

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.