and personal example. Later, when the general advance commenced, he did excellent work in leading a party to mop up a strong point, and throughout the operation he displayed the finest leadership.

325853 Pte. H. Roberts, Yeo. (Brierley Hill, Staffs.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at a critical moment. He handled his Hotchkiss rifle with the greatest coolness and good effect on the flank of his squadron at a time when it was being heavily pressed. When the gun stopped firing, he stripped it and remedied the defect under heavy fire. Throughout the day his services were marked by great coolness and initiative.

18458 Cpl. J. O. Roberts, R. Welsh Fus. (Oswestry).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in taking command of two platoons which had lost their officers, and leading them to their objective with great courage and determination. On the way he captured an enemy strong-point, and successfully dealt with an enemy post on his flank which was hampering the advance of another unit. He displayed sound judgment and admirable leadership.

81010 Sjt. W. Robertson, R.E. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in repairing a bridge which had been cut by artillery fire, and was being carried away by a strong tide. He succeeded in accomplishing this difficult task, after working under very heavy shell fire for eleven hours, during which he displayed the utmost gallantry and disregard of personal safety.

2004 Cpl. F. Robinson, Lanc. Fus. (Bolton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of an advanced post. When the enemy sent forward two platoons to rush his post, he took his section to a hedge and shot down all the enemy himself, using rifle grenades. Although attacked on

both flanks, his personal example and fine control of his men enabled both attacks to be repulsed.

40839 L./Cpl. W. J. Robinson, R. Ir. Rif. (Rathkeel, Broughshane).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all his company runners had become casualties, he acted as a runner all day, taking messages under severe conditions to advanced posts in shell-holes. His successful efforts in performing this extremely dangerous and most important work contributed very greatly to the repulse of two subsequent counter-attacks.

20013 Sjt. W. T. V. Robinson, North'n R. (Droitwich).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the two assaulting companies were held up by enemy machine-gun fire, he, with two comrades, worked round an enemy trench, killed two hostile gun detachments and dispersed a number of the enemy, thereby enabling the advance to be continued. Although wounded, he took over command of his company when all his officers had become casualties, and displayed the utmost gallantry throughout the action.

5279 Pte. J. Rochford, Ir. Gds. (Tooting).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as stretcher-bearer with a working party. The party came under very heavy shell fire, and nearly all the party, including the officer and the serjeant, became casualties. Though wounded himself, and in spite of heavy shelling, he dressed all the wounded and dragged them under cover. He eventually collected and organised a party of men from another unit, and had all the wounded carried to the dressing station. His utter disregard of personal danger and fine courage were an inspiring example to all.

11219 L./Cpl. W. H. Rogers, E. Lanc. R. (Burnley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the battalion next his was held up during an attack he and another man went forward with great coolness and gallantry with their Lewis gun for about 60 yards under heavy machine-gun fire, occupied a shell hole, and kept down the fire of the enemy machine guns, thus enabling a short advance to be made. He held the position for twenty-four hours under heavy shell fire and machine-gun fire, and prevented the enemy from working round the flank. He set a splendid example of initiative and fearlessness at a critical moment.

11686 Sjt. D. Rolfe, Notts & Derby R. (S. Leverton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During and after an attack he displayed the utmost dash and gallantry, personally accounting for many of the enemy himself. He greatly impressed his men by his coolness and daring, and consolidated his position although three times counter-attacked, successfully getting into touch with both flanks. Although deprived of the assistance of a Lewis gun he directed the rifle fire of his men with such precision that many of the enemy were accounted for.

43895 Sjt. J. Ronald, Mach. Gun Co. (Stevenston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Having led his gun with great gallantry and determination through a heavy barrage he maintained it in the outpost line, afterwards again going forward, taking over two Lewis guns as well as his machine gun, and attacking the enemy, who were massing for a counter-attack, with such vigour and determination that he held them up until our artillery barrage completed their discomfiture.

266323 Sjt. J. Ross, Sea. Highrs. (Elgin).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon commander became a casualty he took command and led his men successfully to their objective, eventually establishing a strong point across a river, which he held until ordered to withdraw. His determination and fine personal example had a very great effect on the morale of his men.

457214 L./Cpl. P. Ross, R.E. (Newcastle-on-Tyne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of two pontoon wagons which were taking material to a forward dump. He displayed splendid coolness and initiative under continuous heavy shell fire, which time after time damaged the wagons and wounded the horses and drivers. In spite, however, of the prolonged difficulties of the situation he completed his work, having displayed resource in dealing with an almost impossible task and devotion to duty which were nothing short of marvellous. He also displayed splendid gallantry in staying by a wounded driver in the midst of the shelling, and taking him to the dressing station.

740461 Gnr. A. Roxburgh, R.F.A. (Newport, Mon.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On three occasions at least he rendered valuable assistance to his forward observing officer in maintaining communications between the observation post and the battery. Several times he repaired the line under heavy fire, and he has invariably displayed gallantry and ability of a high order when under fire.

200949 Pte. (A./Li./Cpl.) J. W. Rush, Essex R. (Ilford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack on a hostile position. After two of his Lewis gun team had been hit he kept the gun in action, bringing up ammunition himself. He remedied a defect under heavy fire and afterwards carried on single-handed, eventually successfully bringing the gun out of action. He set a fine example of coolness and determination.

17831 Sjt. M. Samuels, Welsh R. (Swansea).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took charge of two platoons whose officers had become casualties and led them with splendid dash and determination to their objective. He then reorganised his party and consolidated the captured ground, which he held until relieved.

F627 C.S.M. L. Sandoe, Midd'x R. (Cardiff).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on three consecutive occasions within one month. He has displayed consistent and splendid coolness and fearlessness at all times under intense fire of every description, laying himself out on the three above-mentioned occasions to keep touch with his company commander and obtain information as to the developments which were taking place during a heavy bombardment of our line. To do this he exposed himself continually without the slightest hesitation to heavy fire, greatly inspiring all ranks by his personal example.

11699 L./C. G. Scammell, R.W. Kent R. (Bethnal Green, N.E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a very heavy enemy barrage. Although the shells were obtaining direct hits all round him he kept his gun mounted on the parapet all through, thus exposing himself in order that his men might take advantage of the cover of the trench.

201690 L./Cpl. W. C. Scott, A. & S. Highrs. (Greenock).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon officer had been wounded whilst trying to cross exposed ground he left his sheltered position, and, with the assistance of a comrade, brought the wounded officer under cover, setting a splendid example of devotion and complete disregard of personal safety.

316200 Sjt. C. Scullin, R.A.M.C. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Throughout the operations he maintained communication by chains of stretcher bearers. In the course of this duty, and also in leading bearers for the evacuation of the wounded, he on several occasions went over ground that was being heavily shelled and swept by rifle fire, displaying a cool courage that was a splendid inspiration to the men.

70621 Cpl. W. J. Seabrook, Yeo. (Reading).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Soon after dismounting for action his two gun numbers were wounded. He then continued to advance alone under heavy shell fire, carrying his Hotchkiss gun and two boxes of ammunition, and was one of the first to arrive at the top of a hill and get his gun into action. He set a splendid example of coolness and determination.

8694 L./Cpl. W. J. F. Seall, E. Lanc. R. (Southsea).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After his battalion medical officer had been wounded early in the morning he carried on the aid post single-handed until relieved on the following evening, during which time he showed splendid devotion in caring for the wounded. He also gave valuable assistance in organising stretcher bearers, thereby enabling many of the wounded to be evacuated. His conduct throughout was worthy of the highest praise.

687296 B.S.M. R. Seed, R.F.A. (Blackpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When moving to an advanced posi-

tion with his guns great difficulty was experienced owing to the mud, heavy going and hostile shell fire. This warrant officer was indefatigable in his efforts to get the battery into position, and afterwards in keeping the battery in action, showing the greatest disregard for his personal safety under heavy shell fire. His excellent and fearless example had a wonderful effect on the morale of his men.

25330 Pte. T. H. Seel, N. Lanc. R., attd. Sig. Bde. (Nelson).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When carrying a message from brigade headquarters to a forward station he was badly wounded in both thighs and in the head by a shell when within five hundred yards of his destination. Notwithstanding this he continued his journey crawling, and successfully delivered his despatches, by his pluck and determination earning the admiration of all.

534821 L./Cpl. G. J. Seeley, Lond. R., attd. K.R. Rif. C. (Dursley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a heavy hostile bombardment his dug-out was blown in. He and another man cleared the entrance and reached the river which was between them and safety. Finding that several of their comrades were unable to swim they crossed and recrossed the river for ropes, by means of which the whole party was safely got across. Had it not been for the courageous and resourceful action of these two men their comrades would not have escaped.

202908 Sjt. G. Shackleford, R. Berks. R. (near Reading).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. When his platoon commander became a casualty early in the attack he took command of the platoon and led it with great gallantry, taking part in three successive attacks on an enemy strong point. He showed great initiative and courage, and by skilful dispositions saved many casualties.

