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With reference to the award of the Distinguished Conduct Medal conferred as announced in the London Gazette dated 19th November, 1917, the following are the statements of service for which the decoration was conferred:—

### **BARS TO DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDALS.**

34593 B.S.M. H. Bennett, R.F.A. (Edinburgh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He assisted in extinguishing fires in an ammunition dump at the battery position, and kept the battery in action under heavy shell fire. He set a splendid example to all ranks by his coolness and bravery.

(D.C.M. gazetted 19th August, 1916.)

7024 Col. Sjt. J. Campbell, Sco. Rif., attd. Gold Coast R. (Dalkeith).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all his officers and more than half the men had become casualties, he continued to command a large section of the firing line with the finest determination and

ability. He also extinguished a grass fire in front of his line under heavy machine gun and rifle fire at close range, thereby saving a most dangerous situation; and when all his men had become casualties except himself, he continued to fire a machine gun until reinforcements could be brought up.

(D.C.M. gazetted 17th April, 1917.)

200785 Sjt. J. Campbell, Seaf. Highrs. (Ullapool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Accompanied by three others he entered his platoon objective before the barrage had lifted from it, and cleared the trench for forty yards, killing several of the enemy. This prompt action undoubtedly saved his platoon heavy casualties.

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

16613 Sjt. P. Dean, M.G.C. (frmly 1153 A. & S. Highrs.) (Kelty).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. It was largely owing to this N.C.O.'s fine example that the company rendered effi-

cient and complete service under the most difficult circumstances, after losing both the officer commanding and half the gun personnel, at which period this N.C.O. took over command of a complete section and handled it in an irreproachable manner.

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

8992 C.S.M. J. P. Dobson, York and Lanc. R. (Snaith, S.O., Yorkshire).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He consistently did magnificent work throughout the operations. When a shell burst in the trench and wounded and buried two N.C.O.'s, he was the first to go to their assistance, and, under heavy fire, dug them out, thereby saving the life of one of them. His splendid example did much to reassure the men under very trying conditions.

(D.C.M. gazetted 25th November, 1916.)

34895 Sjt. S. Forbes, York and Lanc. R. (E. Aberdeen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a determined enemy attack on his position. He was acting Company Sergeant-Major, and did excellent work in repelling the attack, shooting one of the enemy who was in charge of a flammerwerfer. He was wounded early in the attack, but remained at his post until wounded a second time. He set a splendid example to the company throughout.

(D.C.M. gazetted 26th May, 1917.)

201290 A./Sjt. D. Gray, Seaf. Highrs. (Inverness).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of the company, and led the attack on the furthest objective. Later, when the enemy heavily counter-attacked and broke through one portion of the line, he rallied men of his own and other units, and, leading them back, repulsed the enemy with heavy losses.

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

#### AUSTRALIAN FORCE.

1915 C.Q.M.S. C. C. Garratt, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led forward a section to the attack on an enemy machine gun post which was holding up the advance, capturing the gun and destroying the garrison. During the consolidation he displayed the greatest coolness and disregard of danger under intense fire, and set a magnificent example to all.

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

75 C.S.M. T. Kennedy, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of ration and ammunition supplies during the operations. He worked almost continually day and night getting supplies forward, and set a fine example of fearlessness to his men.

(D.C.M. gazetted 3rd July, 1915.)

1422 Sjt. D. Poole, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. noticing an enemy machine gun which had come into action after the barrage and first wave had passed, immediately rushed the post single-handed, captured the gun, killed the crew, and took

prisoners a large number of the enemy emerging from the pill-box. But for the action of this N.C.O., a large number of casualties would have been caused and the advance held up.

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

#### CANADIAN FORCE.

46282 C.S.M. W. M. Jones, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in correcting the direction of our men and leading them forward to the final objective. He made a personal reconnaissance and posted an outpost line. When the enemy attempted a counter-attack by bombing along a communication trench, he organised and led a party and drove them back. He remained continuously on duty until wounded thirty-six hours after the advance.

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

#### DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.

202735 L./Cpl. D. Allan, Gord. Highrs. (Portlithan).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed great courage and determination as a stretcher-bearer. He worked continuously organising bearer parties and personally leading these to the front line under heavy fire.

200195 Pte. C. S. Allen, Tank Corps (Doncaster).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He twice marked out routes under heavy enemy barrages, though on the first occasion he was blown up and badly shaken. Later he accompanied the tanks into action on foot, showing magnificent courage and contempt of danger.

45940 Pte. E. Allen, North'd Fus. (Fenton, Staffs.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Single-handed he attacked an enemy strong point, which was causing heavy casualties, and captured a machine gun and accounted for the whole garrison. He set a magnificent example of fearlessness and initiative.

830452 A./Cpl. G. Allen, R.F.A. (Worcester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While his gun was in action he detected the fuse of a shell which had been loaded burning as the breach was being closed. He shouted to his men to get clear, pulled the shell out of the gun and threw it into a shell hole behind, where it immediately exploded. He showed great courage and coolness.

44196 Cpl. H. Andrew, R.F.A. (Monkton, Ayrshire).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When an ammunition dump near the battery position was set on fire, he left his dug-out and extinguished the fire single-handed under a heavy enemy bombardment. By his gallant action he saved a large quantity of ammunition and set a magnificent example to all.

281477 Pte. F. Anthony, Lond. R. (Stoke Newington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was blown up and badly shaken by a shell during an attack, and on recovering consciousness found he was out of touch with his company. He went forward and attached himself to the forward observation officer who was short of signalers and rendered him valuable assistance, being directly responsible for sending back valuable information. He showed splendid courage and initiative.

G./57453 Pte. F. E. Austin, R. Fus. (Exeter).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the enemy's trenches. Under heavy fire he cut a gap in the wire in front of an enemy post, enabling his party to occupy the post and reach their objective. He showed complete disregard of danger on this and many other occasions.

282450 L./Cpl. L. Austin, Lond. R. (Nelson, Glam.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as company runner during an attack. He was on duty for forty-eight hours without food or rest and continually volunteered for the most difficult and dangerous work. He was confident, cheerful, and untiring in his efforts throughout.

241810 Pte. M. Baggott, N. Staff. R. (Heaton Moor, nr. Stockport).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The enemy raided one of our posts and took a wounded man prisoner. This soldier, who was in charge of another post, directed his men to fire, killing the enemy, and under cover of this fire rushed out, securing an unwounded prisoner. His prompt act obtained a most important identification.

43211 Pte. (L./Cpl.) A. Bailey, N. Staff. R. (Camberwell, London).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when on patrol. Having dispersed a hostile wiring party, he and a comrade made their way towards the enemy lines, where they came upon a Lewis gun inside the wire and four of the enemy heading towards it. Under cover of Pte. Bailey's rifle, his comrade captured the gun, whilst he shot the leading enemy and scattered the remainder. He then removed the gun and turned it on to the spot where the enemy had last been seen.

350165 Sjt. A. Baker, Lond. R. (Spital-fields).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as one of two serjeants who went over with an attacking party. Both the officers having become casualties, he, with another serjeant, took command of the party and captured the post, holding it during three counter-attacks.

9777 Sjt. J. H. Banks, Y. & L. R. (Pensnitt, nr. Dudley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the company on the left were carrying out a raid, and the enemy became

demoralised, he saw an opportunity of capturing an enemy advanced post. He led his men forward on his own initiative, and killed all the enemy in the post. Though heavily attacked from the rear, he fought his way back with great skill. He set a magnificent example of initiative and devotion to duty.

15630 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) A. Barber, Worc. R. (E. Coventry).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his platoon in the attack and led them forward, establishing two posts on his own initiative. He set a magnificent example to his men.

421053 Sjt. A. J. Barnes, Lond. R. (Homer-ton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a heavy hostile bombardment he voluntarily left his shell-hole and conducted to its position the platoon of another company. Though severely wounded while doing so he carried on until the platoon were in position, when he collapsed from the severity of his wounds.

1890 Sjt. G. Barr, R.F.A. (Portsmouth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the ammunition in a gunpit was set on fire by enemy shelling, he rushed to the pit and extinguished the fire, though severely wounded. By his gallantry and coolness he prevented the explosion of 400 rounds of ammunition and prevented many casualties among his battery.

18163 Pte. G. Bastable, Hamps. R. (Winchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. With an officer and four men under heavy fire he attacked a dug-out, and when all the party except himself became casualties he captured nine prisoners singlehanded. Later, he was one of a very small party which held on to the captured position for thirty-six hours under most difficult conditions. He showed great courage and contempt of danger throughout.

610037 C.S.M. G. J. Bayley, Lond. R. (Homerton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In addition to his own duties, he carried out bold reconnaissances to ascertain the disposition of the enemy, showing an utter disregard of danger.

276041 Cpl. W. Binnie, Arg. & Suth'd Highrs. (Falkirk).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the troops on his right were held up in the advance by an enemy strong point, he at once organised his bombing section and captured the strong point, which was a regimental headquarters. This gallant action enabled the advance to continue. Later, by his splendid example under most severe fire he was largely instrumental in repulsing an enemy counter attack.

13704 A./C.S.M. G. Bird, Yorks. R. (Brandon Colliery).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He maintained communication between the battery and an observation post throughout the operations. The line was

continuously cut, but he repeatedly went out and repaired it, often under a heavy barrage. It was entirely owing to his courage and resource that valuable information was sent back at a critical period.

60092 Sjt. W. J. Bird, R.E. (Baldock, Herts.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. All the platoon commanders became casualties in the attack, and it was largely owing to his determination and courage that the company went forward successfully to the attack under heavy machine gun fire. He also did valuable work in consolidating the position.

R/2445 C.S.M. A. J. Blackwell, K.R. Rif. C. (Worcester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. On his own initiative he established a post close to an enemy strong point under heavy machine gun and rifle fire. He held his position all day, with only two men, harassing the enemy with rifle fire, and made a courageous attempt under heavy fire to get in touch with other posts. His action in establishing this position was of the greatest value.

40252 Pte. T. Blake, R. Ir. Rif. (Lisburn).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as stretcher-bearer in bringing in wounded under heavy fire on many occasions. He recovered all the wounded from the front of the line after an attack, though the bearers were being continually sniped at.

8131 Sjt. C. Blinco, Suff. R. (Cambridge).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid on the enemy's trenches. When all his officers were wounded and the company disorganised by a hostile barrage he took command, reorganised his men, and led them successfully to the objective. Later, he made several journeys, bringing back the wounded under heavy fire. He showed the greatest initiative and courage throughout.

282051 Pte. W. H. Bolton, Lond. R. (Borough, S.E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He entered an enemy machine-gun emplacement and found eight of the enemy, who refused to surrender. He attacked them single-handed and killed them all, capturing a machine gun. He also captured an enemy officer and one other prisoner. He showed courage and initiative of a high order.

300437 C.S.M. (T./R.S.M.) C. Bottomley, Lond. R. (Richmond, Surrey).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was indefatigable throughout the operations in organising and directing ammunition supplies, carrying parties, and stretcher parties, under almost continual shell fire. He set a fine example to all about him.

28605 Sjt. S. Bowen, R.G.A. (Islington, London).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst the battery position was being heavily shelled with gas shell, in digging for an hour and a half to extract two N.C.O.'s from a dug-out that was blown in. He saved

both their lives but was badly gassed in doing so.

240744 L./Cpl. T. Boyle, W. York. R. (Bradford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a post during a heavy bombardment and an attempted raid by the enemy's storm troops. His post was on the flank of the enemy's attack, and with great energy and resource he organised a bombing party and drove the enemy off. He then went to another post which was being heavily attacked, brought them up bombs when they had exhausted their supply, and encouraged the men by his splendid example to repel the attack. He finally collected a small party and pursued the retreating enemy. He set a magnificent example of courage and resolution.

200632 Pte. J. Brady, York. L.I. (Wakefield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as battalion runner. On several occasions during the operations he carried important messages through heavy barrages to the front line. He rendered valuable service in leading a relieving company to its position under a very heavy barrage when the guides had become casualties. He showed great courage and contempt of danger, and set a magnificent example to all.

13244 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) J. W. Briggs, Leic. R. (Leicester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a hostile attack. He took his Lewis gun forward as soon as the enemy barrage began, and, though the line was out-flanked, he remained in an isolated forward position until his gun was put out of action. He then went back, obtained another gun, and kept it in action until the attack was beaten off. He showed the greatest courage and determination in a very difficult position.

300708 Sjt. F. H. Brock, Lond. R. (Higham's Park).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the officers and senior N.C.O.'s of his company became casualties in an attack he showed great initiative in reorganising the remnants of his company and leading them to their objective. He consolidated the position and beat off two counter-attacks, remaining in command of the company until relieved. He showed splendid courage and initiative.

16296 Pte. A. Brown, Norf. R. (Caistor-on-Sea).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although wounded early in an attack he remained at duty, and when his platoon officer and serjeant had become casualties, went forward under very heavy fire at close range and successfully rallied the remaining men who were holding the right flank against a determined hostile attack. This gallant action saved a most critical situation, and kept the right flank secure at a moment when it showed signs of giving way. Although wounded a second time, he still remained at duty, and refused

to go back until ordered to do so by his company commander.

58741 Sjt. A. T. Bubb, R.F.A. (Chippenham, Wilts.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The battery was very heavily shelled while in action, and both the officers with the battery became casualties. He took command, and kept the battery in action under heavy fire, though wounded himself. His splendid courage and leadership kept the battery going at a critical moment.

295070 Pte. H. C. Bull, Lond. R. (Plumstead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as stretcher-bearer in an attack. He worked continuously for fourteen hours through most intense enemy barrages, undoubtedly saving many lives. He showed utter disregard of danger, and inspired all ranks of his company by his example.

123596 Dvr. (A./Bombr.) J. P. Burford, R.F.A. (Welsh Bicknor, nr. Ross-on-Wye).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He, when in charge of a wagon bringing ammunition to the guns, was wounded by a shell, which also wounded his lead driver and killed several horses. He, although wounded in two places, took the place of the wounded driver, delivered the ammunition to the guns, and brought back the empty wagon four miles to camp.

781080 Sjt. S. G. Byard, R.F.A. (Manningham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in putting out a fire in a gun-pit, although there were 500 rounds of H.E. and shrapnel in it, and some boxes were already ignited. He then proceeded to extricate the men. One died within a few minutes, but the other, who was badly wounded and trapped in the debris, owed his life to this N.C.O.