5399 B.S.M. A. Sharp, R.F.A. (Reading).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when conveying an ammunition convoy to the battery position. With great skill and coolness he led it through heavy shell fire and delivered all the ammunition, and although running into a heavy fire on the return journey, which caused several casualties to men and horses, his fine example and disregard of personal danger prevented a stampede and enabled him to bring the convoy back to the wagon lines in perfect order. He displayed exceptional presence of mind and good leadership in a critical situation.

14369 Sjt. G. Sharp, G. Gds. (St. Albans).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack upon the enemy's line. When his platoon was held up by very heavy rifle and machine-gun fire from a concrete blockhouse he collected a few men and rushed the position, killing the hostile gunner and enabling our advance to continue. Twenty of the enemy were captured in this stronghold entirely owing to his able dispositions and the splendid dash and gallantry with which they were carried out.

203146 Sjt. A. T. Sharpe, Bedf. R. (Dunstable).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the enemy's lines. On reaching the enemy's trench he showed admirable dash and fine organisation in overcoming confusion caused by the smoke of the bombardment, and in helping his officer to get his party to their objective. On returning to the front line, under an intense enemy bombardment, he gave valuable assistance in attending to the wounded, although wounded himself. He showed great fearlessness and initiative.

G./18536 Sjt. H. Shaw, Midd'x R. (Swindon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he took command of his company before the first objective was gained, when all the officers and non-commissioned officers had become casualties. It was largely owing to his energy and splendid fighting qualities that his company was able to gain and hold its final objective.

268545 Pte. W. Shaw, L'pool R. (Oldham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company was held up during an attack by machine-gun fire from front and flanks, he volunteered to take a message to a Tank 600 yards distant under concentrated machine-gun fire, and by this act of gallantry succeeded in bringing the Tank to the assistance of his company. His fearlessness and determination whilst thus engaged greatly stimulated his comrades in their advance.

11095 Sjt. J. H. Shelton, Notts. & Derby. R. (Derby).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Finding himself in command of two platoons early in an attack, he handled them with most conspicuous success, exhibiting at all times a complete disregard for his own safety. He controlled his section of the captured trenches for a distance of some 100 yards, and consolidated his position so successfully and skilfully that he was able to withstand two counter-attacks, and to inflict severe losses upon the enemy. On one occasion he rushed a strong point under machine-gun fire, and bombed its occupants at close range. By this splendid act of fearlessness and initiative he captured the position single-handed.

19363 Pte. C. W. Shere, E. Surr. R. (Walton-on-Thames).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in an advanced Lewis gun post. After his N.C.O. had been wounded, he took charge and held the post under the most trying conditions, carrying on for ten hours, although badly wounded in both legs, until his post was relieved—when he collapsed. Although a young soldier, his pluck and devotion to duty have set a magnificent example to those under him.

8735 Cpl. F. A. Sherman, R.F.A. (Forest Gate, E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in rebuilding his gun-pit under heavy shell fire when it had been three times blown in. The shelter was repeatedly hit by

splinters, and it was entirely due to his action that casualties were avoided, and the gun kept in action. On another occasion he extinguished a fire which was threatening the ammunition in his pit after it had been struck by a shell. His initiative and devotion to duty deserve the highest praise.

64021 Sjt. R. C. Sherwood, R.F.A. (Sittingbourne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a trench mortar detachment. During an intense shelling of his position a shell burst, which shattered the timbers and put the mortar out of action. He worked the whole time in the open, under severe and continuous shell fire, prepared fresh timbers, and temporarily re-constructed the bed. The mortar was then again brought into action, and owing to his great resource and coolness continued to fire according to programme.

9933 Pte. A. G. Shipp, R. Fus. (Teddington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when acting as runner. He went twice up to the front companies through heavy machine-gun and artillery fire, on the third occasion accompanying his Adjutant; and when the latter was wounded, he dressed his wounds and assisted him back. Later, although very exhausted, he again returned to the front line with a serjeant-major. The runner who went with him was hit, so he continued alone, and successfully delivered his message, having displayed exceptional gallantry and determination.

1723 Pte. (L./Cpl.) F. C. Simkins, E. Kent R. (Southwark).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the officer in charge of the party, and all the N.C.O.'s had become casualties, he took command, and placed the remainder of the men in position behind our barrage, taking up a good covering position himself with his Lewis gun. Although wounded in both legs, and with two of his team knocked out, he continued to work his gun until it jammed, at the same time signalling the actual moment for the assault. His splendid personal example of pluck and devotion to duty was invaluable in keeping up the morale of his men.

4159 L./Sjt. A. Sippetts, R. Suss. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at a critical moment, when the attacking troops were checked by machine-gun fire. He at once got a Lewis gun into action, and compelled the enemy machine-gun team to retire, shooting the gunners as they did so. By his initiative and courage he greatly facilitated the advance of the assaulting troops.

27272 Pte. H. Slater, Notts. & Derby. R. (Ashford, Derbyshire).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a Lewis gun team. During an attack on enemy trenches he had both legs broken, and in this condition crawled to a position from which he could fire on the enemy, continuing to do so until the gun was taken away from him and he

was evacuated. His pluck and determination won the admiration of all ranks.

242382 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) P. McL. Small, Gord. Highrs. (Huddersfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Taking command of a platoon which had lost both its officer and platoon serjeant, he led it under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire against the enemy's trench. On reaching his objective he established a strong post in front, and later, when his platoon was detailed to hold an advanced position under the most trying circumstances, and the troops on his left had withdrawn, he rallied his men and held his own until relieved thirty-six hours later. He set a splendid example throughout the operation.

7658 Pte. (L./Cpl.) C. E. Smith, N. Staff. R. (Kingsbury, nr. Tamworth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when a stretcher-bearer. After the advance had been held up by hostile machine-gun fire he walked from shell hole to shell hole in our most advanced positions under very heavy fire, searching for, dressing, and bringing in the wounded for some three hours, until he himself was at last wounded in fetching a stretcher for a wounded man. He displayed the utmost indifference to personal danger, and set a magnificent example by his coolness and courage under heavy fire.

15007 L./Cpl. E. A. Smith, R. Suss. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his section into action with tremendous spirit and resolution, and was always in the forefront of the fight. He bombed eleven enemy dug-outs, inflicting many casualties, and taking a number of prisoners. His great courage was a splendid example to all who came in contact with him.

6504 L./Sjt. F. A. Smith, C. Gds. (Pease-down-St. John, nr. Bath).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of his battalion aid post. He was absolutely fearless under the heaviest shell fire in attending to the wounded, on one occasion a shell penetrating the dug-out and killing the men he was attending to. It was entirely due to his prompt assistance that the lives of many were saved under heavy fire, and his behaviour throughout was a splendid example to all.

200780 Pte. (A./L./Cpl.) F. H. Smith, North'n R. (Thrapston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a stretcher bearer. He continually distinguished himself by the fearlessness and devotion with which he discharged his duties in daylight, under most perilous conditions, and when night came he remained until nearly daybreak between the lines, helping to bring in the wounded.

43237 Pte. F. L. Smith, North'n R. (Hitchin).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. With another man he located an enemy machine-gun which was

holding up the advance. They immediately rushed the position, captured the gun, and put the team out of action. His quick grasp of the situation and courageous action enabled the advance to continue.

325574 Pte. F. S. Smith, Yeo. (Bewdley, Worcs).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has invariably displayed the greatest gallantry in action, persistently seeking opportunities to gain forward positions, from which to harass and snipe the enemy, and his efforts have met with considerable success. He has also displayed great courage and devotion as a stretcher bearer in carrying away wounded men under heavy fire.

18511 Sjt. H. W. Smith, R.W. Kent R. (Lenham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he bayoneted four of the enemy in succession, and when all the other N.C.O's. in his company had become casualties he superintended the consolidation of the captured objective. By his fine personal example he kept his men working and cheerful under heavy shelling and pouring rain.

42806 Cpl. R. G. Smith, Midd'x R. (Dunstable).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He organised the capture of a hostile strong point with some forty prisoners. When held up in the advance by heavy machine-gun fire he at once formed a defensive flank, and so enabled the unit on his left to advance. He showed great courage and determination throughout.

266230 Sjt. S. Smith, Oxf. & Bucks. L.I. (Aston Abbots, Bucks.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. When all the officers of his company were casualties he led the second wave forward until left with a party of only 15 men. He was surrounded by about 70 of the enemy, but rushing forward with a Lewis gun he scattered the enemy and continued the advance. He showed great gallantry and resource on this and many other occasions.

22258 C.S.M. T. A. Smith, L'pool R. (Southport).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all his officers had become casualties except the company commander, he was of the greatest assistance to the latter in going from one part of the line to another and re-organising the platoons under very heavy shell and machine gun fire. During the whole operation he displayed tireless energy and courage, which inspired the men with confidence.

240038 C.S.M. V. G. Smith, Glouc. R. (Gloucester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. When all the officers were wounded and the company came under very heavy fire he took charge, moved the company forward, and took up a defensive position in front of a captured farm.

He sent in valuable reports, and showed great courage and initiative throughout.

3116 Sjt. W. E. Smith, R.F.C. (Barnes Park, London, N.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in carrying out artillery observation at very low altitudes and during unfavourable weather conditions. As a consequence of his daring, he was subjected to continual heavy rifle and machine gun fire, which on one occasion seriously damaged his machine, but he has at all times shown great perseverance and gallantry, and been most successful in carrying out observation for the artillery with whom he was co-operating. He has twice been brought down by anti-aircraft fire as a consequence of his low flying, but has each time successfully landed on our side of the line.

48027 Pnr. W. T. Smith, R.E., attd. R.F.C. (Kensal Rise, N.W.).

Conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst acting as aerial gunner to an officer. Having shot down an enemy machine, his own pilot was wounded, and fell forward insensible on to the control lever. Pioneer Smith then climbed forward along the plane, pulled the pilot off the lever and got the machine under control. The officer then partially recovered, whereupon he remained standing on the side of the fuselage shouting words of encouragement to him, and the machine was eventually landed without much damage, entirely owing to his exceptionally gallant and prompt action.

11660 Pte. J. A. Smithson, York. L.I. (Dewsbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when the enemy counter-attacked, using flammenwerfers. He went out in front of the trench with his Lewis gun, on his own initiative, killing the flammenwerfer-bearers and materially assisting to beat off the attack. Again, on the same day, though he had been wounded during the enemy's counter-attack, he pushed forward and kept up a steady and accurate fire on the enemy machine guns and enabled our counter-attack to push forward. He accomplished this in spite of his leg being broken, showing magnificent courage and devotion to duty.

13864 C.Q.M.S. A. E. Sparrow, Bedf. R. (St. Albans).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in delivering rations to his company under very heavy shell fire. The enemy's barrage rendered it impossible for ration parties to proceed to the rendezvous for the company's food. He personally unloaded the rations and passed the pack animals back into safety. Owing to the state of the ground he became practically exhausted, but stuck to his work and finally succeeded in handing over the rations to his company in the support line.

275348 Sjt. S. Spencer, Essex R. (Southend).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of an advanced post. When attacked at night by a strong patrol of the enemy, he held out gallantly until forced to withdraw. He then ordered his

men back one at a time—he himself being the last to leave, carrying his remaining stock of bombs with him, and assisted three wounded men to return to our lines, also carrying one who was very seriously wounded.

23524 C.S.M. P. Stabler, Leic. R. (Leicester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of a party working on a light railway under heavy fire. He showed great coolness and initiative in directing the work and encouraging his men under heavy fire, particularly in handling, under very dangerous conditions, a truck load of ammunition which had become derailed. He set an excellent example to his men.

3283 Cpl. G. Steel, M.G. Corps (Keele).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a reconnaissance, he led two machine-gun teams through a heavy barrage without a casualty, although he was wounded himself, and, after reporting to his officer, he assisted a wounded man to a place of safety before returning to have his own wound attended to. His pluck and devotion were worthy of the highest praise.

27308 B.S.M. F. Stonard, R.F.A. (Leeds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst advancing with his battery into a forward position under heavy shell fire. After one officer had been wounded and another one killed he took charge of the guns, which had been bogged, and got them into position, in spite of heavy hostile shelling. He set a splendid example of courage and self-reliance to his men at a critical moment.

5277 Pte. W. J. Streat, E. Kent R. (Dover).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was leading a party from the front line when they came under very heavy shell fire, and he was wounded. Nevertheless he led his party on, and when they were again shelled and suffered several casualties, and he was again wounded, he collected his men, got the wounded safely away, and brought his party to their destination. He refused to go to the dressing station until he had personally reported the return of his party.

R/440 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) T. H. Straw, K.R.R.C. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although badly wounded in the head during an attack, he continued to command his company after all the officers had become casualties. Practically the whole of his company were wiped out during the hostile counter-attack which followed, but he hung on with seven men, displaying the utmost gallantry and determination.

290763 A./L./Cpl. A. Stubbs, Ches. R. (Macclesfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an advance against the enemy's position. Throughout the advance he was always well in front of his section, and at the final "run in" he raced his company commander to the enemy's trench. His splendid example greatly assisted his

leader in maintaining the advance and the subsequent attack on enemy support trenches.

301338 Sjt. W. Sutherland, R.A.M.C. (Wick).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a party of stretcher-bearers. Following a daylight raid he proceeded, on his own initiative, to "No Man's Land," and, in spite of great activity of enemy snipers and heavy shell fire, he searched the whole battalion front thoroughly until all the wounded had been brought in. His coolness and courage cannot be too highly spoken of, and on many previous occasions he set a magnificent example of pluck and fearless devotion to duty.

A/2271 A/Cpl. W. S. Swallow, K.R.R.C. (Staveley Town).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as stretcher-bearer. His company came under the most intense artillery fire. He was buried three times and had to be dug out, but in spite of this he rescued and dressed in the open many seriously wounded men. It was mainly due to his untiring efforts and coolness that these casualties were got away from the barrage zone. His courage and indifference to danger were a great example to all.

72320 Pte. (A./Cpl.) H. Tallon, R.A.M.C. (Brighton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as bearer. He remained all night in "No Man's Land" with 17 wounded and was responsible for the recovery of these men, dragging them by means of blankets and waterproof sheets along the ground. He then returned for more, and his work during the whole of the operations was marked by gallantry and devotion of the highest order.

6772 C.S.M. A. Taylor, York. L.I. (Darnall).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the officers of his company were hit and he himself was wounded by a bullet through the leg, he led his men forward and captured the first objective, which he immediately started to consolidate. He stayed with his company for twelve hours after being wounded, displaying the greatest pluck and determination, and only left when the consolidation was complete.

240414 Pte. F. Taylor, Worc. R. (Evesham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he saw a party of the enemy, led by an officer, issuing from a concrete machine-gun emplacement. He immediately shot the officer and the leading man, and penned the remainder of the party in the emplacement until his platoon came up. He showed great initiative and contempt of danger.

39353 Pte. R. Taylor, M.G. Co. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. When the guns were shelled out of their positions and had to fall back he made four journeys across a heavily shelled area to bring in the gun kit.

He also dug out ammunition from the debris under heavy fire and brought it back. His conduct throughout the day was exemplary.

4400 Sjt. R. C. Taylor, R.F.C. (Willesden, N.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When sent out with an observer to take important photographs he saw six hostile scouts approaching him. Realising that there would be no further chance of doing the work as clouds were coming up he continued taking the photographs until the hostile scouts came within fifty yards' range, although his machine was the only British one in the vicinity. He then turned on them, and by skilful manœuvring enabled his observer to crash one. Another was then attacked and driven down in a spin, after which the remaining four retired, and he completed the photographs. He has always shown the greatest determination and gallantry.

1200 Pte. G. Tedder, R. Fus. (Holloway).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When carrying a load to a post in front of our line he and a comrade missed the post in the dark and ran into a patrol of three of the enemy. He immediately attacked the nearest of them, seized his rifle and captured the patrol.

40781 Cpl. J. Telford, R. Scots Fus. (Ecclefechan).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company was held up by machine-gun fire he crept forward, single-handed, bombed a dug-out into which he had driven an enemy sniper, and then advanced alone up the enemy's trench and bombed and dispersed the team of a machine gun which was causing heavy casualties to his comrades. His great dash and gallantry were responsible for the capture of 50 prisoners and two machine guns.

240014 C.S.M. R. E. Thomas, R.W. Fus. (Mold).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at a critical moment in controlling the fire of the firing line when it was held up pending the arrival of reinforcements. His coolness and gallantry were most conspicuous on this occasion, and during the assault he was in the front until the position was captured, when he at once commenced to reorganise the battalion and to collect parties of leaderless men.

18999 Sjt. W. A. Thomas, R.W. Fus. (New Zealand).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in commanding his platoon. He was wounded as the objective was reached, but continued to carry on his duties with the greatest pluck and gallantry. When finally relieved he handed over all his dispositions, orders, etc., as coolly and thoroughly as if he had been on parade, and did not allow himself to be carried from the field until he had seen that everything was in order. He set a very splendid example of devotion to duty.

202923 Pte. P. Thomsett, Midd'x R. (Horsted Keynes, Sussex).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when his company was held up by machine-gun fire and bombs from an enemy dug-out in a railway embankment. He climbed down alone and threw the only bomb he had into the window; the garrison of thirty then surrendered, and he thus enabled his company to continue its advance.

16735 Pte. A. Themson, C. Gds. (Kirkcaldy, Fifeshire).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On his own initiative he set out alone under heavy rifle fire to regain touch between his own unit and another division. He successfully accomplished this, and on his way back shot three of the enemy. He then took up a position midway between the two divisions, from which he kept up a consistent rifle fire upon the enemy for twenty-four hours, setting a very splendid example of determination and devotion to duty, and by his gallant action safeguarding the right flank of his unit.

265033 C./S./M. (A./R./S./M.) S. G. Tite, Herts. R. (Tring).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the officers of the battalion had become casualties and the enemy were counter-attacking he collected the remnants of the battalion and consolidated the position. Though wounded he remained with his men and supervised the defence of the line under particularly difficult circumstances until he handed the remnants of the battalion over to an officer. He set a magnificent example of courage and devotion to duty.