12424 Sjt. E. J. Calder, Worc. R. (Astley, nr. Stourport).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon with great initiative in the attack, gaining his objective largely by his personal courage and fine example. He displayed the utmost disregard for his own safety throughout the action.

250012 C./S./M. R. Canler, Essex R. (Gt. Clacton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a heavy bombardment prior to an attempted raid by the enemy he set a splendid example to his company by his courage and cheerfulness. He visited every exposed post, dug out men who were buried, and organised the evacuation of the wounded with remarkable speed.

17545 Sjt. S. Carvell, R. Ir. Fus. (Belfast).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when left in command of his company owing to casualties. He led the men forward, and after being forced to withdraw reorganised them and led them forward again under heavy machine-gun fire.

635876 Gnr. D. Chalmers, R.F.A. (Markinch, Fife).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when his battery was being heavily shelled. When a direct hit killed one man, severely wounded two, and set fire to the ammunition and pit cover, which fell on the wounded men, he rushed into the pit, regardless of exploding shells and succeeded in bringing them out.

168578 Sjt. J. Clayton, R.F.A. (Doncaster).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While his battery was in action under heavy shell fire, a bomb store, close to one of the guns, was set on fire. He immediately rushed to the spot and assisted in extinguishing the fire, in spite of several explosions, thereby saving many lives. He has at all times shown the utmost disregard of danger, and set a fine example of coolness and courage to all ranks.

2105 Sjt. S. J. Clinch, R.F.C. (East Ham, London, E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on long distance bomb raids. On one occasion he dropped bombs on an airship shed and on another bombed an important railway station from 700 feet. He has taken part in 14 successful bomb raids, showing great courage and initiative.

118732 Sjt. J. J. Cockburn, R.G.A. (Glenboig, Lanarkshire).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The battery was very heavily shelled while in action and many casualties occurred, the whole of one detachment being put out of action. He reorganised his men, formed a new detachment, and kept the gun firing. Later, under intense shelling, he extinguished an ammunition dump which had caught fire and prevented a serious explosion. He showed the greatest determination and contempt of danger, being a splendid example to his men.

7583 B.S.M. W. Coe, R.F.A. (Shepherd's Bush, W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, when bringing up several waggons-loads of ammunition. When a shell burst among one of the teams, killing several horses and wounding two men, he managed to send the remaining waggons on, and after assisting the wounded men returned and brought on the other waggons with fresh horses.

14570 C.S.M. A. J. Cole, W. York. R. (Broome, Norfolk).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With a very small party he captured a concrete strong point which was defended with two machine guns. He shot eight of the enemy through a loophole, after which 14 more came out and surrendered. He also shot five of the enemy who attempted to escape. He then went forward with one man and captured a dug-out containing 40 of the enemy. He set a magnificent example of courage and initiative.

86103 Sjt. J. Cole, R.E. (Bristol).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When 11 men were imprisoned in a

mine, he descended three times with rescue parties, and worked for 54 hours underground. He showed resource and courage throughout, which were very valuable in maintaining the spirits of his men in very difficult circumstances.

19798 Pte. (L./Cpl.) W. O. Collier, R. Fus. (Cricklewood).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as medical N.C.O. He was untiring in his efforts in dressing and bringing in wounded under heavy fire. His courage and devotion to duty set a fine example to all ranks.

9931 Sjt. P. Compton, Bedf. R. (Wansford, nr. Oundle).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty with a raiding party ordered to raid the enemy's concrete posts. On reaching the objective they were held up by wire and came under severe fire from two machine guns and snipers, at about 20 yards range. He tried to put a machine gun out of action by firing rifle grenades at a slit in the concrete post. When ordered to withdraw he brought back wounded and put them in shell holes. He again returned to the enemy's wire and helped more wounded in to cover, and then crossed No Man's Land under heavy fire in broad daylight to get stretchers.

4/3862 Pte. P. Conroy, Conn. Rang., attd. L.T.M. By. (Boyle, Co. Roscommon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While in charge of a trench mortar a misfire occurred, the fuse beginning to burn while the shell was in the gun. He extricated the shell and attempted to throw it over the parapet. The shell fell back into the gun pit. He again picked it up and threw it clear, when it immediately exploded.

G./4232 L./Cpl. A. T. Cook, R.W. Kent R. (Saham Toney, Norfolk).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a counter-attack upon a post which had been captured by the enemy, he so skilfully handled his Lewis gun from a point within twenty yards of the enemy as to very greatly assist the main attacking party who were advancing across the open. He then took his gun forward to an advanced position and brought it into action with great effect upon the retreating enemy. The success of the attack upon this dug-out was entirely due to the deadly fire which he poured into it at close range.

5483A Sjt. C. Cooper, M.G.C. (Luton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When on the way to a forward position with two gun teams the enemy opened a heavy bombardment causing casualties among the party. He took command, rallied the party, and got the guns into position and brought them into action. He set a magnificent example to all.

30253 Sjt. A. E. Cornish, R.G.A. (Frome, Somerset).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Owing to hostile shelling a tunnel was blown in burying some men inside. He displayed great courage in clearing the entrance to the tunnel and extricating the

men. This occupied some little time and was carried out under continual shell fire.

25575 L./Cpl. J. H. P. Corran, Bord. R. (Darwen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After being exposed to heavy and accurate shell fire for six hours, he pushed forward his Lewis gun team to within twenty-five yards of a strongly held enemy post, where he dug in and remained unobserved. On a hostile patrol approaching, he suddenly opened fire, killed three and wounded one, and then dashed out himself and took prisoner a warrant officer who was in command. He thus obtained most important identifications.

6001 Sjt. T. Cottom, E. Lanc. R. (Preston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all his officers became casualties in a counter-attack, he gathered together a party of men and established and consolidated the forward line which he held until relieved, though his party had no water for two days. He showed the greatest initiative and courage.

105863 C.S.M. F. Cowell, R.E. (Barnwell Station).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On a dump being ignited by some enemy bombs, volunteers were asked for to aid in drawing ammunition trains clear of the fire. This warrant officer, after first uncoupling some empty vans which had become ignited, then proceeded to couple up the trains, which were successfully cleared. Another fire was found burning, but he, with the aid of two other men, succeeded in getting this under control also. The prompt action and the untiring efforts of this warrant officer undoubtedly saved the dump and the trains.

49735 Sjt. C. A. Cox, R.E. (Shrewsbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as senior N.C.O. in a raid. He led his party under heavy fire to the enemy's trenches, and encountering two men shot one and took the other prisoner. On the return he carried a badly wounded man back over 300 yards.

C./3041 Pte. R. Crawley, K.R.R.C. (Shadwell, London).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of a post in the front line. The enemy repeatedly attacked his post in superior force, but he drove them off, and when his post became almost untenable through heavy rifle grenade fire he succeeded in putting all the enemy grenadiers out of action, thus securing his post against further attack. Later, he went forward over the open and brought in two wounded men under heavy fire. By his example, disregard of danger, and good leadership he largely contributed to the success of the operations.

6847 Sjt. L. Cullen, R. Dub. Fus. (Tullogh, Co. Carlow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his company to the final objective under heavy fire, after all the

officers had become casualties. Though unsupported and enfiladed on both flanks he lay out in shell holes for thirty hours, finally bringing back the remainder of the company through the enemy's lines.

275201 Sjt. T. B. M. Cunningham, Arg. and Suth'd High. (Carron, Stirlingshire).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He commanded a platoon with the greatest courage and determination in an attack. On reaching his objective he immediately reorganised and consolidated the position, and then led a party forward to clear the enemy from his front. During heavy enemy shelling and counter-attacks he continually encouraged his men, quite regardless of his own safety, and the success achieved was largely due to his magnificent example and initiative.

22/264 Pte. G. Curry, North'd Fus. (South Shields).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a company runner, carrying messages, each time successfully, through a hostile barrage. When a shell fell in a trench, burying four men, he got on top of the parapet, and under heavy machine-gun fire, dug them out.

776382 A./Bomdr. P. Dalton, R.F.A. (Ilkley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When an ammunition dump was set alight after the position had been rendered untenable, and had been evacuated, he ran across, and after a stiff fight, succeeded in extinguishing the flames under very heavy shell fire.

15201 Cpl. A. Danby, York. R. (Acomb, York.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of the battalion signallers and runners. He carried an important message to all the companies of his battalion immediately before the attack under heavy shell fire, and afterwards kept the lines repaired under continuous fire. He set a splendid example of indifference to danger.

G/15198 Pte. J. Daniels, Midd'x R. (Waltham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a stretcher-bearer. He several times rescued wounded in the face of heavy machine-gun and rifle fire. On one occasion, when three stretcher-bearers were wounded at their work in the open, he went out and brought all three in turn to safety. He set a fine example of courage and contempt of danger.

37668 B.Q.M.S. F. Darling, R.F.A. (Forest Gate, Essex).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of wagons bringing ammunition to the battery. Finding the road blocked by wagons of other units, whose drivers had taken cover in the ditches owing to the heavy shelling, he went forward, and himself pulled them out of the ditch, and forced them to go back to their horses, which were in danger of being stampeded.

240583 L./Cpl. A. Davidson, Gord. Highrs. (Newburgh, Nr. Aberdeen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He attacked and captured single handed an enemy post of eight men. This prompt and plucky deed was also the means of an enemy machine-gun being deserted, which was being defended by this post.

40051 Sjt. D. Davies, Tank Corps (Newton-le-Willows, Lancs.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his tank when his commander was wounded, and guided it through a heavy barrage to safety. Later he took it into action and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy, and rendered valuable assistance to the infantry when they were held up by machine-gun fire. His coolness and courage contributed largely to the success of the operations.

18086 Cpl. J. Davies, Ches. R. (New Ferry, Birkenhead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a large gap occurred in the line he at once filled the gap with his Lewis gun team. He also cleared a dug-out, capturing several prisoners. His initiative and promptness undoubtedly saved the situation.

15625 Pte. M. Davies, Welsh R., att'd. L.T.M. By. (Port Talbot).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When he was the only man left of his gun team he dug an emplacement and assembled the gun under heavy fire. He went over the open under machine-gun fire to fetch ammunition. He showed great courage and determination.

5499 Pte. J. H. Davis, M.G.C. (Oswestry).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He rendered valuable services as runner under most difficult conditions, and successfully carried messages through heavy barrages. When his officer was wounded he helped him out under heavy fire, and at once returned to his post. His courage and contempt of danger were beyond all praise.

18437 Cpl. C. A. Deaville, N. Staff. R. (Bucknall, Shrops.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He crept forward with one man to an enemy strong point in front of the final objective, the garrison of which were keeping up a heavy and accurate fire. He killed several of the enemy, and the remainder fled, except one, whom he took prisoner.

3331 Sjt. E. E. Depper, Rif. Bde. (Canvey Island, Essex).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of his party after the officer had been killed, leading his men with great dash and personally killing several of the enemy. On returning to our trenches he carried back the body of his officer under heavy machine gun fire.

79294 Spr. P. Dewhurst, R.E. (Blackpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. A large ammunition dump, near which he was working, was set on fire by



Hostile shelling. He, with some other men, at once ran across and commenced to put out the fire. One man was wounded, the remainder returning, but this sapper continued on alone, under continuous shelling, and finally the fire was extinguished.

18757 L./Sjt. R. Dinnington, North'd Fus. (South Shields).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading a bombing attack down a trench. He encountered a strong party of the enemy and personally bayoneted three of them, including an officer. His party captured a position, yielding 33 prisoners and 10 dead, and succeeded in holding it until relieved.

73665 L./Cpl. R. Donaldson, M.G. Corps (Dünfermline).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Though wounded, he kept his gun in action for four hours under heavy sniping fire. Though again wounded during an enemy counter-attack, he kept his gun firing till almost surrounded by the enemy. His accurate fire inflicted severe casualties and held up the counter-attack for two hours. He set a magnificent example of courage and devotion to duty.

276176 Pte. R. Doughty, R. Scots (Edinburgh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the enemy's lines. He made eight reconnaissances of the position and on the night of the raid laid a tape to within 30 yards of the enemy's trench. He was one of the first to enter the enemy's lines, entered a dug-out and captured a prisoner. He bombed several of the enemy who were following up the withdrawal, and kept them off until his section was clear. He showed great dash and courage throughout the operation.

3339 L./Sjt. R. Doveton, Rif. Bde. (Bristol).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the enemy attempting to rush his post and succeeding in cutting our wire, he stood his ground, though exposed to a shower of bombs, and was chiefly instrumental in defeating the raid. By his great courage and gallantry he saved a desperate situation, and set a very fine example to all his men.

T./698 Armt. S./Sjt. J. Drew, A.O.C. (Edinburgh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under an intense and concentrated hostile bombardment of our battery positions, he went, on his own initiative, round all the batteries to see if his services were required for repairs. The shelling was so intense that all the personnel of the batteries had been withdrawn, and the coolness and disregard of danger which he displayed were beyond all praise.

1407 Sit. T. J. Dudley Tank Corps (Balsall Heath, Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although badly wounded in the eyes and nearly blinded, he took command of the crew of his Tank when it was ditched

and his officer hit, sent the crew on with the guns and remained with his officer until he saw that he was dead.

C/6041 Sjt. J. Easton, K.R. Rif. C. (Romford, Essex).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. By his coolness under heavy fire he succeeded in overcoming an enemy strong point and captured and consolidated his objective. The company was heavily bombarded, and the remaining officers were killed. He took command of the company and held the position against enemy counter-attacks and intense bombardments. He displayed magnificent courage and energy.

G/5989 Sjt. J. S. Edmonds, R. Fus. (St. Albans).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy attacked and captured an important advanced post he organised and led a counter-attack, which re-captured the post. He also helped in the removal of the wounded under heavy shell fire.

30910 Sjt. J. Elliott, R.G.A. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all his officers became casualties he opened fire at the time ordered, and successfully kept the battery in action till an officer was despatched as a relief. He showed great initiative at a critical time, and it was solely due to him that the battery was kept in action.

R/13813 Pte. (L./Cpl.) F. J. Elvy, K.R.R.C. (Plaistow, Essex).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was one of the garrison of a post which was attacked by the enemy in very superior force. He went along from post to post, encouraging and steadying his men. Grasping the situation when he saw his opportunity, he led his men, numbering only five, to attack the enemy, and succeeded in capturing twenty-three prisoners. By his courage and initiative in attacking greatly superior forces without hesitation, he saved what might have been a serious situation.