9706 Pte. (L./Cpl.) J. Topham, R. Lanc. R. (Leeds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his section in a fearless and determined manner, and on one occasion, although supported by only one man, rushed an enemy dug-out and captured twenty-six prisoners, one of whom was an officer.

14034 L./Cpl. F. Topps, G. Gds. (Wisbech).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when commanding a section of "moppers up." Although at a nearly stage his party was reduced to three men he led them forward with the greatest skill and courage till the objective was reached. He then attacked a concrete block-house, in which he found nine of the enemy, three of whom he killed, the remainder then surrendered. By his initiative and gallantry he saved the lives of many of his comrades and prevented the attack from being held up. His conduct has been conspicuous on all occasions for coolness under fire and cheerful devotion to duty.

3/4029 C./S./M. B. Treagus, Hamps. R. (Clanfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When an enemy machine gun opened enfilade fire on the advancing troops he immediately organised a party, assaulted and captured the gun. He rendered valuable service during the consolidation, and his cheerfulness, coolness, and contempt of danger under the most trying conditions were an example to all.

17290 Sjt. A. J. Trott, Som. L.I. (Taunton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. All the officers of his company having become casualties during an attack, he took command of the company, and with sound judgment and great persistence consolidated the line under heavy fire. He set a magnificent example to his men.

7609 Sjt. G. H. Tucker, Worc. R. (Partick, Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While a counter-attack was in progress against the brigade on his right which appeared likely to threaten his flank he led his men through heavy shell and machine-gun fire and took up an excellent position on the right, from which he brought fire to bear against the enemy with very valuable effect. His work throughout the operations was most praiseworthy.

17892 L./Sjt. H. Tullett, G. Gds. (Raby Castle, E.).

Conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst engaged with his company in digging in, they were enflamed by machine-gun fire, whereupon he promptly collected four men, crossed a stream, and captured the gun by working round it. At the time he remained out under heavy fire until his company had finished their work, and then returned with his party. He set a splendid example of initiative and coolness under fire.

S/11153 Pte. W. Turnbull, Sea. Highrs. (Edinburgh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Having gone forward with his platoon commander to ascertain the position of our advanced troops they came into contact with an enemy strong point, which he assisted his officer to clear with great fearlessness and determination, capturing two officers and ten men.

241047 Pte. G. E. Turner, Norf. R. (Downham Market).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After communication with a brigade had broken down, he took messages to brigade headquarters and to the firing line under heavy shell and machine-gun fire, and finally brought up and laid a fresh cable to the firing line. His gallantry and devotion under fire deserve the highest praise.

G/2545 L./Cpl. H. W. Turner, R.W. Surr. R. (nr. Rugby).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a stretcher-bearer. During two days' heavy fighting he displayed the utmost gallantry and disregard of his own safety in dressing the wounded under heavy shell fire in the open and carrying them back to cover. Later, he went out to a most exposed position and carried back a wounded officer under heavy fire. Afterwards, when again going forward to the same place to attend to other casualties, he was severely wounded in the arm, but would not go back until all the wounded had been removed.

8464 C.S.M. J. R. Turner, R. Fus. (Acton, W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After all his officers had become

casualties he led his company with great determination and skill against strong opposition and under intense machine-gun and shell fire. It was owing to his gallant conduct and good leadership that the company reached its objective.

17018 L./Cpl. C. Twiss, G. Gds. (Salford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack the unit on the right of his battalion was held up by an enemy blockhouse, which was attacked and captured largely owing to the prompt and courageous action of this non-commissioned officer. His company commander was killed and his platoon commander wounded, but he was one of the party which worked up to within fifteen yards of the blockhouse, after which he worked round the flank and captured the place, with its garrison of thirty-four men.

4935 C.S.M. F. W. Tye, Glouc. R. (Cheltenham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a hostile raid. He twice passed through a heavy barrage to ascertain the situation, and returned with accurate and valuable reports. He showed complete disregard for his personal safety, and by his coolness and splendid example rendered valuable assistance in repelling the attack.

15394 Pte. A. Tyrrell, G. Gds. (Blotham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an advance, his platoon was held up by rifle and machine gun fire from a concrete blockhouse. He, with a comrade, rushed forward and captured the post at the point of the bayonet with the utmost dash and gallantry, killing four of the enemy and capturing seventeen, with their machine gun. The courage and initiative of these two men undoubtedly saved the lives of many of their comrades.

6141 C.S.M. C. H. Underwood, North'n R. (Oakham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was knocked over and buried by a shell, but, on being dug out, he continued to carry out his duties, and held the company together until the attack. He again showed great determination, though again buried by shell fire, in consolidating the ground won. He set a fine example of coolness and courage to all ranks.

41491 Pte. R. Underwood, R.A.M.C. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When some batteries were being heavily shelled and a number of casualties occurred, he repeatedly led stretcher parties under shell fire to remove the casualties. Later, when several wounded men were reported to be lying in front of a position which was continually under heavy machine gun fire, he took out two parties of bearers on his own initiative, searched the whole area, and brought in all the wounded. He showed great courage and devotion to duty, and set a splendid example to all.

72755 Pte. H. Utting, Tank Corps (Nottingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his Tank had been knocked

out by a direct hit, which killed the officer and wounded most of the crew, he volunteered to remain and act as orderly to the Section Commander when the crew was sent back. Half an hour afterwards, when guiding a Tank on foot over very difficult ground, he was hit in the leg, but continued to take messages for two hours under heavy shell and machine gun fire. The assistance he gave to his Section Commander was invaluable, and his coolness and disregard for personal danger were most marked.

11167 Sjt. P. Waine, R. Dub. Fus. (Dublin).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in rebuilding a bridge under heavy shell fire. When on the far side of a river by himself, he cut his way through four yards of enemy barbed wire under heavy machine gun fire, setting a splendid example of fearless gallantry to his men, whom he afterwards led across the river and established in a post in spite of continuous sniping from the enemy at close range. He then superintended the consolidation of the post under extremely heavy shell fire.

90615 Cpl. A. M. Walker, Labour Coy., firmly. Devon. R. (Temple Blirrland, near Bodmin).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when two shells had hit a dump at which some officers and men were at work, wounding and killing six, and setting alight to a quantity of cordite. He at once went into the flames and brought out an officer, setting a splendid example of coolness and disregard of personal danger.

31011 L./Cpl. J. W. Wallwork, M.G.C. (Rossendale).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His team was in reserve when a message came that the enemy were counter-attacking strongly and the forward guns were short of ammunition. He took charge of a carrying party, and led them to the forward guns, a distance of nearly two miles, through heavy barrages, and delivered the ammunition. He showed pluck and determination of the highest order.

14621 L./Cpl. A. Ward, Linc. R. (Boston, Lincs.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On his own initiative he took up an advanced position with his Lewis gun, and maintained his gun in action throughout the whole day under heavy shell and machine gun fire. He killed the entire crew of an enemy machine gun, and, later, brought deadly fire to bear upon hostile reinforcements, killing and wounding at least twenty of them. He remained at his post after his team had become casualties, and successfully dealt with snipers who were causing us severe losses.

G/3354 Sjt. J. Ward, R. W. Surr. R. (Ongar, Essex).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the officers in his company had become casualties, he took command, and reorganised the company under heavy shell fire, setting a splendid example of coolness and courage. After the objective had been reached he went forward, with

another N.C.O., and gained much valuable information with regard to the movements of the enemy.

46472 Cpl. H. Ware, Manch. R. (Beddington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the enemy's trenches. He pushed ahead of the raiding party and started to cut the wire in face of heavy rifle fire and bursting bombs. He was severely wounded, but, flinging himself across the wire, continued to cut it. When the rest of the party reached him he held down the uncut wire and ordered the men to walk over him. Throughout he showed the greatest fortitude, and his self-sacrifice undoubtedly enabled the others to reach the enemy trench.

8048 Sjt. G. Warren, Hamps. R. (Tadley, nr. Basingstoke).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a fighting patrol. In spite of heavy rifle and machine-gun fire, he sent back valuable information, which greatly assisted in the re-taking of a village. He also rendered valuable work when in charge of a ration party, when the enemy launched their second counter-attack. His indifference to personal danger was magnificent.

28201 C.S.M. P. Warren, Lab. Corps (Aberiden, nr. Cardiff).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His company's camp was heavily bombed by enemy aircraft, and heavy casualties resulted. He maintained order from the moment of the first explosion, saw to the collection of the wounded, and personally rendered first aid while the bombs were still dropping. He showed great coolness and contempt of danger.

10428 B.S.M. J. Waters, R.G.A. (S. Norwood).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an intense gas shell bombardment. Although badly gassed himself, he showed great devotion and pluck in attending to the wounded, and refused to leave the battery, denuded as it was of its N.C.O.'s and of all officers except one.

240230 L./Cpl. G. Watson, R. Highrs. (Arbroath).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an action. He was sent with an N.C.O. during an enemy counter-attack to carry an urgent message to battalion headquarters. They were under very heavy rifle and machine-gun fire, and the N.C.O. was mortally wounded. He carried him to safety and dressed his wound, having previously delivered his message. Later, during several days of continuous and heavy fire, he constantly kept the telephone lines repaired. He showed a determination and contempt of danger that were an example to all.

242178 Pte. J. Watts, Linc. R. (Scunthorpe).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as stretcher-bearer. During a counter-attack and subsequent withdrawal he re-

mained behind to attend to the wounded, and with two wounded men was taken prisoner by an enemy officer. He made his escape, with the two wounded men, and succeeded in bringing one of them back to our lines. He showed great initiative and determination.

200202 Sjt. J. S. Waugh, K.O.S.B. (Jedburgh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all his officers were casualties, he took command of his company and led them with coolness and determination throughout the day. He was the last to leave the position in the evening, and made a gallant attempt to carry away his wounded company officer, who was struck again and killed in his arms. His fearlessness and devotion deserve the highest praise.

15987 Cpl. G. Welch, R. Suss. R. (Chichester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in establishing and holding advance posts in a village and afterwards in rendering assistance under very heavy fire to a number of badly wounded men. During the seventy hours in which his battalion was in the line his splendid courage and fearlessness greatly inspired the men of his company.

19435 C.S.M. J. B. Weir, Leic. R. (Folkestone).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led a party to the enemy's third line and himself killed several of the enemy. When the party withdrew he brought back a wounded man to our lines. He set a very fine example of courage and determination.

17669 Sjt. A. Wells, E. Lanc. R. (Fields Weir).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of his platoon during an attack. During consolidation he continually moved up and down the line, under fire, encouraging his men. He also captured single-handed two of the enemy whom he saw in a shell hole, and at the end of the action he displayed splendid gallantry and devotion to duty in taking out parties to bring in the wounded under heavy fire.

7674 Sjt. F. Wells, Som. L.I. (Putney).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when leading a mopping-up party. Encountering a party of ten of the enemy, he used his rifle as a club, and in a hand-to-hand contest knocked out seven of them before he was wounded himself. His fearlessness and fine offensive spirit deserves the highest praise.

240017 A./Sjt. W. H. Wheeler, Worc. R. (Bromsgrove).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. When his platoon commander was killed, he at once took command, reorganised and consolidated the ground gained, and established touch with the troops on his flanks. He fearlessly exposed himself to machine gun fire and snipers throughout, setting an excellent example of coolness and indifference to danger.

42081 A./Bmbr. W. J. Whitbread, R.G.A. (Battersea, S.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in repairing telephone lines between his battery and the observation post under very heavy shell fire. His coolness and gallantry deserve the highest praise.

17749 Sjt. F. W. White, Welsh R. (Swansea).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the attack and capture of a position, he displayed exceptional initiative and fearlessness. He mopped up dug-outs single-handed beyond his company's final objective, and, with his Company Commander and another man, rushed a fortified house and captured a machine gun, killing or capturing the garrison. When all his officers had become casualties, he commanded his company for 2½ days, showing a magnificent example throughout.

265082 C.S.M. (A./R.S.M.) R. H. White, R.W. Fus. (Pwllheli).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He repeatedly rescued wounded men from exposed ground in front of the enemy's position, and his dash and fearlessness which he showed in the final assault set a most inspiring example to all ranks.

240493 Sjt. W. H. White, Midd'x R. (Slough).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an action. He took command of his platoon in an attack, and conducted the consolidation with great ability, keeping his Company Commander fully informed throughout. He set a splendid example of initiative and fearlessness.

18219 L./Cpl. R. Widdowfield, W. York. R. (Hartlepool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of the Lewis guns of his company during an attack. He got three of his guns to the final objective, and then went about in the open collecting magazines under concentrated machine gun fire from the enemy. Largely owing to his efforts, many of the enemy were killed by Lewis gun fire. Being left behind when his battalion was ordered to withdraw, he stayed and worked his gun until the very last, setting a splendid example to all.

200107 Sjt. A. Wilkinson, Ches. R. (Moreton, Ches.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Having assumed command of half a platoon, he led them most gallantly in the assault, and, after the position had been captured, was conspicuous in consolidating it. He also perceived a party of the enemy taking up a position in front of his line, whereupon he organised a sniping party and accounted for a number of them. Throughout the operation his initiative and disregard of his personal safety deserved the greatest praise.

16906 C.S.M. P. Williams, Welsh R. (Aberdare).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He set a magnificent example to

his men for several days in succession by his fearlessness and energy under heavy shell fire. He was largely instrumental in capturing two machine guns, with their teams.

22589 L./Cpl. R. Williams, R. Welsh Fus. (Llandudno).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Hearing that there were many wounded in front of the line held by his battalion, he went forward in daylight and in full view of the enemy, over ground which was heavily sniped, and brought his wounded comrades back to the aid post. He set a very splendid example of devotion and total disregard of his own safety.

202924 L./Cpl. R. H. Williams, Lond. R. (Shepherd's Bush).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an action. When he was the only surviving member of his Lewis gun team, he collected five men of other units and kept his gun in action for two hours, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. When his men became casualties, he again collected a team and kept his gun in action. He fired on an enemy aeroplane which was flying low, and it was seen to come down. He showed great courage and initiative throughout.

1696 Sjt. E. Wilson, R. Fus. (Hounslow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all his officers became casualties during an action, he collected his men and assisted to garrison a very important strong point, and succeeded in beating off many counter-attacks. Later, when surrounded by the enemy and forced to withdraw, he rallied his men, attached his party to another unit, and assisted in the recapture of the position. His leadership and determination were an encouragement to all.

200144 Pte. J. Wilson, A. & S. Highrs. (Greenock).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon officer had been wounded whilst trying to cross exposed ground, Private Wilson left his sheltered position and, with the assistance of a comrade, brought the wounded officer under cover, setting a splendid example of devotion and complete disregard of personal safety.

8006 Sjt. A./C.S.M. J. Wilson, W. York. R. (Leeds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the early stages of an attack he encountered two of the enemy, both of whom he killed after a fierce bayonet fight, in which he himself received two wounds. He refused, however, to go back, and carried on with the Battalion during forty-eight hours, doing excellent work in helping to re-organise the company after the attack. His pluck and energy set a splendid example to all.

4284 C.S.M. W. Wolstenholme, Manch. R. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the enemy's trenches. He broke through the enemy wire, which was very thick, and killed several of the enemy. He then bombed down the trenches

and blew up a dug-out. He set a very fine example to his men.

347346 Sjt. A. Wood, R.G.A. (Leith, Scotland).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in handling guns under heavy fire. After his whole detachment had become casualties and a gun damaged, he carried a wounded man to shelter and then collected a cook and a dispatch rider to serve one of the guns, still under continuous fire, until the morning. It was entirely due to his magnificent example of personal gallantry that this gun was kept in action.

200264 Sjt. G. Woodgett, Norf. R. (Little Melton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the officers and N.C.O.'s in his company had been put out of action, although himself wounded, he rallied the remaining men of the company and led them forward with great gallantry and determination until he was wounded for the second time. He set a splendid example throughout the operation.

22732 Sjt. W. H. Woodhouse, R.W. Surr. R. (Woking).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when the senior of a party which drove back a hostile counter-attack when it had penetrated the front of his Battalion. The repulse of this counter-attack was very greatly due to his splendid personal example of coolness and courage, and had far-reaching results on the success of the operation.

23938 Sjt. A. Woods, E. Lanc. R. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. By his personal example of energy and cheerfulness he rendered invaluable assistance to his Company Commander in consolidating a position which had been gained under very trying circumstances. When it was found necessary to withdraw he took charge of the covering party, and successfully covered the retirement in the face of fresh hostile troops, who were endeavouring to envelop his flank.

630242 C.S.M. C. F. Woodward, Lond. R. (New Cross).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a heavy bombardment he received word that serious casualties had occurred on the right of his company. He at once went with two stretcher-bearers, under heavy fire, to the position, and carried one of the wounded men away on his back a distance of 100 yards. He saved the man's life, and set a very fine example to the company.

6436 L./Cpl. J. A. Wright, R. Ir. Rif. (Belfast).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After the objective of an attack had been gained, he saw a dug-out with an enemy machine gun in action. With the utmost dash and gallantry he rushed the dug-out, shot the gunner and captured the gun and fifteen prisoners. He then mounted the gun and fired on the retreating enemy, by his

pluck, initiative and gallantry saving a great number of casualties.

16557 Sjt. L. G. Wright, G. Guards (Leyton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his platoon in an assault. His coolness and initiative enabled several strong points to be taken with very slight casualties to his platoon, and whenever they were checked by hostile resistance he invariably rushed forward and took complete control, setting an example of personal gallantry and leadership which was invaluable to his men.

7456 Pte. T. Wright, R. Fus. (Haggerston, London).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. When his officer and senior N.C.O.'s became casualties he led his platoon against a strong point from which the enemy were firing into the backs of the advancing troops, and succeeded in capturing the position. His dashing leadership and quick decision at a critical time saved the lives of many of his comrades.

47243 Sjt. A. K. Young, R.E. (Edinburgh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a forward signalling post. At a critical moment, when completely cut off from communication by very heavy shell fire, he showed the greatest initiative by selecting and personally relaying his lines by the only possible route, thus re-establishing communication. It was entirely due to his gallant example and energy throughout a very trying period of seven days that communications were maintained in spite of the exhaustion of the men who were at work upon the line.