3505 Sjt. T. Fail, K.R. Rif. C. (Middlesbro').

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. When the company was held up by an enemy strong point he assisted in organising an attack on his position. He collected a small party and established himself in a shell-hole ten yards from the enemy's trench, and inflicted casualties on them by frequent sniping. He showed a fine spirit of tenacity and endurance.

35580 Farr. Sjt. P. J. Falgate, R.H.A. (Norfolk).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The wagon lines of the battery were very heavily shelled and heavy casualties were caused among men and horses. There was no officer present, so he took charge of the situation, cleared the horse lines, and dressed and removed the wounded horses under heavy shell fire. He acted with great courage, and showed splendid presence of mind and initiative.



81520 Sjt. J. H. Faulkner, M.G. Corps (Wigan).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in an advanced position under intense enemy shell fire. He kept his guns in action for two days, assisted the wounded, and kept up the ammunition supply. He showed the utmost disregard of danger, and it was largely due to his personal courage that the guns were kept in action with such success.

931422 Bombr. H. E. W. Fayerbrother, R.F.A. (Finsbury Park, London, N.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when the battery was heavily shelled and the signal pit blown in. He remained under heavy shell fire, though he was wounded, and assisted in extricating wounded men from the pit. He afterwards repaired the broken wires, and re-established communication under fire. Throughout the bombardment he showed the greatest coolness, courage and devotion to duty.

351889 L./Cpl. G. Fernie, R. Scots (Edinburgh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He assumed command of his platoon, led it to the final objective, collected men of other platoons, and consolidated his position. Though himself wounded he remained at duty until relieved.

280455 Sjt. H. Finney, Lancs. Fus. (Sandleton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of a patrol. He pushed out within twenty-five yards of the enemy's position until stopped by rifle fire. He then withdrew his patrol and lay up two hours in "No Man's Land." The following night he went out again and lay up close to the enemy position, obtaining valuable information as to their dispositions.

420820 C.S.M. H. P. Flack, Lond. R. Stamford Hill).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He assumed command of his company at a very critical period, when they were moving forward to meet a hostile counter-attack. It was largely due to his splendid example and fine leadership that confusion was prevented and the company reached their position under very heavy fire.

24983 Sjt. W. Flint, Notts. and Derby. R. (Mansfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of a platoon, though severely wounded during a heavy bombardment, he continued at duty. By remaining with his men in the front line until relieved he set an example of coolness, courage, and devotion to duty which was invaluable at a most critical time.

350875 Pte. J. Flynn, R. Scots (Edinburgh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was the first man to reach a strong point held by ten of the enemy. He showed great courage and initiative in breaking the occupants and killing seven of

them. He finally succeeded in capturing the position.

S./3855 Sjt. W. S. Flynn, Arg. and Suth'd Highrs. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in organising four Lewis guns under very heavy fire and taking them forward to meet a counter-attack which he completely stopped. He then proceeded to dig in under fire with about fifteen men in front of an enemy strong point, preventing the garrison from advancing by his action.

940240 Cpl. S. C. Ford, R.F.A. (St. John's, London, S.E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the battery was heavily shelled and the position had to be evacuated he returned with twenty others and carried away a wounded man, while two ammunition dumps close by were exploding. He set a splendid example of courage in leaving a place of safety to rescue the wounded man.

12015 A./L./Sjt. J. Fotheringham, S. Gds. (E. Ham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of a party of men loading trucks. When the enemy put down a heavy gas barrage he collected his scattered parties, superintended the adjustment of box-respirators, and guided them down the track. Hearing that a wounded man had been left behind he returned with two stretcher-bearers through a gas-barrage and brought him to the dressing station.

S./2876 C.S.M. J. Fox, Gord. Highrs. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Though wounded in both arms, he continued to perform his duties under heavy shell fire that caused twelve or fifteen casualties.

370625 Sjt. H. J. Francis, Lond. R. (Parsons Green).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. When all the officers became casualties he at once took command of the company and led them to the capture of the objective. He reorganised and consolidated the position and showed the greatest ability in his dispositions. He displayed splendid qualities of courage and leadership.

L./6778 Gnr. J. Fraser, R.F.A. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his battery was being heavily shelled, whilst in action, this man assisted the wounded and helped to dig out men who had been buried. He volunteered for dangerous duties of all kinds, and entered a gun pit while the camouflage was on fire and ammunition exploding, to see if any wounded still remained. He showed great coolness and courage under circumstances of extreme danger.

99314 B.S.M. W. J. Freeman, R.G.A. (Forest Gate, Essex).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the neighbourhood of the battery was heavily bombed by hostile aircraft, causing a number of casualties and a

series of explosions, he organised stretcher parties and gave great assistance in attending to the wounded.

23252 Cpl. J. H. Frost, Oxf. and Bucks. L.I. (Solihull).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although severely wounded in the hand, he worked his way under intense fire from shell hole to shell hole until about thirty yards ahead of his company. Here he kept up a fire with rifle grenades on the enemy causing a large number of casualties. When some men were able to reach him after dark it was found that he had been twice more wounded.

2742 B.Q.M.S. A. G. Froud, R.F.A. (nr. Ashford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The battery position was subjected to an intense bombardment and a shell burst in one of the gun pits, wounding the whole detachment and setting fire to the pit. He immediately entered the gun pit with his officer and rescued a wounded man who was pinned down by the trail of the gun. After removing the wounded man they returned, at great risk, and extinguished the fire. He set a magnificent example of courage and contempt of danger.

109599 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) A. H. Furlonger, R.E. (Wimbledon, London, S.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of trains evacuating the wounded from an aid post. The enemy shelled the line and cut it in seven places, preventing a train from reaching the aid post. He at once organised a party, and had the line repaired under heavy fire. When one of the trucks was hit by a shell he transferred the wounded on it to another truck, and got the train away to safety. He showed great courage and ability throughout the day.

5289 Sjt. F. Gallon, North'd Fus. (Hull).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the division on the right of the attack was held up during the advance, he collected as many men as possible and moved forward under heavy machine gun fire and rejoined his battalion on its objective. He set a very fine example at a critical moment.

6225 Sjt. H. G. Gannon, Hamps. R. (Gosport).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. Owing to heavy machine gun fire only six of his party reached the objective, but in spite of this they bombed a dug-out and captured 38 prisoners and two machine guns. He displayed the greatest courage and devotion to duty in consolidating the position and holding it under heavy fire.

103338 Cpl. J. Gardner, R.F.A. (Brighton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The camouflage of his gun was set on fire by hostile shelling. Although he himself had just been wounded in two places, he at once rushed out and completely extinguished the fire, and would not leave until all the burning camouflage had been put out.

8275 C.S.M. J. Gibson, R. Ir. Regt. (Clonmel).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his company to their objective after all his officers had been wounded. When his men were nearly all killed or wounded he attached himself to another company, where he continued to display the greatest courage.

8743 B.S.M. S. Gidman, R.G.A. (St. Helens, Lanc.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. A sudden burst of heavy shelling caught a party of infantry, who scattered, leaving one man lying in the road. He, who was standing near, alone rushed out from the cover and attended to his wounds and started to try to carry him into cover, but before he was able to do so he was severely wounded in this very gallant attempt.

16617 A./L./Sjt. J. Gillespie, M.G.C. (Falkirk).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After his company commander and section officer had been wounded, this N.C.O. took charge of his section of guns, and under most trying circumstances directed their fire, moving them forward to a new position, which he selected and consolidated on his own initiative, in order to bring more effective fire upon the enemy. He showed marked ability and skill, which reflected the greatest credit upon him.

7338 Cpl. H. Gollins, Shrops. L.I. (Crewe).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At the beginning of the attack he was wounded, but gallantly led his party forward into the enemy's lines. On seeing some of the enemy counter-attacking, he led a rush over the open, killed some of the enemy, and captured six prisoners. He continued to press forward until he established himself on his objective, where he held on for two days, though he was twice buried by shell fire. His courage and determination were a magnificent example to all.

G/52677 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) C. Gorman, R. Fus. (East Ham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company after all the officers were casualties to the furthest point reached in the advance, establishing a system of flank defence when the line on each side failed to reach his position. By his personal example he ensured that no ground was lost and he sent in most valuable reports throughout.

37742 Q.M.S. (A./S.M.) F. St. L. Gosley, R.A.M.C. (Edinburgh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The advance dressing station was heavily shelled, and twenty casualties were caused among the wounded and staff. He collected a party and removed all the wounded to safety. His presence of mind and excellent example were of the greatest service at a critical moment.

63013 Gnr. G. Grant, R.F.A. (Scarborough).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the battery was heavily shelled and several guns damaged, and men

killed and wounded, the personnel were ordered back to cover. Finding that a N.C.O. was badly wounded and buried in the battery position, he at once went back, and after fifteen minutes extricated the N.C.O., and then appeared from the midst of the inferno caused by the bursting shells with the wounded man on his back.

16757 L./Cpl. T. J. Green, Welsh R. (New Tredegar).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the advance was held up by a group of enemy strong points he led a party forward and captured them, together with two machine guns and a large number of prisoners. Later he located an enemy post, and single-handed compelled the enemy to retire from it. He set a magnificent example to his men.

8185 Sjt. J. Greene, R. Ir. Rif. (Dublin).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of his platoon, after his platoon commander had become a casualty. He bombed enemy dugouts and established very effective sniping posts. Only himself and one other of his platoon were left when withdrawn thirty-six hours later.

40828 C.S.M. J. Greenway, N. Staff. R. (Newcastle, Staffs.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Though severely wounded he remained with his company, rendering valuable service during the consolidation under heavy fire. His leadership and fearlessness were an example to all ranks.

W/952 B.Q.M.S. R. Grenfell, R.F.A. (Penzance).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the battery was on the march and was bombed by hostile planes, causing many casualties to men and horses, after getting clear of his own horse, whose leg had been broken, he extricated a wounded officer from his dead horse and then collected the remaining men, attending to the killed and wounded of his own battery and of a passing squad of infantry.

8907 C.S.M. A. Griffin, R. Ir. Fus. (Cork).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of his company, after all the officers had become casualties during a heavy counter-attack. He rallied the men, establishing a series of strong points and bombing posts, and so succeeded in repelling the enemy with heavy loss.

75609 L./Cpl. V. J. Guiver, Tank Corps (Long Acre, London).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As chief wireless operator, after having erected the aerials, this non-commissioned officer remained at duty for eighteen hours continuously under heavy shell fire. On several occasions the aerials and masts were shot away, but on each occasion he went out and repaired the damage under an intense bombardment. By his initiative and courageous perseverance the wireless station was kept open during the whole action.

22022 L./Cpl. W. T. Gysser, R. Welsh Fus. (Islington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the whole left half of his company was held up by an enemy machine gun, he advanced with his Lewis gun and put the enemy out of action. He has also been very prominent on other occasions, setting a splendid example to his comrades in spite of adverse weather conditions and under trying circumstances.

18027 Sjt. H. J. Hall, R.F.A. (E. Northampton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The enemy opened a heavy barrage on the road behind his battery. The road was congested with ammunition waggons, and great confusion followed, but with the utmost presence of mind and disregard of danger he restored order, cleared the road, and got the ammunition waggons and other traffic through to a place of safety.

5018 Sjt. (A./Sub-Cond.) T. A. Harding, A.O.C. (Charlton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when an ammunition railhead was bombed by enemy aircraft. A truck of ammunition was set on fire, and he at once extinguished it, uncoupling the truck from the train. His prompt and courageous action averted a serious disaster.

370744 Sjt. G. H. Harris, Lond. R. (Stoke Newington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. When all his officers became casualties he took command of his company and led them to the capture of all their objectives. He showed great ability in reorganising the company, and by his personal example greatly encouraged his men.

46853 Bomdr. F. W. Helm, R.F.A. (Chelsea).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He patrolled and repaired the telephone lines, which were continually being cut by shell fire. He continued at this work with utter contempt of danger under continual heavy fire for seven hours, until all the guns were out of action. He set a magnificent example of courage and coolness.

21/993 C.S.M. R. C. Henderson, Northb'n Fus. (Blyth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He took command of a platoon when its officer was a casualty, and led the men to their objective. During the consolidation of the captured position he did splendid work in directing the operations under very difficult conditions and heavy fire.

S/1970 L./Cpl. T. L. Hendry, Gord. High. (Aberdeen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of a mopping-up platoon after the platoon serjeant had been wounded. While mopping-up a strong point the line retired and left him surrounded. He organised a shell hole for defence, and held out all day, escaping a night attack by moving to another shell hole. After sixty hours

inside the enemy's lines he escaped and brought in five of his party and some useful information.

2976 C.S.M. A. Hepburn, R. Scots. (Leith).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He attacked an enemy pill-box which was the key to the position and drove out the enemy. Though wounded he continued to urge his men on, and showed the greatest courage and determination.

551134 Spr. B. W. Hewitt, R.E. (Gainsboro).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He laid cables and established communication under heavy shell fire, and when both his companions were wounded he got them under cover and went through heavy shelling to fetch stretcher-bearers, and then continued his work. He did similar excellent work on two later occasions.

F/3055 Pte. J. J. Hickman, Midd'x R. (Notting Hill).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an intense hostile bombardment of the left front of his battalion this man immediately volunteered to go along a communication trench, which was at the moment under the most intense barrage, to obtain information. In order to gather the fullest information possible he proceeded on further to the company on the left of his own, and was the first man to return to headquarters to report that the enemy had entered the line, although under heavy fire all the way. His courage and fearlessness throughout the bombardment were beyond praise.

23198 L./Cpl. M. Higgins, R. Scots. (Desert-Martin, Co. Londonderry).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as Battalion Observer. He found and shot two enemy snipers. Later, on his own initiative, he reconnoitred the whole of the battalion front line, and was responsible for some parts of it being organised. On shooting one of the enemy snipers he went out and gained all necessary identifications.

19598 Sjt. J. Hodder, R.F.A. (Abersychan).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in maintaining the ordered rate of fire of his gun when all the other guns in the battery were temporarily put out of action by heavy shelling with gas-shells.