24174 Pte. C. G. Young, G. Gds. (Peelawon-Tyne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company were held up by hostile wire during an attack he rushed forward and took the place of a comrade who had been shot dead in an attempt to cut the wire, and succeeded in doing so himself, being all the time under heavy fire from the enemy. His gallant action enabled his platoon to capture the post and to continue their advance.

202121 Pte. H. Young, Gord. Highrs. (Aberdeen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went forward with the greatest determination and silenced an enemy machine gun and captured the team of seven men. By this gallant and fearless action he enabled his company to take the position without serious loss.

1647 C.S.M. (A./R.S.M.) J. Young, R. Sco. Fus. (New Cumnock, Ayrshire).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a lengthy period of operations. He performed particularly distinguished service upon one special occasion in maintaining the supply of ammunition until he was wounded. He has continually set a splendid example to all.

L/15934 Sjt. J. E. Young, R. Fus. (Kensington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of a bombing post he was buried by a shell early in the morning and again during the afternoon, together with all his men, but immediately commenced to dig them out. Later, owing to a heavy hostile bombardment, he was forced to shift his post three times from one shell hole to another, and by his skilful way of doing this saved many casualties amongst his men. Throughout the day he maintained their morale by his cheerfulness and coolness under most trying circumstances.

9298 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) P. Young, R. War. R. (Middlesbrough).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the enemy's trenches. He personally led bombing attacks against enemy posts which were giving trouble, and thereby saved many casualties. He set a magnificent example to his men throughout.

AUSTRALIAN FORCE.

1828 Cpl. A. S. P. Basey, F. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. By a daring and skilful personal reconnaissance he found cover for his gun team in a forward position and assisted his officer in bringing the gun into action, although wounded in the left arm. The whole operation was carried on under intense and accurate hostile fire of every description, and it was largely due to his splendid pluck and resource that his officer was successful in getting his gun into action.

1166 Tpr. H. Braham, L. Horse Rgt.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as stretcher bearer. He rendered exceptionally valuable and gallant service in bringing in wounded men from positions exposed to heavy shell, machine-gun and rifle fire with an absolute disregard for his own safety.

22306 Sjt. C. L. Chappell, Fld. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in placing a gun in a forward and exposed position and keeping it in action under most difficult circumstances and at very great personal risk. Although severely wounded, he set a splendid example to his men, and was chiefly instrumental in their task being accomplished.

2183 Sjt. J. Christie, Fld. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When advancing with his battery to a new position, three horses of his gun team and his own horse were killed by enemy shell fire. He immediately replaced these casualties in spite of continual heavy shelling, and brought his gun into action, displaying remarkable coolness and setting a fine example to his men.

2301 L./Cpl. (now 2nd Lt.) V. C. Dixon, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon commander and N.C.O.'s had become casualties, he immediately organised a platoon and led them to the assault of enemy posts, which he captured

and consolidated with the utmost skill and good judgment. His conduct and his skilful handling proved a great stimulus to all his men, both during the assault and when under heavy artillery fire, during the whole of which time he displayed a total disregard of danger.

11965 L./Cpl. W. F. George, A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although exposed to continuous and heavy shelling throughout the day, he made several journeys backwards and forwards along a trench tram line with wounded, showing great coolness and good judgment in getting them through without accident. Although the tram lines had several times to be cleared of debris caused by bursting shells and the track itself was hit three times, he displayed the greatest presence of mind and devotion to duty under these trying conditions.

10786 Sjt. A. S. H. Gifford, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when acting for his Brigade Signalling Officer. He displayed the utmost skill and ability in organising and maintaining a system of communications under heavy shell fire and under extremely difficult conditions, greatly inspiring all those who worked with him by his fine personal example.

349 Sjt. C. Greenway, Imp. Camel Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He greatly distinguished himself by the capable and cool manner in which he handled his section after its commander had been wounded. They were under heavy fire during the greater part of the day, and his coolness and careful handling were responsible for keeping down the casualties.

7929 Cpl. F. J. K. Hickey, Fld. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During two successive nights he continually repaired telephone lines under very heavy fire. Later, when Group Headquarters received several direct hits from enemy shells, with great coolness and initiative he got the whole personnel away to safety, searching all the dug-outs himself under hostile fire. He then transferred the telephone lines to an adjacent battery under heavy fire and maintained communication. He showed the greatest devotion to duty and fearlessness throughout.

578 L./Cpl. T. L. Holloway, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a Lewis gun section. When his officer was wounded, he led his platoon with great dash and determination, overcoming all opposition and inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. With his Lewis gun he dispersed a hostile counter-attack, and by the courage and initiative which he displayed until he was severely wounded very largely contributed to the defeat of the enemy.

124 Sjt. W. Kneebone, Fld. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an intense and accurate hostile shelling of his battery a gun detachment were either killed or wounded and their

ammunition was set on fire, but with great promptness and gallantry he ran across from his own gun and endeavoured to extinguish the ammunition, afterwards returning and directing the fire of his gun with the utmost coolness, although the camouflage was on fire. He put it out himself, and continued to set a splendid example of energy and determination until he was wounded an hour afterwards.

479 Sjt. E. W. Lewin, Fld. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While under heavy machine-gun and shell fire, which had knocked out the whole of his detachment except one gunner, he kept his gun in action, displaying the greatest coolness and courage throughout. He was slightly wounded at the time, and had to be ordered away from the position to have his wounds dressed.

777 Tpr. J. P. McGrath, L. Horse Rgt., now Imp. Camel Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in pluckily rescuing from an exposed position under fire a Hotchkiss rifle after the whole of its team had been killed or wounded. His fearlessness and determination won the admiration of all.

1165 Sjt. J. Monkhouse, Fld. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While withdrawing from a position two of his men were buried by a bursting shell, and he remained behind with two men and got them clear. Whilst taking one of these men, who was severely wounded, to the dressing station the two bearers were wounded, whereupon he dressed their wounds and went half a mile for more bearers. During the whole day while working his gun and dressing the wounded he displayed a splendid disregard of personal danger and set an example which was worthy of the highest praise.

2432 Spr. J. O'Connell, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst lying in a dug-out on a river bank, badly burned on the face and severely wounded by shrapnel in the head and hands, it became evident to him that he must either be captured by the enemy or swim across the river. In spite of his condition he managed to make his way across, and when on the far side went back into the river to assist another sapper, who was exhausted and sinking, and succeeded in bringing him to the shore. No praise can be too great for this gallant act of devotion and self-sacrifice under extremely trying and unnerving conditions.

207 Cpl. E. B. Picton, L. Horse Rgt.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of a section of pointers to a screen he helped considerably in every way by his dash and able leadership. With only three men he moved straight on to an enemy bivouac and captured forty prisoners.

1215 Sjt. G. H. Pitts, Fld. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He brought his gun into action under intense shell and machine-gun fire, man-

handling it over fifty yards of very difficult ground. He then kept the gun in action for twelve hours until he was severely wounded, working with only one gunner of the detachment, the remainder having become casualties. His coolness and courage throughout deserved the highest praise.

990 Sjt. (now 2nd Lt.) G. P. Rayner, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, when detailed to retake a post which had been captured by the enemy, it was found that an enemy machine gun rendered a direct advance impossible. He thereupon carried out a successful counter-attack and, with the assistance of another platoon leader, retook the post. By his coolness and good handling of the situation he inspired his men to persevere with an undertaking which at one moment looked almost impossible. The success of the operation was due to his initiative and presence of mind.

129 Sjt. C. B. Rickard, L. Horse Rgt.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his officer was wounded he took command of his troop and led it with great skill, courage and ability, although subjected to heavy shell and rifle fire. Throughout the day he displayed the greatest pluck and disregard of personal danger.

994 Cpl. E. E. V. Roberts, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When attacking an enemy post with his platoon his officer and senior N.C.O.'s became casualties, whereupon he led his platoon in the face of extremely heavy shelling, during which heavy casualties were sustained, and gained the objective. He then re-organised the remnants of his and another platoon and formed digging-in parties—very greatly inspiring the men under him, who were severely shaken, by his splendid example of initiative and cheerfulness under most adverse conditions.

1933 Sjt. C. H. Smith, Fld. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all his detachment except himself had become casualties from the enemy's shell fire, he carried on the service of his gun without missing a round until help could be obtained from other subsections. His great coolness and courage throughout the day set a splendid example to his men.

6360 Gnr. C. C. Wallace, Fld. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed the greatest gallantry and complete disregard of personal danger in going out into the open under shell fire to attend to the wounded, on one occasion going to the rescue of an officer commanding a Tank, who had been wounded, and dressing his wounds in the open. He displayed similar gallantry later in the day in dressing a runner who had been wounded and whose comrade was killed. Finding that they were carrying orders, he took charge of these and handed them over to the proper quarter.

3 S./Sjt. C. Warden, A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty under very trying circumstances. When his dressing station was subjected to heavy

shell fire and shells were bursting above and around the operating tent, with great promptness and at imminent personal risk he superintended and effected the transfer of the tent and its wounded inmates to a protected position. But for his gallant and timely action the lives of many of the wounded would have been lost.