19919 Pte. (L./Cpl.) F. A. Holmes, R. Fus. (Bethnal Green)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He advanced with three or four men under intense fire and brought back several prisoners; he also did excellent work during the attack. His gallantry and utter disregard of personal danger set a splendid example to all ranks.

G/9441 Cpl. W. H. Hooker, R.W. Kent R. (Walworth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of the battalion runners, and did most valuable work in carrying messages through heavy barrages

during an action with utter disregard for his personal safety. He worked day and night for several days, and finally, after the battalion had been relieved, he remained all night in a shell hole with a badly wounded man under heavy fire, and brought him away safely on the following day. He set a magnificent example to all ranks.

352389 Cpl. A. C. Horne, R. Scots (Dunbar).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed great courage and skill when commanding a bombing section. He dealt successfully with a machine-gun which had been holding up the advance, and accounted for about twenty of the enemy, with two of his section. He performed excellent work throughout.

300880 L./Cpl. R. C. Hotz, Lond. R. (Homerton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. When all the other N.C.O.'s became casualties he rallied the remaining men of his platoon, and fought his way to the objective and held it in spite of enemy counter-attacks and heavy shell fire. His courage and determination were a splendid example to his men.

473214 Pte. J. Hudson, Lond. R. (Southwark).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a shell killed and wounded nearly the whole of two sections he continued under shell fire until all the wounded had been cleared. When a shell set on fire the boxes containing the reserve S.A.A. and bombs, he extinguished the fire and saved the S.A.A. and most of the bombs.

D.M. 2/129569 Pte. H. Humphreys, A.S.C. (Highway, Pontypool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While in charge of a motor lorry, assisted by another private, he continued to carry water the whole day through a heavy barrage and a burning ammunition dump. He did not cease work, although wounded, until all the tanks were filled.

550267 Sgt. L. H. Jenks, Lond. R. (Exeter).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when on patrol. The patrol was fired on from the rear while already engaged in another direction. He showed great coolness in re-establishing control and so directed the fire of his men as to kill eleven of the enemy and capture two prisoners. His coolness and resource were of the greatest value.

59063 Sgt. J. T. Johnson, R.F.A. (Bush Hill Park, Enfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of two trench mortars in support of a raid. The position was heavily shelled, both No. 1's became casualties, one being buried with the gun. Though wounded himself he dug out the men and the gun, attended to the wounded, and carried out his allotted task under continuous heavy shell-fire. He set an excellent example of coolness and courage.

44349 Pte. H. Jones, Ches. R. (Sale, Cheshire).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a large gap occurred in the line he at once filled the gap with his Lewis gun team. He also cleared a dug-out, capturing several prisoners. His initiative and promptness undoubtedly saved the situation.

20119 Pte. J. Jones, R.A.M.C. (Newport).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When one officer in the battery had been killed and another severely wounded, this man proceeded with a stretcher, accompanied by a gunner, and rescued the wounded officer under very heavy concentrated shell-fire. He carried the officer to a dressing-station, thereby saving his life. He then returned and dressed wounded under heavy shell-fire.

27830 Pte. E. E. E. Joyner, K.O.S.B. (Chertsey).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He attacked an enemy pill-box by climbing on to the roof and dropping bombs through the ventilator, and captured the garrison, having killed an enemy officer who attempted to resist. He showed the greatest courage and initiative.

13175 Sjt. E. Kelly, N. Staff. R. (Stoke-on-Trent).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He rushed an enemy strong point and assisted in capturing thirty prisoners and four machine-guns. He showed great gallantry and fearlessness.

20655 Sjt. R. Kelly, R. Innis. Fus. (Belfast).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of his company when all the officers had become casualties. Seeing troops on the left fall back and his right flank also in the air, he formed a defensive line, and only withdrew when they were surrounded.

24139 L./Cpl. (A./2nd Cpl.) W. R. Keylock, R.E. (Harrow Road, London, W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He volunteered with another man to swim across a river with two cables at a point where a boat could not be used owing to enemy observation, and accomplished his task, though both banks were continuously and heavily shelled. His initiative and disregard of danger enabled urgent work to be carried out.

15806 Sjt. J. Keywood, W. Rid. R. (Denaby Main, nr. Rotherham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of a platoon. He attacked a strong enemy post, but was unable to capture it owing to the heavy losses of his platoon, which was reduced to five men. With these he consolidated the position where he was and held it throughout the action.

300792 Cpl. T. Kingsbury, Lond. R. (Brixton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. With two men he

attacked and silenced an enemy machine-gun and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy. Though wounded he continued to advance, and captured another machine-gun. He then rallied all the men round him and pushed on to the final objective. He showed splendid leadership and courage.

12/18039 Cpl. N. Kirkwood, R. Ir. Rif. (Larne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as medical orderly in charge of the R.A.P. after one medical officer had been wounded and a second one killed. The aid post was eventually blown in, but he continued his work in shell holes, and evacuated the wounded though many stretcher-bearers and some wounded were killed while he was with them.

3245 Sjt. H. Lafferty, M.G. Corps (Swin-don).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of two guns and teams that went forward with one of the attacking companies. The attack was held up by heavy machine-gun fire, and all officers became casualties. He kept his gun in action in spite of heavy shelling at times, and kept down all attempted counter-attacks. When relieved after forty-eight hours he nevertheless remained up for five days and nights in mud and rain.

635698 Bomdr. J. Laing, R.F.A. (Methel, N.B.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of twelve ammunition wagons. Though wounded he took the convoy through a gas barrage, and safely withdrew them again. After having his wounds dressed, hearing that another team had lost all its drivers, he went back through the barrage and brought the wounded men and horses back.

9646 Sjt. V. J. F. Lawrence, R. Ir. Rif. (Tipperary).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of his company when all the officers and senior N.C.O's. had become casualties. He continued to advance, and with a mere handful of men established a strong point, and maintained our line close in front of enemy machine-gun position.

S/14335 Sjt. N. Leitch, Arg. & Suth'd Highrs. (Rothesay).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in organising our line after all his company officers had been killed. He exposed himself continually in collecting parties of our men who had become separated, and assisted greatly in reorganising the Lewis gun teams when casualties occurred.

6419 L./Sjt. H. Lightowler, North'n Fus. (Bradford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. When all the N.C.O's. had become casualties he did valuable work in collecting the men of his company and assisting to organise the attack. He took six prisoners single-handed. As a platoon commander he displayed great coolness and determination, and was directly responsible for much of the success of the attack.

490 C.S.M. C. J. Love, E. Surr. R. (Barnsbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. By his personal courage and initiative in the attack he overcame several enemy strong points. When all his officers became casualties he reached the objective and dug in and inflicted heavy losses on the enemy with Lewis gun-fire and rifle grenades. His steadiness and coolness under fire were largely responsible for the success of his company.

128688 B.S.M. G. A. Lycett, R.G.A. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He helped to look after six wounded men, and then assisted in extinguishing a dump of burning ammunition, under heavy shell-fire. He showed the greatest gallantry on this and several other occasions.

S/16029 Pte. A. Macaulay, Arg. & Suth'd Highrs (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When some of our men had become lost in the enemy lines, he patrolled on his own, under heavy fire, and collected and reorganised 25 men. Later he was in charge of an isolated post and held it successfully against a bombing attack.

300362 Sjt. E. McDonald, A. & S. Highrs. (Kintyre).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his men forward through a heavy barrage, and over most difficult ground, to reinforce the front line, taking command of two platoons when the officer in charge was killed. He went forward alone, under fire, to reconnoitre the route, and then guided the platoons to their position in time to assist in repelling an enemy counter-attack. He did excellent work later with a party of snipers, and throughout set a splendid example of courage and gallantry.

3/6535 A./Sjt. F. McGregor, Gord. High. (Perth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Finding himself in the front line, with troops falling back on either flank, he at once organised a strong point, and held on all day, with about twenty men, in spite of determined efforts of the enemy to dislodge him. After dark he went forward with an officer to endeavour to clear out an enemy post; they were out for three hours, but found the post very strongly held.

C/6379 Sjt. E. S. Mackriell, K.R. Rif. C. (Croydon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while acting as Company Serjeant-Major. He captured an enemy machine-gun post under heavy fire and a shower of bombs. When the objective was captured he did most valuable work in consolidating it and reorganising the company. When all other means of communication had failed he carried an urgent message through an intense barrage. His courage and initiative were of a very high order.

16247 C.S.M. A. MacLean, K.O.S.B. (Neilston, Renfrewshire).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. After the capture

of the position he did magnificent work in reorganising the company and consolidating the line, under extremely heavy fire. He showed great dash and leadership.

9593 C.S.M. G. McLennan, K.O.S.B. (Greenock).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He rallied men whom the difficulties of the ground had compelled to fall behind, and led them into action. After the capture of the redoubt he did most valuable work in bringing up rations and water, under heavy shell-fire, and showed great initiative throughout.

27419 Sjt. J. McMahon, Suff. R. (Adare, co. Limerick).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid on the enemy's trenches. He led his men through three belts of uncut wire, under heavy machine-gun and artillery fire, and captured the machine-gun. He then walked along the trench with three men, killing and capturing several of the enemy. He showed the greatest gallantry and initiative, and by his example contributed largely to the success of the enterprise.

11429 Pte. J. McVicar, K.O.S.B. (Tarbert, Loch Fyne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack on a wood. While our barrage was still on the wood he saw a party of the enemy entering it from the rear. He went forward alone, located the enemy, and then led his section in a rush and put the whole party out of action. His prompt and courageous action was of the greatest value.

R/22216 Sjt. A. C. Marzetti, K.R.R.C. (Victoria Park).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the officers of his company had become casualties in the attack he took command of the company and led it to the final objective. He organised a strong defence, and by his courage and good example kept his men together under very difficult conditions.

6/1091 Sjt. E. M. Mason, K.R.R.C. (Hockley, Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his left flank was exposed under a heavy enemy bombardment he rallied his men and held his position with great determination. His coolness and devotion to duty at a critical moment set a magnificent example to his men.

25434 Sjt. R. W. Mayston, E. Surr. R. (Redhill, Surrey).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He handled his platoon with great skill when his officer was wounded, reached his objective and dug in. He dug out men who were buried by shell fire, saving at least two lives, and set his men a splendid example of courage and resource.

480673 Cpl. T. Middlebrook, R.E. ([E] Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was detailed to advance with the infantry in the attack and to bridge a stream. The attack was held up by machine-gun fire,

and his officer was wounded. He took command of what men were left, and advanced and laid three bridges over the stream. He showed magnificent courage and resource.

240715 C.S.M. W. Middlecote, Glouc. R. (Upton St. Leonards).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He led his men forward under heavy machine-gun fire, and afterwards carried a valuable report to battalion headquarters and brought back orders through a heavy fire. He set a splendid example of coolness.

2806 C.S.M. J. Mills, Manch. R. (Werneth, Oldham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. In the absence of his officers he led a company with great gallantry under heavy fire to their objective, steadying them by his coolness and fine personal example. Whilst superintending the withdrawal of his detachment he was seriously wounded by a trench mortar bomb, both legs being broken.

78690 Sgt. R. Missen, Tank Corps (Newmarket).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he volunteered to crawl back at great risk from his tank to stop our infantry from firing on the crew. He successfully accomplished his task, although almost surrounded by snipers at close range, and under heavy artillery and machine-gun fire from both sides.

43029 Pte. J. Mooney, N. Staff. R. (E. Sittingbourne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He crept forward, accompanied by an N.C.O., to an enemy strong point in front of the final objective, the garrison of which were keeping up a heavy and accurate fire. He killed several of the enemy, and the remainder fled except one, who was taken prisoner. Later he went out under heavy machine-gun fire to help a wounded comrade.

42808 Sgt. J. Moore, M.G.C. (Tottenham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He handled his guns with great skill, in spite of heavy casualties, and carried out a difficult and prolonged machine-gun barrage during the attack. Later he successfully moved the guns forward to their new positions under heavy fire. He displayed great coolness, skill, and contempt of danger throughout.

12078 Cpl. J. Moore, W. York. R. (Whitby).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when on patrol. With another N.C.O. he brought in two officers, one of whom was killed and the other mortally wounded, from a point close to the enemy's wire, although exposed the whole time to fire at point blank range from three enemy machine-guns, rifle-fire and bombs. He refused to relax his efforts until both officers were brought in, and showed throughout a magnificent example of devotion and complete disregard of danger.

241762 L./Sjt. T. Moore, Sea. Highrs. (Wishaw).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of a platoon in the front line when he saw a party of the enemy leaving their trenches for a raid on his line. He at once opened fire and held them up successfully while the troops on his right left their trenches and captured twenty-three of the enemy. He kept up his fire with such determination that only two or three of the enemy party got back to their lines. He set an excellent example of courage and initiative.

15882 Sgt. J. B. Morgan, R.W. Fus. (Mountain Ash).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company was ordered to go forward and fill a gap, he reconnoitred the position under heavy fire. He then made five journeys over the open ground swept by machine-gun fire, guiding the company to their position. He set a splendid example of fearlessness and initiative.

69575 Gnr. W. Morrey, Tank Corps (Long Itchington, near Rugby).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his tank became ditched and completely isolated and surrounded by the enemy, he very ably assisted his officer to fight the tank during a most critical period of three days. He was twice wounded, but with the remainder of the crew inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy.

40192 C.S.M. J. W. Morris, North'd Fus. (S. Shields).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed splendid fearlessness and skill in handling a party during the clearing of an enemy position, attacking the enemy single-handed on several occasions.

266710 L./Cpl. T. Morrison, R. Highrs. (Blairgowrie).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in beating off an enemy raiding party in front of his own post after the officer had been severely wounded. He skilfully supported by covering fire the retirement of the men of the post on his right. He then organised a strong defensive flank and prevented the enemy making any progress.

8328 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) V. Moss, Leic. R. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He moved with his platoon through an intense barrage, and when his officer was killed he continued to support a counter-attack though wounded himself. He set a splendid example to his men.

Z/2444 Sgt. J. Moulding, Rif. Bde. (Warington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When touch had been lost with another unit in an attack, he volunteered to go forward and establish communication, which he did in face of hostile sniping. He showed splendid leadership and control of his men in the attack, and later carried out



a reconnaissance and obtained valuable information.

420738 Q.M.S. E. J. Naylor, Lond. R. (Bow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. By his untiring energy, courage and example, he was responsible for getting up rations and ammunition through a heavy barrage to the battalion. The splendid supply arrangements where of the utmost value at a very trying time.

S/7084 Cpl. A. Neilson, Gord. High., attd. L.T.M. By. (Inveresk, Midlothian).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When being guided to the gun position the guide lost his way and led the party of three into No Man's Land, where they ran into an enemy post. This N.C.O. rushed the post, wrestled with one of the occupants and finally killed him, leaving the other two to grapple with the two other occupants.

90023 Pte. W. I. Neville, M.G.C. (Northants).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took charge of a gun team when his leaders had become casualties, and established his gun so as to cover a serious gap in the line. He then took charge of a captured enemy gun and brought it into action against the enemy. His initiative and determination under heavy fire were magnificent.

44887 Pte. T. W. H. Newby, R.A.M.C. (York).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as stretcher-bearer, leading out stretcher squads and succeeding in bringing in many wounded from shell-holes. He also made two journeys into an area swept by machine-gun fire and brought back nine cases.

5520 Sjt. A. Newman, M.G.C. (Brampton, Chesterfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the attack seemed likely to be held up by a strong point he brought his gun into action, under intense fire, and greatly assisted in the capture of the strong point. He remained in action throughout the night, under intense shell-fire, until his gun was destroyed. His courage and disregard of personal safety set a fine example to all.

56744 B.S.M. W. Newman, R.F.A. (Denton, Nr. Salisbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When one gun received a direct hit he ran forward and got the detachment, who had been stunned, away from the gun. It is mainly owing to his zeal and determination that the ammunition supply has been maintained.

351957 Pte. A. E. Newnham, Lond. R. (Shepherd's Bush).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as one of an attacking party. On reaching the objective he patrolled down a trench single-handed and came across several of the enemy, whom he fired on, killing two and bringing back four as prisoners.

494456 C.S.M. W. R. Nott, R.E. (E. Bristol).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company headquarters billets were set on fire by shelling, and one man was still left in a burning cellar, he twice endeavoured to make an entry, but without success. A sapper reached the man, who was unconscious, and dragged him into the passage, where he, too, became unconscious. This N.C.O. reached the two men and succeeded in dragging them both out, and saved both their lives.

8481 C.S.M. J. Nunn, Hamps. R. (Fulham, London, S.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With a few men he rushed an enemy strong point which threatened to hold up the advance of a whole brigade. Though wounded in the advance, he was the first to reach the objective, and when the enemy counter-attacked he took command of his company and held his position when the troops on both flanks were driven back. His conduct throughout was beyond all praise.

13056 L./Cpl. J. H. Oakes, Leics. R. (Hinchley, Leics.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He continued to use his Lewis gun against an enemy counter-attack, though he was seriously wounded. By his courage and endurance he contributed largely to the repulse of the attack. When the attack was finally beaten off he withdrew his team intact. He set a splendid example to his men.

13886 C.S.M. J. F. O'Brien, R. Dub. Fus. (Maesteg, Glamorgan).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the officers of his company had become casualties, though wounded by shrapnel in three places, he took charge of half the company, and, placing the other half in charge of another N.C.O., kept the men together and took up a position in shell-holes.

12171 B.S.M. J. O'Hara, R.G.A. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This W.O. endeavouring to save an ammunition dump, which had been blown up, at great personal risk, received a wound in the head, but he continued on duty. Later he attended to the wounded, under heavy shell-fire, and extricated some men who had been buried in a dug-out. These actions were performed with complete disregard of personal danger.

S/3617 Sjt. J. O'Mahony, Rif. Bde. (Cardiff).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when acting as Company Serjeant-Major in an attack. He took charge of a bombing party, led his men through a gap into a position in rear of the enemy's trench, and from there launched his attack at exactly the right moment. He bombed down the trench with the greatest fearlessness and determination, capturing four machine guns and killing and capturing many of the enemy. When the officer in command of the attack was killed he took charge and organised the defence of the position with

great ability. His initiative and courage were magnificent.

931485 Sjt. J. E. Ongley, R.F.A. (Croydon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O., whilst his battery was in action under heavy shell-fire and although he was himself wounded, remained at his post fighting his gun, until the enemy attack had been beaten back. By his coolness and courage he set a fine example to the men of his battery.

15223 C.S.M. R. Orr, R. Scots (Belfast).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of his company after all the officers were killed. It was greatly due to his energy that our position was maintained.

320834 C.S.M. H. Palowkar, Lond. R. (Leytonstone).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He took command of two platoons when an officer was wounded and led them to the capture of the final objective. His courage and determination throughout the operations were an inspiring example to all ranks.

13769 C.S.M. C. E. Parker, W. Rid. R. (Dorchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. When all his officers were casualties he led his company with great success in the attack under heavy fire. Later, when the enemy were preparing a counter attack, he went along the line under the enemy barrage to warn other companies. His magnificent coolness and courage were an inspiring example to all.

12011 Q.M.S. R. L. Parker, North'd Fus. (Dewsbury, Yorks).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of the rationing of the battalion during the operations and carried out his duties with the greatest ability, which largely contributed to the success of the operations.

278878 Pte. P. Phillips, Arg. and Suth'd Highrs., attd. M.G. Coy. (Dundee).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of a gun team during an enemy counter attack. When he found he was being outflanked he sent his men to the rear, and worked his gun under heavy fire single-handed though he was wounded. He did not leave his gun till he was almost surrounded and the gun destroyed. His courage and devotion to duty were beyond all praise.

S/43210 Sjt. A/R.S.M. J. W. Pierce, Seaf. Highrs. (frmly. D.Gds.) (Bermondsey, London).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was wounded early in the attack, but carried on until the company had advanced well beyond its objectives. He then did excellent work in organising the company and directing the work of consolidation.

301720 L./Cpl. H. R. Porter, Lond. R. (Ilford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He was in command of a Lewis gun section, half of which was out of action very soon after the start of the attack. He succeeded in getting his gun and the remainder of his section with twenty-two drums of ammunition to the final objective, where he got his gun into action with great coolness and judgment, repulsing enemy counter attacks. He displayed the greatest gallantry and determination throughout.

15811 Pte. W. Pratt, Suff. R. (Cambridge).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid on the enemy's trenches. He was the only man left of a party detailed to protect the right flank of the operation. He lay on the parapet throughout the raid under heavy fire and by shooting down the trench kept back a party of the enemy who were trying to advance down it. By his courage and devotion to duty he saved what might have been a critical situation.

200077 Cpl. S. Prescott, N. Lanc. R. (Chorley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a Lewis gun-team, which had gone out to occupy an advanced position, all became casualties, he at once left the trench and brought in the gun under heavy shell and machine-gun fire. He collected some ammunition and went forward by himself and established the gun in a strong forward position. On the following day he located and killed ten enemy snipers who were firing on his company. He showed the greatest courage and initiative, and set his men a splendid example during a heavy enemy bombardment.

1128 Armt. S./Sjt. A. S. Primrose, A.O.C. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in sticking to his work on one of the guns under a heavy gas-shell bombardment until blown from the gun by a shell. Although severely shaken he resumed his job, and did not leave it till the gun was in action again.

S/14429 Pte. (L./Cpl.) W. Pugh, Rif. Bde. (Kingsgrove, Staffs.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. A party of twelve of the enemy approached his post, which consisted of himself and two men. Sending the two men round one flank, he advanced across the open round the other flank and bombed the enemy, killing or wounding three and capturing the remaining nine. He set a fine example of courage and initiative throughout the operations.

G/2640 Sjt. A. J. Purfield, R.W. Kent R. (Cobham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy had attacked and captured a concrete dug-out and other positions he rallied the remains of the garrison and prepared for a counter-attack. He also led a flank attack on an enemy machine-gun, which he captured, and greatly helped to restore the situation. His spirited example

was invaluable in assuring the success of the counter-attack and the re-establishment of the posts.

41192 Pte. W. F. Quinn, R.A.M.C. (Bel-fast).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With an N.C.O. he was bringing down a party of twenty walking wounded when he was blown down and rendered unconscious by a shell-burst. When he came too he found that the N.C.O. had been seriously wounded and the party scattered. He dressed the N.C.O.'s wounds, got his party together again, and after conducting them down, took the stretcher-squad back and brought in the N.C.O.

69845 Pte. S. C. Radford, R.A.M.C., attd. Gold Coast R. (Poplar, E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. He assisted to dress and take out of action over one hundred and fifty wounded under heavy artillery, machine-gun and rifle fire in open ground, and continued his duties for many hours after his officer was wounded, displaying splendid fearlessness and devotion to duty.

16/348 L./Cpl. W. Read, W. York. R. (Wyke, Bradford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the N.C.O.'s of two companies became casualties in an attack he took charge of the remaining men and led them to the final objective. He then consolidated the position under heavy fire, and rendered great assistance to his company commander. He set an excellent example of coolness and courage under heavy fire.

96350 L./Cpl. G. Reading, R.E. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a cable-laying detachment. He carried out his work with great success, working continuously under fire to keep the lines repaired. He did splendid work throughout the operations.

19762 A./Cpl. W. T. Reason, M.G. Corps (Shirley, Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The officer in charge of four guns was wounded as soon as the attack began. He immediately took charge, and for three hours kept all the guns in action under continuous heavy fire, and without cover of any kind. Later, when a counter-attack was in progress, he moved his guns to a new defensive position to meet the emergency. He showed great courage and good leadership throughout.

76127 Spr. J. A. Rennie, R.E. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under exceptionally heavy shell fire he went out alone to repair a cable from brigade headquarters to the division. He worked for twenty-four hours trying to get the line through, and eventually had his foot blown off whilst working, having displayed throughout magnificent pluck and devotion to duty.

39003 Sjt. A. Rhodes, M.G.Co. (Keighley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a machine-gun team.

He left his dug-out under very heavy barrage, and guided three platoons of the attacking infantry to their assaulting position, which, had they not reached it, would have seriously affected the success of the operations. He was severely wounded whilst doing so, but persisted in returning to his gun team and guiding them to their position, four hundred yards away. He then fell, unconscious, through loss of blood, having set a very splendid example of pluck and endurance to his men.

14873 Sjt. F. Rhodes, North'd Fus. (Grangetown, R.S.O., Yorks.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Before the attack he carried out a most valuable reconnaissance. During the attack he took command of two platoons and led them to the capture of their objectives. He consolidated his position, and, though buried three times during the subsequent bombardment, he continued to hold his post. He displayed the utmost coolness, courage, and resource; which greatly inspired the men under him.

497020 Sjt. W. C. Richardson, R.A.M.C. (Tolworth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When an advanced collecting post was blown in by shell-fire, he displayed great courage and resource in repairing it, under heavy fire. On the following night he led his bearer squads to the newly-captured positions, and worked continuously, under heavy machine-gun and shell-fire, attending to the wounded. He showed the greatest determination and devotion to duty.

7976 B.S.M. W. L. Richey, R.G.A. (Dublin).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The battery position was being heavily shelled, and a cartridge dump and some camouflage caught fire. He rushed out with a serjeant and separated the burning cartridges from the remainder, and saved the rest of the dump. On all occasions he has shown absolute disregard of danger, and has set a fine example to the men under him.

14091 A./Cpl. J. Riddle, Yorks. R. (South Shields).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed great initiative in collecting his men under hostile fire and attacking and capturing a strong point, which was held by a large number of the enemy. Throughout twelve days' fighting his courage and determination were a splendid example to his platoon.

34597 Pte. W. Riding, Lab. Corps (frmly. Cheshire R.) (Preston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of a party repairing a light railway. He was under fire the entire time, but by his splendid example and courage kept his party at work until the repairing was completed. This line was urgently needed for the passage of ambulance trains.

141726 Spr. J. Robertson, R.E. (Mary-hole).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He volunteered with another man to

swim across a river with two cables at a point where a boat could not be used owing to enemy observation, and accomplished his task, though both banks were continuously and heavily shelled. His initiative and disregard of danger enabled urgent work to be carried out.

202196 Sjt. A. Ross, Seaf. Highrs. (Invergordon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As our second objective had been destroyed by artillery fire, he took part of the platoon on to assist in the capture of a second strong point assigned to another company. It was owing to his dash and energy that this company was able to gain the objective and the troops in that section were able to advance.

12113 Pte. G. W. Ryan, Leic. R. (Leicester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a heavy hostile counter-attack he carried messages from the front line eight times through a heavy hostile barrage. He showed great courage and determination.

16/1516 Sjt. A. S. Scott, W. York. R. (Shipley, Yorks.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He did valuable work in getting men to their assembly positions for the attack under a heavy bombardment. He showed the greatest dash and judgment in the attack and, though wounded, led his men to their objective and consolidated under heavy fire. He set a splendid example of courage and determination.

5846 L./Sjt. (A./Sjt.) F. Selby, Bedf. R. (Ponders End).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed great courage and determination when on a patrol which went to look for some wounded men. The officer in charge was severely wounded, and it was entirely owing to his splendid courage and assistance that the officer was finally brought in to our lines.

43791 Cpl. G. Sharp, R.E. (Derby).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. For three days he continually repaired telephone wires under heavy fire. It was almost entirely due to his personal gallantry and initiative that communication was kept up.

8316 Sjt. W. J. Sharp, Hamp. R. (Eastney).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. When all the officers of his company became casualties he took command of the company, rallied and reorganised them, and led them forward and consolidated the position. Later he beat off an enemy counter-attack, setting a splendid example of courage to his men throughout.

7838 Sjt. T. Shenton, R. Scots. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the advance of his company was checked by an enemy post, on his own initiative he organised a party and rushed the post, completely annihilating the garrison. When the enemy made a counter-

attack, though subjected to heavy machine-gun fire from the front and flank, he organised the few men that were with him and drove them off.

S/5712 Cpl. T. Sinclair, Gord. High. (Paisley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as the M.O.'s senior orderly, collecting and dressing wounded for three days and nights, though greatly exhausted. He went out alone in search of a severely-wounded officer in No Man's Land, and found him close to an enemy strong point. Though observed and sniped at he succeeded in carrying him back to our lines.

40482 Sjt. C. W. Slaney, N. Staff. R. (Biddulph, Staffs.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He carried out several bold reconnaissances in front of the final objective, during one of which he killed an enemy sniper. When all his officers had become casualties he commanded the company successfully for several hours, setting them a magnificent example of courage and fearlessness.