1634 Sjt. S. R. Woodfield, L. Horse Rgt.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading and directing his men during a critical and severe engagement. At one point, when our troops were being hard pressed, Serjeant Woodfield found a Hotchkiss gun idle, the team having all been killed or wounded. With great promptness he brought this gun into action and fired with splendid results until the end of the engagement.

1281 T./Sjt. A. H. Woolhouse, Fld. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the gun next to him had lost the whole detachment except one, and he himself had only one N.C.O. and one gunner left, he detailed the N.C.O. to take charge of the other gun, thus keeping both guns in action throughout the whole operations. This was done on his own initiative under very heavy shell fire when there was no officer to control the fire of his battery. Throughout the day he displayed remarkable coolness and set a very fine example to his men.

1140 Sjt. S. N. Wright, Fld. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his battery was under heavy machine gun and shell fire, and his officer had been wounded, he took charge and kept all the guns in action until another officer was available. By his energy and coolness he rendered valuable service in carrying out orders under trying circumstances.

CANADIAN FORCE.

12 Spr. A. Bagrie, Eng.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as linesman. In spite of heavy fire he worked continuously throughout the action, repairing the lines with absolute disregard for his own safety, and was successful in keeping up communication under the most difficult conditions. He showed great fearlessness and devotion to duty.

700797 Cpl. F. J. Baillie, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. When his platoon commander was killed early in the attack he at once took command of his platoon, and by keeping direction over most difficult ground led them to their objective, which was to be in support of the front line. When the leading troops were in difficulties, on his own initiative he led his men forward to their assistance under very heavy fire, and with his Lewis gun he engaged and captured a hostile machine gun, which he used with great effect on the retiring enemy. He showed great courage and initiative under most difficult conditions.

89984 B.S.M. E. O. Birch, Fld. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of a party unloading ammunition. The enemy suddenly opened an intense barrage of gas and high explosive shells, setting the ammunition in one of the trucks on fire and severely wounding one man. Though wounded himself, with great coolness and contempt of danger he succeeded in putting out the fire and saving the remainder of the ammunition. In spite of heavy fire he attended to the wounded man and carried him to safety. He remained at duty during the operations which followed, and set a splendid example of courage and devotion to duty.

116199 Cpl. R. C. Brown, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the enemy's trenches. The party was met by very heavy opposition, and the officer in command was wounded shortly after entering the trench. He immediately took charge and, after desperate fighting, cleared 200 yards of enemy trench and reached the final objective, killing a number of the enemy. He was wounded in thirty places. It was due to his resolute leadership and determination that the party accomplished its task.

61193 Sjt. C. Brusselmans, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was of the greatest assistance to his Company Commander in making preparations for the attack. During the attack he went from one platoon to another cheering his men on and arranging for the supply of ammunition. He set a splendid example of courage and contempt of danger.

501123 Spr. J. Carey, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Having gone forward with the attacking wave of an assault, he went to the assistance of his officer, who had been attacked and wounded by three of the enemy, killed two of them and captured the third. After some excellent work in dug-out reconnaissances, he found a machine gun officer with his gun jammed, who was being attacked by the enemy. Going on in advance, he held them up by his great daring and skilful shooting until the machine gun was repaired. Immediately after this he organised a party to take his serjeant, who was severely wounded, to a dressing station, nearly a mile distant, over ground raked by machine gun and snipers and through the heaviest part of the enemy barrage. Several times his party was knocked down, but by his great coolness and gallant personal example he kept them going and succeeded in reaching the dressing station.

709761 Pte. G. P. De Bow, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was one of a small party who held a block in a trench forward of the front line, and repelled several enemy bombing parties at close quarters. When a Mills bomb was dropped in the trench with the pin out, he picked it up at great personal risk, threw it clear of the trench, thus saving several lives. The post was most difficult to maintain, and it was only by the indomit-

able spirit and utter disregard of danger displayed by the party that it was held.

803009 L./Sjt. J. I. Dugan, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He captured his objective, consolidating it with great judgment, and held his position when attacked on two sides by the enemy, until only himself and one other man were left. He then fought his way back, bringing in a wounded comrade, and reached a post established in a crater, where he took charge of the garrison. Though driven from this position by very heavy fire, he led a counter-attack and re-established himself, holding on until relieved. He showed the greatest courage and good leadership throughout.

416275 L./Cpl. J. Dumaresq, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led a party under very heavy rifle and machine gun fire to meet an enemy bombing party, which was advancing on our trench. The enemy was successfully driven back, and a number of casualties inflicted. This N.C.O. was responsible for the success of the enterprise, and set his men a splendid example of coolness and courage. Although wounded, he held his post until relieved some hours later.

466433 Cpl. S. Findlater, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of a post which was raided by the enemy. He bayoneted the leading man and shot another, and the remainder were dispersed. He acted with great presence of mind and decision, and set an excellent example to his men.

55841 Sjt. D. R. C. Grant, M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an intense hostile bombardment preceding a counter-attack, the officer in command of his section was wounded, and this N.C.O. took command of the guns in our front line. At great personal risk he made several journeys up and down the line, laying and directing the fire of his guns. On one occasion, when all the members of a gun crew became casualties and the gun was temporarily out of action, he used bombs to repel the enemy until the gun was repaired and put into action again. His prompt action was undoubtedly responsible for saving this section of the trench.

409533 Pte. C. L. Hickman, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. When all the N.C.O.s of his two guns were casualties, he took command and got the guns into position. Later, he went forward alone and captured nine of the enemy single-handed. During the enemy counter-attacks he went from gun to gun encouraging his men, setting them a splendid example of fearlessness and initiative.

228040 L./Sjt. F. C. A. Houston, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty under exceptionally critical circumstances. Having gone forward to establish an outpost line, he was attacked by machine gun fire and by a strong bombing party of the enemy. Having repulsed them once, he

finally had to withdraw before overwhelming numbers, when his party was intercepted by a large number of the enemy, who opened fire upon him with machine gun and bombs. He immediately shot the gunner and two of the bombers, and took one prisoner, greatly inspiring his men throughout the operation by his splendid courage and determination.

59500 C./S./M. T. Jackson, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack against the enemy trenches. He organised and led a patrol over "No Man's Land," and established himself in the enemy trenches, which he held by heavy and courageous fighting until our artillery came to his assistance with a protective barrage. When all his company officers became casualties, he assumed command, and displayed great courage and skill in leadership.

444949 Sjt. M. N. Jordan, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack, he, single-handed, attacked the crew of a heavy trench mortar, capturing the mortar and twelve prisoners. Later, during a strong enemy counter-attack, when no officers were left, he organised a bombing party, and so inspired his men by his courage and determination, that all the enemy who entered the trench were killed. It was largely owing to his courage and fighting ability that a most critical situation was saved.

457680 L./Sjt. M. B. Keith, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a platoon during an attack. He reached the enemy's trench in spite of heavy opposition, and then pushed up the communication trenches, where, by his skilful dispositions, he inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy. He withstood two counter-attacks, rallying his men with great gallantry in a difficult position. He finally had to withdraw, as the unit on his left had not reached its objective, and this he did with great coolness and ability. He set a magnificent example of courage and initiative throughout.

416668 Sjt. E. Keller, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He rushed an enemy machine-gun crew which was inflicting heavy casualties and captured the gun. When the objective was reached he took command of a platoon and organised ration and carrying parties with great ability under heavy fire. He set a splendid example to his men.

170 Sjt. A. Kilpatrick, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while superintending cable burying. The enemy opened a bombardment on the working party, forcing them to take cover in a trench some distance away. One man, severely wounded, was left in the cable trench, and this N.C.O., regardless of the danger, went to him, bandaged his wounds, and remained with him till the shelling lessened, when he got stretcher bearers to remove him. His prompt dressing of the wounds undoubtedly saved the man's life. The shelling continued, but he, by his steady-

ness and magnificent example, rallied the men, and finished the work, which was of the utmost importance.

414167 Cpl. F. Martin, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. When in command of two machine guns he led his men through a heavy enemy barrage to their objective. Though the whole of one of his teams was put out of action and he himself was wounded, he consolidated his position and held it with the remaining gun until relieved. He set his men an excellent example of courage and determination.

730710 Pte. H. L. McFadyen, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as stretcher bearer. After a raid he found himself isolated with several wounded men in a shell hole close to the enemy's lines for a period of two days and a night. During this time, with splendid and unselfish devotion, he deprived himself of his clothing to make his wounded comrades more comfortable, and eventually brought them back to our lines safely, although in an exhausted condition himself.

154988 Sjt. O. Murphy, Can. Rail. Troops.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Taking over the work on a light railway under very heavy shell fire when the officer was wounded and he himself slightly wounded as well, he carried the line through successfully, so that ammunition could be delivered to the batteries, the wounded evacuated and the working parties disposed where they were required. He has repeatedly shown great skill in his work and an utter disregard of personal danger.