2432 Pte. E. J. Smart, R.W. Kent R. (Tunbridge Wells).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy was bombarding very heavily and preparing to counter-attack he assisted in rallying a party of men who were becoming demoralised by the heavy shell-fire, and encouraged them and restored their confidence by his splendid example of contempt of danger.

686145 Sjt. A. Smith, R.F.A. (Bradford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The battery came under heavy shell fire while in action, and the whole of his detachment were wounded and the gun-pit set on fire. Though severely wounded in four places he put out the fire and attended to his wounded comrades. He set a splendid example to all.

34920 Cpl. G. W. Smith, R.F.A. (Barnsley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went forward in an attack with the forward observing officer. The officer was killed on the way to the position, and he established the observation post under heavy fire and kept up communication throughout the day. He showed great initiative and courage.

12316 Cpl. J. Smith, Shrops. L.I. (Llangollen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On his own initiative he rushed from the support line in full view of the enemy, and attacked a party of the enemy who were bombing the front line. He killed the enemy officer and one man and captured the remaining eight. He showed magnificent courage and resource.

R 12342 Sjt. P. Smith, K.R.R.C. (Chiswick, London).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He ably assisted his officer in leading a bombing party into the enemy's trenches. During the subsequent attack, though

wounded, he continued to lead and encourage his men, and it was largely owing to his gallantry and initiative that the operations were successful. He showed great energy, contempt of danger, and powers of leadership.

200012 C.S.M. W. Smith, Gord. Highrs. (Aberdeen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy counter-attacked, he organised the defence and himself fired some of the guns in a derelict tank, crushing the attack and inflicting heavy losses on the enemy.

23618 Cpl. F. Smyth, Innis Fus. (Porto-ferry).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in rallying his men at a critical moment when they were falling back and leading them forward again.

18/1328 Pte. R. Smyth, R. Ir. Rif. (Ballymena).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as stretcher-bearer, carrying stretchers long distances under fire until he was severely wounded. Even then he insisted on bandaging other wounded before himself receiving attention.

34881 Pte. J. Sparks, York & Lanc. R. (Gateshead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as runner during an action. He was continuously taking messages and guiding parties under heavy shell fire by day and night, and rendered the greatest assistance to his commanding officer. He did magnificent work on this and many other occasions.

8167 Pte. S. H. Stamp, R. Berk. R. (East Twickenham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a party of men were imprisoned in a mine, he went down with a medical officer, at great risk from gas, in an attempt to rescue them. He remained at duty throughout the night though seriously affected by gas. He showed great courage and devotion to duty.

300788 L./Sjt. T. W. Stapely, Lond. R. (Deptford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. When all senior N.C.O.'s became casualties he showed great initiative in leading forward two platoons from support under heavy shell fire to assist the leading troops. He showed splendid coolness and gallantry.

630095 A./Sjt. J. Stephen, R.F.A. (Aberdeen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the battery position was subjected to an intense bombardment he sent his men to take cover on a flank and himself remained alone on duty in the control post. All his wires were blown to pieces, but he re-established communication with the O.P. under most intense artillery fire. Though blown over by shells several times he went out after the shelling had abated and mended the wires for ten hours. He set a magnificent example of courage and devotion to duty.

65543 L./Cpl. (A./2nd/Cpl.) G. Stephens, R.E. (Southampton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was engaged with his section in the construction of a bridge which was urgently required for the maintenance of communication. He took charge of a party carrying the materials to the site, and succeeded in getting them there through two enemy barrages and so enabled the bridge to be completed. During the barrages he attended to the wounded men, and when the work was finished assisted in getting them away. His conduct was most gallant and praiseworthy.

265769 Pte. J. Stewart, Seaf. Highrs. (Lossiemouth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Accompanied by three others, he entered his platoon's objective before the barrage had lifted and cleared a large section of the trench with bombs. His fine action greatly assisted in the capture of the position and saved his platoon many casualties.

292246 Pte. R. Stewart, Gord. Highrs. (Ballater).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The advance was held up by an enemy post. This man with a corporal went forward and bombed the enemy out of their post. They captured three officers, seven men and three machine guns.

9150 A./Cpl. J. Stokes, R. Dub. Fus. (E. Drogheda).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of the advance after all the officers had been killed or wounded. He got a Lewis gun in position and inflicted severe casualties on the enemy. He hung on till he had only three men left, and only retired at night when attacked by a strong bombing party.

36360 Sjt. S. C. Stokoe, R.F.A. (Castletown, near Sunderland).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the battery was being heavily shelled he went round to each gun and brought in the sights. Later, when some ammunition at the battery position caught fire, he went out at once and extinguished the fire and prevented an explosion. He showed the greatest coolness and courage on another occasion when the battery was very heavily shelled while in action, and set a splendid example to his men.

86154 Spr. J. Sullivan, R.E. (Merthyr Tydvil).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When eleven men were imprisoned in a mine he spent 80 hours underground in the most dangerous conditions attempting rescues. His courage and resource were a magnificent example to all.

282496 Pte. J. Taylor, Lond. R. (Holloway).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty under exceptionally trying and terrible circumstances. Having been cut off with his company he received a bullet in the thigh causing a compound fracture. To avoid capture he crawled into a shell hole, where

he remained for a period of over seven weeks, during the whole of which time the surrounding district was subjected to a severe bombardment by our artillery. He subsisted upon tins of bully beef collected at night from dead bodies, and water which he obtained in a waterproof cape. After some weeks three of the enemy visited his shell hole, but by feigning death he avoided capture and eventually succeeded in crawling back to our lines—a distance of some nine hundred yards. He displayed extraordinary pluck and endurance by his determination not to fall into the enemy's hands.

14478 L./Cpl. T. Thompson, York and Lanc. R. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of the stretcher-bearers of his company during an action. For five days he attended to the wounded under heavy fire utterly regardless of his own safety. Though buried by a shell on one occasion he continued to attend to the wounded. He set a magnificent example to all.

8965 C.S.M. R. Thompson, R. Ir. Rif. (Lurgan).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of his company when all the officers had become casualties. He led them forward until further advance was impossible, and then held his position until withdrawn 36 hours later.

320660 Sjt. F. H. Thorndyke, Lond. R. (Rotherhithe).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed the greatest courage and determination in handling his platoon throughout the attack. He captured his objective and encouraged his men by his splendid example and disregard of danger.

28399 Sjt. E. Thornton, R.G.A., attd. Gold Coast R. (Inverkeithing, Fife).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. He took over command of his company after his commander had been wounded and led them brilliantly to the attack, driving the enemy out of their front line trenches, which he held until his ammunition was expended and all other units had been obliged to retire, when he withdrew in good order to his original position.

32704 Pte. A. Trussler, E. Surr. R. (Wimbledon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of stretcher-bearers in an attack. He accompanied the battalion through the enemy barrage and attended to the wounded under heavy fire. He remained at the regimental aid post during the following day and later assisted in organising a party of bearers and dressed and evacuated many cases in the front line. He showed great courage and devotion to duty.

72758 2nd Cpl. (A./Cpl.) E. S. Wadman, R.E. (Leeds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of a party laying a cable to a forward position, under heavy fire, and completed the work, taking charge

when his officer was killed. He showed great courage and skill in handling his party, and it was largely due to him that the cable was completed in time for the attack.

39084 Pte. S. Walker, M.G. Corps (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While on sentry duty at an isolated machine-gun post an enemy shell set fire to a box of bombs and trench-mortar shells. With complete disregard for personal safety he at once jumped on the parapet, and, under continuous sniping and shell-fire shovelled earth on to the flames and extinguished the fire.

94311 2nd C. Air Mech. W. Walker, R.F.C. (Hull).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as observer. When attacked by three enemy scouts he engaged one from the rear gun and drove it down. Later, when attacked by two scouts, he was wounded in the neck and thigh, but continued managing his gun until hit in the leg and unable to stand. He had on previous occasions himself brought down three enemy air-craft and assisted his pilot in bringing down others.

10460 Sjt. J. W. Wallace, E. Lanc. R. (E. Woking).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He led a party forward through heavy artillery and machine-gun fire and captured a machine-gun which was holding up the advance. Though wounded, he took over the duties of company serjeant-major and remained at his post, setting a splendid example to all.

20490 Smith Gnr. (A./Ftr./S./Sjt.) P. H. Walton, R.G.A. (Burslem, Staffs.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a heavy and prolonged bombardment he repaired four guns of his battery which had been put out of action and succeeded in rendering them serviceable.

3/3040 A./Sjt. T. Ward, Y. and L.R. (Burton-on-Trent).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the enemy's trenches. He was the first to reach the objective, where the enemy attempted to make a fight. He attacked them single-handed, bayonetting three and shooting several more. He set a splendid example to his men, which resulted in fourteen prisoners being captured and valuable information obtained.

G/8499 L./Sjt. W. F. Warner, R.W. Kent R. (Wimbledon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the officers of his company had become casualties he took command at a very critical time, and superintended the consolidation and defence of the front line under continuous and heavy shell and machine-gun fire. His courage, initiative, and coolness set a magnificent example to all ranks.

282444 Cpl. B. A. Watson, Lon. R. (Hackney).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took charge of three platoons

which had lost their officers and senior N.C.O.'s in an attack. He handled his men in the most able manner, consolidated his position, and sent in accurate reports. His courage and determination greatly contributed to the success of the company's operation, and set a fine example to the whole battalion.

56932 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) W. P. Watson, R.A.M.C. (W. Hartlepool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He worked continuously for forty-eight hours, conducting stretcher parties from the forward area, under heavy fire. When a trench full of wounded men was being heavily shelled he took forward a party and rescued many of the wounded. By his fine example he inspired great confidence among the men.

21710 Sjt. T. M. Welsh, R.F.A. (Felling-on-Tyne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The battery was preparing to move forward when the enemy opened a heavy barrage on the position, causing the teams to bolt. He went after them, and brought them back through heavy fire. His officer had been killed, and he took command of the situation, restoring perfect order, and got the guns forward to the new position. He showed the greatest courage and coolness in getting the guns into position under heavy fire, and set a splendid example to the battery.

10968 C.S.M. W. West, M.G.C. (Clapton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When six machine-guns were about to be removed by transport the enemy opened a heavy bombardment. He at once began to remove the guns unaided, and, though buried whilst doing so, extricated himself, and finally removed all the guns to safety under intense fire. But for his prompt and courageous action the guns would certainly have been destroyed.

14290 B.S.M. A. E. Wharton, R.F.A. (Oxford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a column of pack animals bringing up urgent ammunition supplies. His party came under very heavy shell fire, and with great coolness he cleared all his men out of the danger area, and himself remained under fire until he had succeeded in getting free a pair of horses which had been blown into a ditch. He finally collected his men and got the ammunition to its destination. He set a magnificent example of courage and resource.

222762 B.S.M. W. J. White, R.G.A. (Exeter).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He successfully brought up to his battery 1,200 rounds of ammunition over a road continuously shelled by the enemy. It was solely due to his personal exertions, determination and resource that the ammunition reached the battery, and that the battery was able to open fire at the commencement of the operations.

S/13862 Cpl. W. Whitehead, Gord. High. (Sowerby Bridge, Yorkshire).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a stretcher-bearer for over twenty-four hours without rest. He carried in two wounded officers unaided, after other stretcher-bearers had become casualties in attempting to do so.

3987 C.S.M. J. Wilkinson, Ir. Gds. (Portarlington, Queen's Co.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his forward post was blown up by a shell he collected his men under a shower of bombs from the enemy, organised a fresh position, and repelled the main hostile attack. It was due to his fine direction that the flank of the position was not turned.

4240 B.S.M. F. A. Williams, R.G.A. (Romford, Essex).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a heavy bombardment of the battery. He assisted on four occasions in removing wounded men to the dressing station, and on one occasion deliberately placed himself between a wounded man and a bursting shell. He showed great courage and contempt of danger, and set a splendid example to his men.

15520 Cpl. S. Williams, Shrops. L.I. (Northwich).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of a party detailed to assault an enemy strong point, which he captured with two machine guns and some prisoners. His fearless advance under enemy machine-gun fire carried forward men of other units who had been held up earlier in the attack. He afterwards consolidated the position and organised the defence. He set a splendid example of courage and initiative, which were of great value during a critical period.

50417 A./Sjt. P. W. Wilsden, R.F.A. (Leatherhead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When he was at an observation post under heavy shell fire all the telephone lines were broken. He went out and repaired them under a barrage of high explosive and gas shells. On his return to the observation post he found only one man fit for duty, and though suffering from gas himself he remained at his post for thirty-six hours. His resourcefulness and courage set an example of the greatest value.

34805 A./Sjt. P. Wordie, York & Lanc. R. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon forward to support the front line through a heavy enemy barrage, and prepared to repel an expected attack by the enemy. He continually went about the line encouraging his men and helping the wounded, setting a splendid example throughout.

4533 A./Sjt. F. Wright, M.G.C. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He kept his gun in action under fire in spite of heavy casualties. He stood by his gun during an intense bombardment dur-



ing a threatened counter-attack, and by his coolness and courage greatly assisted in repelling the attack.

59786 Sjt. F. Wright, R.F.A. (Little Thetford, Cambs.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the battery was shelled and an officer was buried he at once extricated him and carried him to a dug-out under heavy shell-fire, and then carried an injured man to safety. He moved about throughout the bombardment, seeing to the safety of his men, several times removing his gas helmet to give orders. He showed extreme coolness and courage.

40336 Pte. T. Wright, K.O.S.B. (Elphinstone).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a shell struck the company headquarters, severely wounding all the officers, he attended to them and commenced carrying them through the enemy barrage to the dressing station 400 yards away. Of the party of eight bearers five were shot by snipers. Although much exhausted, he kept on until all his wounded were evacuated.

#### AUSTRALIAN FORCE.

152 Pte. N. Acton, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This man, acting as company scout, throughout the whole day showed great courage and initiative. He single-handed approached an enemy dug-out, caused eight of them to surrender, and captured a machine-gun. He set a fine example to those near him.

321 Sjt. T. Austin, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He constructed a strong point near the front line under continuous heavy fire, taking charge of the work when his officer was wounded. It was due to his excellent example and control of his men that the work was satisfactorily completed.

6836 L./Cpl. A. M. Baddon, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. When all his N.C.O.'s were killed or wounded, he collected a party of men and led them to the capture of a strong point which was holding up part of the advance. His prompt and courageous action enabled the advance to continue.

8567 Wbr.-Sjt. H. H. Baker, Fld. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the guns being moved under shell fire one gun became bogged. This N.C.O. remained under continuous fire until he got the gun cleared. Later, during a hostile counter-attack, when the battery came under heavy fire, he single-handed succeeded in extinguishing fires which had broken out in two of the pits. He subsequently rendered invaluable service in getting the guns back into position at a time when their fire was of the greatest value. His conduct had the greatest effect on the rest of the personnel and is worthy of the highest praise.

128 Sjt. W. Batten, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He successfully completed and wired

a strong point under heavy fire. During a counter-attack he got in touch with the troops on his left and kept up communication at great personal risk. He set a magnificent example to his section.

878 Pte. (L./Cpl.) C. E. Beadon, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Having lost his rifle in an attack, armed only with a shovel he attacked an enemy position single-handed and captured seven prisoners. His work throughout the operations was of the highest standard, and his coolness and gallantry inspired all ranks.

2863 Pte. T. Benoit, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he captured an enemy regimental headquarters, taking four officers and sixty-two other ranks prisoners and securing many valuable documents and maps. He also searched all dug-outs and "pill-boxes" in his vicinity and secured identifications. He showed the greatest gallantry, initiative, and courage.

1345 C.S.M. J. Breeze, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When some of his officers became casualties in an attack, he took charge and led their platoons to the attack in a courageous and efficient manner. When the line became disorganised owing to casualties he reorganised it by his personal example and the confidence and determination with which he handled his men.

168 C.S.M. F. T. Brent, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He took command of a party and attacked an enemy strong point, capturing twenty prisoners and two machine guns. He also rendered valuable assistance in consolidating the captured position, and set a splendid example to his men.

1806 Pte. M. V. Brockfield, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a gap was made in the line by an enemy counter-attack he rushed forward, rallied a party of men, and filled and held the gap under a heavy barrage. By his conduct in face of heavy opposition at a critical moment, and his courage and determination in the absence of officers, he inspired the men to hold on in a very difficult position.

1894 Sjt. T. Buckley, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On our advance being held up by machine-gun fire from a shell hole he was instrumental in bringing the fire of several rifles and machine guns to bear on the hostile gun. The position was then rushed, and in the shell hole four guns were captured. On the objective being gained he accomplished splendid work during the consolidation, and set a fine example of coolness and cheerfulness to the men.

1894 Sjt. A. G. Chenery, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in command of a party on the right flank of the brigade, and showed great resource in a difficult position, saving many lives by his skilful dispositions. He personally reconnoitred the ground in advance

of his position, gaining valuable information. Later, when the battalion on his right advanced, he maintained communication by establishing two posts under intense fire. He gave the greatest assistance throughout the operations, and showed great coolness, courage and contempt of danger.

610 Sgt. A. W. Clark, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. led his platoon with great dash and set a splendid example to all. When all his company officers had become casualties he took command of his company and handled his men in grand style under very trying circumstances. His conduct was most gallant and inspiring.

2935 Cpl. (now 2nd Lt.) W. Colborne-Veel, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his officer became a casualty, by his splendid courage and organisation he rallied his men and got his guns into action at the first objective. When the enemy attempted to turn the flank of the brigade he went forward on his own initiative and broke up the enemy's attack. He cut off a large number of the enemy, who surrendered. By skilful handling of his men he saved many casualties, and set a splendid example of courage and coolness throughout.

5073 Sgt. J. J. G. Colclough, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He constructed a Lewis gun position with great skill under heavy shell fire. When the enemy attacked he handled his men with great coolness, and, though wounded, remained at his post preparing against a flank attack when the enemy had gained a footing in the trenches on his right. He set a magnificent example of courage and determination.

3263 Sgt. (T./C.S.M.) H. Collins, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He collected a small party and advanced on an enemy blockhouse which was garrisoned by about twenty of the enemy with two machine guns. He reached it, well ahead of his men, in spite of heavy machine-gun fire, threw some bombs into the blockhouse, and entering, forced the enemy out of another entrance into the hands of the men who were following. He set a splendid example of courage and initiative.

2484 Dvr. J. Cooper, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his platoon during an attack when all the N.C.Os. had become casualties, and led them successfully to the objective. He remained in charge during the consolidation, inspiring his men by his fearless conduct under heavy shell and machine-gun fire. His initiative and example was of conspicuous merit.

4389 Cpl. T. A. Corbett, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He brought his machine-gun team to the objective, and when in position he was wounded. Later, when visiting all his guns, and though buried by a shell, he carried on until ordered away. Owing to casualties in his gun team he crawled back and remained

on duty until the battalion was relieved. His courage and coolness went far to keep up the spirits of his men.

1851 L./Sjt. O. A. Cropley, A.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He worked for long periods in the open under heavy shell fire during an action, showing great coolness and devotion to duty. He not only dressed many cases, but spent all his spare time outside the aid post looking after the comfort of the wounded. He has continually done excellent work.

3495 L./Cpl. R. S. Davies, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While advancing with his machine-gun section during the attack a shell burst, burying the gun. This N.C.O. and one other man were the only men who were not casualties. He recovered the gun and magazines, got the gun into action, whereby severe casualties were inflicted on the enemy. Later, he crawled forward alone through heavy shell fire and disposed of two enemy snipers. He showed great courage and dash throughout the action.

4472 S.M. E. F. Dawson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in organising the carrying of ammunition and water to the front line and in clearing the wounded from the forward area. Though suffering severely from shell shock, he refused to leave his post until incapacitated. He set a very valuable example to all ranks at a critical time.

2272 Sgt. R. W. Day, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O., when in charge of a reconnoitring patrol, sent out to ascertain the dispositions of the hostile line, brought back valuable information, though attacked by a hostile patrol of superior numbers. By prompt and vigorous action he inflicted sufficient casualties on the latter to force them to withdraw. The information brought in by this and other patrols led by this N.C.O. proved of great value.

18 Sgt. (A./C.S.M.) R. G. Dobbie, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of a party making communications close to the front line. Throughout the day he moved about among his men under fire, encouraging them at their work, and continued to do so even during a heavy enemy barrage and counter-attack. It was owing to his magnificent example and determination that the work was completed.

3084 Pte. H. Eccles, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as runner during an attack. He was the only runner left in his company, and carried out the whole of the work, moving about through enemy barrages regardless of danger, and was more than once buried by shell fire. He guided a relieving unit to their position under a heavy bombardment, and showed the greatest courage and determination throughout.

5366 Sgt. S. G. Facey, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He attacked an enemy machine-gun

post, killing three of the garrison and capturing one officer and ten other ranks. On another occasion he captured the whole garrison of an enemy pill-box single handed. He carried out difficult patrols under heavy fire, and rendered very valuable service throughout the operations.

5788 Sjt. C. J. Farnington, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the consolidation of a captured position his company was suffering heavy casualties from a machine gun in a strong point about 100 yards ahead. He went forward, rushed the position single-handed, and captured the machine and nine prisoners. He showed splendid courage and initiative.

4078 T./Cpl. L. R. Fendley, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his officer and serjeant had become casualties he took command of his section and brought his guns into action to great advantage under heavy fire. When both his guns were buried by a shell he dug them out at great personal risk, and then brought two captured machine guns into action. He displayed great initiative and courage, and set a fine example to his men.

4185 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) W. H. Fergeus, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With a few men he rushed a block-house under heavy fire and captured twelve prisoners. Later, during the work of consolidation, he rendered valuable service under heavy fire. He set a fine example of courage and determination throughout the operations.

4030 Cpl. J. E. Ffoulkes, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was one of a party detailed to establish forward communications during an attack. The officer in charge and all the party became casualties while advancing, but he went forward alone and established and maintained communication, working under heavy fire with untiring energy and complete disregard of personal safety. He set a fine example of courage and determination.

55 L./Cpl. H. A. Fleischmann, A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He worked for five days, continually under shell fire, steadying and encouraging his men by his cheerful example. When he and four others were wounded by a shell he attended to the others at once and brought them back to the dressing station in spite of his severe wounds. He has shown conspicuous gallantry on many other occasions.

3107 Sjt. J. H. Fleming, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the officers of his company had become casualties he took command, organised and guided parties carrying ammunition and supplies to the front line under heavy shell fire. He worked unceasingly for two days and nights, setting a fine example of coolness, energy, and devotion to duty.

509 C.S.M. M. A. Fraillon, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. A hostile shell exploded near a

tractor with two trucks of ammunition, which was set on fire, the driver being wounded. On the rear truck catching fire, this W.O., unaided, immediately uncoupled the burning truck, extinguished the fire on the tractor, and moved both the latter and one truck of ammunition to safety at great personal risk. By this courageous action he saved both ammunition and rolling stock.

3244 Cpl. W. Gough, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was assisting large working parties carrying materials and constructing a duckboard track to a forward position. The enemy's shell fire was very heavy, and some of the parties became disorganised. On each occasion he rallied the parties, and so inspired them by his courage and example that they completed the very important work on which they were engaged. On one occasion, when the work was finished he went into heavy barrage to rescue a wounded man, and carried him 500 yards to the aid post. He showed the greatest gallantry and disregard of danger.

2588 Pte. M. R. Grinham, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. When his company was held up by machine-gun fire he advanced alone 200 yards ahead of the company and captured the machine-gun, putting all the crew out of action. Later in the day he did splendid work in reconnoitring the advance to the final objective. He showed magnificent courage and determination, and his splendid action saved a most critical situation.

3295 Sjt. E. R. Hargreaves, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He collected a small party and advanced on an enemy blockhouse, which was garrisoned by about twenty of the enemy with two machine-guns. He reached it, well ahead of his men, in spite of heavy machine-gun fire, threw some bombs into the blockhouse, and, entering, forced the enemy out of another entrance into the hands of the men who were following. He set a splendid example of courage and initiative.

2609 C.S.M. W. J. Harper, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of a fighting patrol he drove in an enemy listening post and captured a strong point. During an attack he was in charge of carrying parties under heavy fire, and showed great skill and determination in handling his men, and in every case got the stores to their destination. He remained at duty, though twice wounded, and by his cheerfulness set a splendid example throughout.

507 C.S.M. G. Harris, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company commander was killed on the way to the assembly position he led his men through a heavy enemy barrage and got them all into position. During the attack, though wounded, he showed great determination and courage, and contributed largely to the success gained by the company.

3339 Cpl. J. G. Harrop, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the advance was held up and his officer had become a casualty, he brought two guns into action in front of the infantry and protected the flank under heavy fire until the advance was renewed. He also held up an enemy attacking party at a critical moment, using a captured enemy gun. He showed exceptional skill and determination.

1357 Cpl. H. Hodge, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the advance was held up by an enemy machine-gun he dashed forward, shot the gunner, and put the gun out of action. His gallant act enabled the whole line to advance, and the strong point was captured with 100 prisoners. By his utter disregard of danger he saved many lives and relieved an awkward situation.

46 Sgt. J. S. Hopkins, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of parties carrying stores forward to the front line. His men were several times dispersed by shell fire, but he reorganised them and got them forward. He continued at this work for eighteen hours, showing great courage and sound judgment throughout.

3023 Sgt. E. H. Horwill, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. Under a heavy enemy barrage he rushed a strong point, which was offering stubborn resistance, and captured fourteen prisoners and a machine-gun. He showed the greatest courage throughout.

2543 Cpl. H. Israel, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He rushed forward and bayoneted two of the enemy who were inflicting casualties on another unit with a machine-gun. He then helped to rush a concrete blockhouse, where eight prisoners were captured. After the consolidation he did splendid work in leading carrying parties to the front line through heavy barrages. He showed the greatest courage and determination.

6274A L./Cpl. E. J. Johnson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his officers had become casualties, he took charge of two platoons of his battalion and a number of men of another battalion, showing excellent judgment in selecting positions and consolidating. The position was rendered safe by the good dispositions which he made for its defence and by his personal example and leadership. Though wounded, he carried on until the battalion was relieved, displaying an utter disregard for personal safety.

4063 C.S.M. (now 2nd Lt.) F. R. Jones, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a nest of "pill-boxes" had caused a gap in the line, he reorganised the leading platoon and succeeded in rushing and capturing them. Though afterwards buried and badly shaken by a shell, he carried on with his duties, rendering great assistance in getting the company reorganised on the

objective and consolidating the position. His coolness and courage throughout were most inspiring.

2867 L./Cpl. W. H. Kates, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When during the advance a hostile machine-gun opened fire on our men, he rushed forward, engaging the gun at close quarters. Later, observing a machine-gun coming into action 100 yards in front, he immediately proceeded across the open and put the gun out of action. His work throughout was splendid.

3055 L./Cpl. P. King, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his section forward in an attack and bombed two dug-outs, which each contained a machine-gun crew. As he advanced towards the final objective he shot an enemy machine-gunner who was enfilading his company, and cleared a series of enemy posts with bombs and rifle fire. He showed splendid courage and initiative.

203 C.S.M. A. W. Lane, A.S.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of pack transport. By his personal example and courage he kept the forward dump supplied with ammunition and water. The country over which he had to work was most difficult and continually swept by shell and machine-gun fire, but he showed great initiative and determination, and never once failed the troops in the front line.

137 Sgt. (now 2nd Lt.) P. Lay, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon commander became a casualty on the way to the assembly position, he led his platoon to the position through a heavy barrage. He led them with great determination in the attack, clearing up strong points, and finally established his men in a commanding position on the final objective. The success of the company was greatly due to his gallantry and skill.

3595 Pte. (L./Cpl.) J. McCarthy, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a Lewis gun section during an attack. All his section became casualties, but he carried the gun and ammunition forward himself. On reaching the objective he got his gun into position, and kept it in action during the whole period of consolidation, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. He rendered his company valuable support at a critical time and set a fine example to his comrades.

1980 Sgt. R. Mackenzie, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was responsible for the capture of several shell-hole positions, displaying courage and leadership of the highest order. During the consolidation he showed absolute disregard for personal safety, rendering great assistance in laying out and constructing defences. He also gained much valuable information when in charge of patrols, during which he carried in many wounded under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire. His splendid example did much to keep up the moral of his men.