405371 Cpl. W. Oakley, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon was held up by machine-gun fire in an attack he rushed the gun with his section and captured it, killing the crew. He was badly wounded, but reorganised his section and handed them over to his platoon before leaving. He showed splendid initiative and courage.

126590 Cpl. A. Palmer, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He carried out a difficult reconnaissance of a mine crater which had been occupied by the enemy; advancing with his party across open ground in full view of the enemy. He made a careful inspection of the position and returned without casualties. Later he took part in a successful raid on the enemy's lines. He showed great courage and good leadership.

A22412 Pte. E. L. Powell, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in establishing an observation post under heavy fire and in full view of the enemy, from which he continued to observe for several days and obtain information of the greatest value. His post was subjected to an intense bombardment, and was several times hit, but when both the forward observing officer and the telephonist were wounded he volunteered to act as telephonist and mended nineteen breaks in the telephone wire

under shell fire and direct enemy observation. His conduct throughout this trying time was marked by the greatest gallantry and disregard of personal danger.

57704 Sjt. W. Prust, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the enemy's trenches. He led his men successfully in the face of heavy fire, and was the last to withdraw from the enemy's trenches. He then carried a wounded man back, and later, under heavy shell fire, succeeded in getting seven badly-wounded men to shelter. He showed the greatest initiative and courage.

53187 C./S./M. A. Ross, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when two platoons were ordered to establish posts in the enemy's line. Owing to very heavy shelling the party suffered several casualties, and he displayed fine leadership in keeping them under control and reorganising them. After reaching the objective he took charge of a bombing party and advanced towards the enemy's support line, clearing the dug-outs, and finally encountering vastly superior numbers. After the party had inflicted many casualties on the enemy he caused a barricade to be placed in the trench and held it until the newly-occupied position was consolidated. To his initiative and fine leadership can be attributed much of the success of the operation.

703354 Cpl. S. Sarensan, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of an exposed position, under continuous fire, he and half of his party were buried by a shell, but after extricating himself he assisted in freeing his men, and by the skilful use of rifle and grenades repulsed a fierce attack which was being pressed home by the enemy. Later, he made his way through a dense gas cloud and rescued three men from a cellar. Throughout the night he displayed finest qualities of courage, initiative, and organisation, and by his personal example stimulated his men to the highest pitch.

154061 Spr. G. W. Shank, Can. Rail. Trps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a train load of ammunition had been set on fire by hostile shelling and severe explosions were taking place, he ran to the burning train, smothered the flames with sandbags, and kept them under control until an N.C.O. rushed up with water, with which he completely extinguished the fire. He performed this gallant action standing on the burning train, with splendid coolness and utter disregard of personal danger, and it was due to him that many lives were saved.

57767 Sjt. H. Sommerville, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the enemy's trenches. When his platoon commander became a casualty, he took command and led his men with great dash and gallantry to their objective. He was severely wounded, but refused

to leave his men, and carried on throughout the entire operation. When withdrawing he carried back a wounded man to safety. He set a splendid example of courage and determination.

454410 A./Sjt. H. A. Templeman, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Becoming separated from his company, he took charge of some scattered men and established a bombing post in a communication trench. Here he repelled three enemy counter-attacks, in the third of which he was seriously wounded. Prior to this he went out under fire and rescued a wounded man. This N.C.O., by his initiative and appreciation of the situation, was responsible for preventing the enemy from regaining a portion of the final objective.

678438 Pte. P. Turner, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when leading a party of bombers. He took charge of the party after the N.C.O. had become a casualty, beat off a party of the enemy, and, following them up, bombed two dug-outs. Before coming in he captured and destroyed a trench mortar and took sixteen of the enemy prisoners single-handed.

171229 Sjt. J. Vass, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his company during an attack when the company commander was wounded. When the battalion on the left lost direction in the advance and a gap occurred in the line, he led his company forward from the support position and occupied the gap. By his initiative and good judgment he undoubtedly saved both battalions many casualties.

643986 Sjt. S. A. Watson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty prior to and during an attack. Having previously rendered great assistance in reconnaissance and in cutting wire, he led his platoon on the night of the attack himself, under great difficulties, in the face of heavy shell fire and gas attack. Crawling on his hands and knees, he made two journeys and got his platoon to the jumping-off position, after which he led a bombing party and personally killed a number of the enemy, also bombing many of them out of their dug-outs. He displayed similar gallantry and coolness in guiding his men back through the wire in spite of more gas and heavy shelling.

414173 Sjt. W. H. Young, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He was in command of two machine-guns, and reached his objective in the face of heavy fire, and consolidated his position under a very heavy enemy barrage. Though wounded, he refused to leave his post, but remained with his men encouraging them during an enemy counter-attack. He set his men an excellent example of courage and determination.

NEW ZEALAND FORCE.

7/659 Sjt. J. A. Barr, M.G. Sqdn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although badly wounded in action, he refused to leave the field until he had given every possible assistance to his officer in getting his section together after it had suffered heavily from shell fire. His pluck and devotion to duty deserve the highest praise.

24/1635 Sjt. J. Cusack, Auck. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Having established an advance post 300 yards in front of our line, he found an enemy post close by, which he promptly attacked with bombs, capturing one prisoner and killing the remainder, twenty-two in number. This action was marked by great courage and determination, as the enemy post was strongly protected by wire.

10/3878 Lce.-Sjt. S. C. Foot, Well. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack upon a strong enemy position his platoon was held up by an enemy post in some hedgerows. The position was serious until he and a private crept round the flank and by rifle fire compelled the entire enemy post to retire. Not content to let them do this, however, he continued firing upon them until they surrendered to him—twenty-four in all. After this dashing piece of initiative the platoon was then led forward by Lce.-Sjt. Foot to its final objective.

7/90 Sjt. (T./Sqdn. S./M.) A. Martin, Canterbury Mtd. Rif. Rgt.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on two occasions. During an advance he showed great skill and daring in advance of his squadron, meeting two of the enemy and killing them single handed. Later his coolness and gallantry were particularly noticeable whilst directing his men in digging in under heavy hostile shell fire.

11/1570 C.S.M. W. McKean, Well. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack upon an enemy position. His coolness under intense shell fire was magnificent and he was of the greatest assistance to his company commander when all but one of his platoon commanders had become casualties. Time after time he visited the outposts and kept his officer informed as to the situation, and the example which he set throughout the whole operation was most inspiring to all with whom he came in contact.

29449 Pte. D. Murphy, Well. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when one of a garrison of a forward post. On three occasions he passed through very heavy shell fire to bring up stretcher bearers. On the last one, though buried by an explosion, he completed his errand and, failing to obtain bearers, returned to the shelled area and carried out a badly wounded comrade on his back. During the same

period, half the post being destroyed by shell fire, and all the rations with it, he volunteered to go back and bring up food. This he successfully did. Finally, when the post was relieved after a terrible ordeal, in which half of the garrison were killed, he remained behind to look after the wounded until stretcher bearers could be sent up. His magnificent devotion and exceptional fearlessness cannot be too highly praised.

10/1318 Sjt. S. S. Pennefather, Well. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in making daring personal reconnaissances of a hostile post. In order to do this he twice swam a river, on the second occasion discovering the position of the enemy and taking possession of two rafts which were moored on their side. On his return he constructed a ferry out of one of the rafts and that evening took a party across the river and led them to the attack and capture of the hostile post. This was effected after a stubborn fight, during which he himself was wounded. His initiative and fine leadership on this occasion greatly inspired all ranks in his battalion.

10/3994 Pte. J. E. Ryan, Well. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when acting as company runner during an attack. Although all the other runners were lost early in the day he reduced the loss to a minimum by the promptness and rapidity with which he performed this arduous duty single handed, showing the most utter disregard of the intense enemy shelling, which continued throughout the whole operation, lasting twenty hours. Had it not been for his exceptional gallantry and coolness communications back would have been greatly impaired. He was the first man to volunteer for more work later in the evening of the same day, when guides were required for the relieving company.

11/557 Sjt. L. Strachan, Wellington Mtd. Rif. Rgt.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in rushing forward and bayonetting an enemy sniper who was inflicting casualties amongst our men. By this prompt and gallant action he greatly assisted our advance.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

801 Cpl. H. R. Raynes, Newfd. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company was held up in front of a road by rifle fire, he with two others went out on their own initiative, crossing from shell hole to shell hole, and finally getting in rear of the road, where they bombed out dug-outs containing two or three men each. They killed about nineteen of the enemy and then signalled for their company to advance.

1438 Sjt. T. J. Dunphy, Newfd. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack on the enemy's

position he and another man followed our barrage closely through a swamp and helping each other along, bombed the blockhouse and destroyed a machine gun and team which was threatening the advance of their platoon. He showed the greatest courage and initiative throughout.

SOUTH AFRICAN FORCE.

M.T/6151 Dvr. L. T. Foxcroft, S.A.S.C.,
M.T.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when a supply convoy was attacked. He organised the drivers of the cars, firing vol-

leys into the enemy and dispersing them. After bringing all cars safely back he volunteered to return with another party. By his coolness and courage he undoubtedly avoided a large number of casualties among sick troops who were travelling in the cars.

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