1429 Sjt. A. MacRae, A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of a stretcher-bearer division. His division suffered heavy casualties, but notwithstanding this he, by his splendid example and courage, succeeded in making a clean evacuation for that particular section allotted to him. He set a magnificent example throughout a most trying period.

8380 Sjt. E. W. Mattner, Fld. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the battery coming under heavy fire, when in action, this N.C.O. took control, when the battery commander was wounded and after a detachment had become casualties and a gun set on fire. He kept the battery in action, got the wounded away, and displayed the greatest determination and ability. Exposing himself fearlessly to hostile fire, he brought the battery through a period of great difficulty at a critical time.

607 C.S.M. (now 2nd Lt.) J. Maxwell, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This W.O. took command of a platoon and led it forward with great dash. On one of our strong points being heavily barraged he went forward on his own initiative and moved the men forward clear of the barrage, during which operation only one casualty was sustained. The action of this W.O. undoubtedly saved many lives. Throughout the operations he carried out his duties with great skill, and was a source of great inspiration by his splendid example.

3417 Sjt. T. A. Mentiplay, Fld. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He assisted an officer on several occasions in extinguishing fires which had broken out in gunpits, thus saving a large quantity of ammunition. This work was effected at great personal risk when the battery was under hostile shell fire. He has shown marked ability, energy and devotion to duty during the operations.

2478 Sjt. J. G. Morris, Pnrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as one of a party detailed to remove a dump of shells outside a burning building. Though ammunition and bombs were exploding inside the building, about seventy shells were removed, and thereby a large explosion prevented.

5684 Pte. L. Neale, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as stretcher-bearer. A shell burst in a machine-gun position, causing several casualties and setting fire to the ammunition. He at once went to the spot, extinguished the fire and attended to the wounded. Throughout an attack he attended to the wounded continuously for twenty-four hours under shell fire, setting a fine example of courage to all.

1008 Sjt. J. O'Brien, Eng.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He assisted in the laying of a buried cable route. A large working party was on its way to the work when a hostile barrage commenced. He went out voluntarily through the barrage, met the party, and con-

ducted them to the work. He showed great courage and determination throughout a very trying time, and was largely responsible for the successful completion of the work.

1454 Sjt. E. W. Pennell, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He continually repaired telephone lines under very heavy shell fire. He set a fine example of efficiency and courage, and it was entirely due to his efforts that communication was kept up.

2839 Pte. G. F. Pierce, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his Lewis gun section in an attack and bombed an enemy machine-gun post single-handed, capturing the gun. Later, he carried ammunition to the front line through heavy barrages. He set a splendid example of courage and cheerfulness.

4091 Sjt. W. J. Pirie, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went forward with the leading troops of the attack to mark out tracks, and completed his work very speedily under heavy fire, taking charge of the work when his officer was killed. He showed great courage and initiative.

5181 Sjt. G. L. Prendergast, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of a reserve platoon, and when the line in front had advanced he saw an enemy machine gun post open a heavy fire. He rushed the post and captured seventeen prisoners and three machine guns. His work throughout the operations was of the highest standard, and he set a fine example to his men by his coolness and contempt of danger under heavy fire.

2201 Pte. W. Robins, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the advance was held up by two enemy machine guns, with another man he dashed forward, captured one of the guns, putting the team out of action. This gallant act inspired other men to attack and capture the second gun, taking many prisoners and allowing the advance to proceed.

659 Pte. C. A. Ross, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the attack, whilst enemy machine guns were holding up the advance and causing casualties, he dashed forward, silencing the guns with bombs and capturing the crews. His action materially assisted the advance, since, if these guns had not been put out of action, a great deal of trouble and many casualties would have been thereby caused after the barrage had lifted.

3323 Sjt. R. N. Smith, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed great initiative and skill in organising carrying parties and leading them in their work through heavy barrages. When in charge of a party laying a duck-board track to a forward position he completed the work under heavy shell fire with only one casualty. He always displayed great coolness, and his courage and devotion to duty were a constant example to his men.

4520 Sjt. F. H. Snook, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. displayed great dash, being instrumental in capturing three hostile posts with their garrisons and machine guns. By his promptitude and initiative in rushing these posts, almost before the barrage had lifted from them, his company were undoubtedly saved many casualties.

131 Sjt. J. McD. Stewart, A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He continually led his bearers under heavy barrages, often acting as bearer himself to fill the place of casualties. He worked continuously for thirty-six hours without rest, and by his splendid example acted as a high incentive to his men.

275 C.S.M. T. R. Swan, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took charge of six machine guns when his officer was killed, took them forward in the advance and placed them in excellent tactical positions. He also got into action two captured enemy machine guns. Though badly wounded he encouraged and inspired his men by his splendid example.

2048 Cpl. G. W. Taylor, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when working on the construction of a strong point under heavy fire. He took charge when his officer was wounded, and, keeping his men under perfect control, completed the work. He showed great initiative and fearlessness.

392 Sjt. (now 2nd Lt.) C. Thompson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon commander became a casualty at the final objective, he immediately took command and consolidated and wired the position. He reconnoitred his front under heavy machine-gun fire, and set a splendid example to his platoon throughout.

3949 T./Sjt. W. A. Trevena, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Though badly wounded, he went forward in the attack and led his section towards their objective until put out of action by a second wound. He set a splendid example of courage and determination to his men.

1576 Sjt. L. E. Vernazoni, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O., when his platoon officer had become a casualty, took charge at a critical moment, controlling the men and leading them on. It was largely due to his fearlessness that an enemy "pill-box" was successfully dealt with. Throughout he showed himself to be a fine leader, and inspired his men by his fearlessness and determination.

1021 Cpl. W. Wade, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While repairing cables the N.C.O. in charge was wounded. He promptly took charge, and with utter disregard for personal danger directed their work from crater to crater. He worked his party under continuous shell fire and completed his task.

He maintained these communications for five successive days.

735 Sjt. A. C. Walder, Pnrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of a platoon after his officer had become a casualty. Although wounded, he remained with his platoon for five hours until the completion of the track between two strong points.

2692 Pte. H. B. Warner-Bubb, Pioneer Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. A truck of ammunition close to a dressing station was set on fire and several shells exploded, endangering the lives of the wounded and others. For ten minutes he continued to pour water on to the burning truck until severely wounded by an explosion. His prompt action undoubtedly saved many lives.

2818 C.S.M. G. Webster, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was detailed with a party to construct communications to a captured position over marshy ground. In spite of heavy and continuous barrage fire he accomplished his task with great skill in the most difficult circumstances. He did excellent work on many other occasions, and always set his men an inspiring example of coolness and contempt of danger.

6702 Pte. W. A. Wilkins, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the advance was held up by two enemy machine-guns, with another man he dashed forward, captured one of the guns, putting the team out of action. This gallant act inspired other men to attack and capture the second gun, taking many prisoners and allowing the advance to proceed.

1068 Sjt. H. Williams, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. Single-handed he attacked an enemy concrete blockhouse which was holding up the advance, and captured it with ten prisoners. He showed the greatest initiative and determination throughout the engagement.

685 C.S.M. R. C. P. Wilson, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The enemy shelled a light railway train, and a truck containing ammunition was set on fire, several explosions were caused, and other trucks were set alight. He at once went to the spot, uncoupled single-handed the burning trucks, and enabled the rest of the train to be got away. Further explosions still occurred, and by his courage and presence of mind he prevented the destruction of a large amount of ammunition and rolling stock.

2232 Sjt. (now 2nd Lt.) J. R. Wood, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his officer was killed during an attack he at once took charge of his section and handled his guns very skilfully, rendering valuable service to the infantry. Though wounded, he would not leave his post for three days. He set a fine example of courage and determination.

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123708 C.Q.M.S. R. C. Allday, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during enemy counter-attacks. He grappled with an enemy carrying a flammenwerfer, and after a tremendous struggle took him prisoner with his machine.

81019 C.S.M. A. Andrew, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an assault he personally led his men to the objective, and on reaching it he immediately reconnoitred and consolidated the position in face of heavy fire. The success of the operation was largely due to his personal example, resource, and excellent grasp of the situation.

907929 Pte. A. B. Angus, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as stretcher-bearer during three days' operations, remaining in No Man's Land attending to the wounded at great personal risk. After thirty-six hours on duty, hearing there was still a wounded man in No Man's Land, he took out a party through heavy fire and brought him in.

412175 Pte. A. W. Armitage, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during enemy counter-attacks. Although wounded in the head and later losing an eye, he continued with a bombing party to fight on until the enemy were expelled from a portion of our trench where they had gained a footing.

424315 Pte. F. G. Biles, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a stretcher-bearer. On his own initiative he established a post near the front line, where he collected and dressed the wounded under the heaviest shell and machine-gun fire for a period of thirty-six hours, only ceasing when overcome by complete exhaustion. His indefatigable energy and fearlessness afforded a splendid example of devotion to duty to all his comrades.

602188 L./Sjt. W. Bish, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Observing a small party of the enemy very close to his trench, he went out under intense shell fire with two men and captured six of the party and two machine-guns. He set up the machine-guns in his own trench and used them against the enemy.

75762 Sjt. J. Bishop, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although twice wounded during the attack, he pluckily carried on with his Lewis gun section, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy, and on one occasion rushed out into the open to take a most important message off a runner who had been killed, and returned to the trench with it under heavy rifle fire. The success of the operation was largely due to this prompt and gallant action, and his personal example had a most inspiring effect upon his men.

415212 Pte. J. Boutillier, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while holding a block in front of the final objective. When an officer and twelve other ranks of the enemy advanced up the

communication trench, he left his post and chased the enemy over the open at the double. He threw a bomb, killing the officer and wounding others, and would not desist till he had penetrated about 150 yards in front of our furthest post. He then signalled the enemy's position to the Stokes gun and walked back heedless of sniping.

67751 C.S.M. C. Bragg, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a determined hostile counter-attack he took command of his company and personally drove the enemy out of the trench, inflicting heavy casualties with bomb and bayonet and accounting for several of them himself. Later, when all company runners had become casualties, he volunteered to carry important despatches through intense shell fire, and then returned to his company. His gallantry and total disregard of danger deserve the highest praise.

781761 L./Cpl. F. A. Brown, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When driven back with his section from their final objective he returned to the position, which was swept by machine-gun fire and snipers, in search of his platoon commander. At his second attempt he was severely wounded, but this did not prevent him from again returning until he eventually found his officer, who was dead. He brought back with him a wounded man whom he had found in a shell hole, and a great deal of extremely valuable information. His self-sacrifice and devotion throughout the whole of this operation were a magnificent example to all who witnessed his conduct.

21116 L./Sjt. E. Buckby, A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While proceeding to the R.A.P. the Serjt. and one man were killed and four wounded; being then in charge he dressed and cleared all the wounded, reorganised the squads and led them to the aid posts, where he worked for thirty-six hours, handling his men so well that the wounded were evacuated as quickly as they came in. Later, he did excellent work under heavy shell fire, and when two men were wounded was the first with the doctor to go out of the trench and bring them in.

887010 Pte. J. McD. Buick, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in repeatedly carrying despatches through very heavy barrages and refusing to go back though wounded. In the enemy trench he encountered four of the enemy, who put up a strong fight, and killed them all single-handed.

781318 Pte. H. C. Bull, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a stretcher bearer. For twenty-four hours he unceasingly attended to the wounded under intense hostile fire of every description, and when at one moment our advanced troops had been driven back, leaving a number of wounded, he remained behind bandaging the wounded under continuous bomb attacks, and ultimately succeeded in removing them to a place of safety. His devotion to duty deserves the greatest praise.



404288 Pte. G. L. Butterfield, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in twice conveying valuable information to H.Q. after an attack through a heavy barrage. Hearing that a small body of the enemy were making their way towards H.Q. he rushed towards them with some H.Q. men and drove them back with bombs to their own lines.

65159 Sjt. S. H. Carpenter, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He attacked single-handed an enemy machine gun which was holding up the advance, rushing the gun while it was in action. His courageous act inspired others who came forward and captured the gun. His splendid courage and initiative enabled the advance to continue.

404296 Pte. T. G. Clark, T.M. By.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in bringing his Stokes mortar into action in a very exposed portion of our new line. When his gun was knocked out by shell fire, although badly shaken, he volunteered to fetch a new piece from battery H.Q., placed it in position and helped to repel a counter-attack.

123457 Sjt. J. W. Connoy, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during enemy counter-attacks. He was in charge of a platoon in an advanced position and continued to hold it though for a time cut off from the main line.

57351 Sjt. P. Coombe, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon to the final objective with the greatest ability, and when a hostile counter-attack was made he brought up supports and with great daring and sound judgment attacked the enemy at the point of entry, and succeeded in killing and driving them out of our trench. It was entirely due to his personal example and resource at a critical moment that our position was regained.

213413 Pte. C. J. Cracknell, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a runner. Though wounded in the wrist and unable to use his rifle he continued to carry messages, collect ammunition from casualties, and fill Lewis gun magazines. He carried an important message through an intense barrage, and was then evacuated.

57821 Sjt. C. A. Edie, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In an attack on enemy trenches he personally accounted for thirteen of the enemy, and after gaining the objective did splendid work in consolidating it and evacuating the wounded. He also defeated a hostile counter-attack by leading a party through the enemy barrage and driving them out of a portion of the trench which they had entered. His initiative and fearlessness contributed very greatly to the success of the operation.

135134 Sjt. W. G. Eldridge, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a determined hostile counter-attack our attacking troops became short of

ammunition and bombs, whereupon he led his platoon through a barrage of great intensity and delivered the necessary supplies to the front line. During the day he made in all fourteen journeys through the enemy barrage, carrying up supplies, and by his great courage and initiative maintaining the troops in the front line.

436760 Cpl. E. Emes, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of a Lewis gun. He volunteered to go forward under heavy fire to an advanced position, from which he silenced an enemy M.G.

625004 Pte. T. D. Fidgett, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in taking charge of a party of five after the N.C.O. was wounded, and successfully bombing along an enemy communication trench and establishing an advance post. Two of his men were wounded, but with the other two he successfully beat off counter-attacks. On one occasion the enemy got in, but was driven off with the bayonet. His companions showed signs of wavering, but he kept them at their post until relieved.

440702 Sjt. J. Fisher, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of a platoon. Though wounded, he personally led the second bombing attack, and was the only man to reach the trench. With the help of reinforcements he beat off two counter-attacks. He volunteered for and succeeded in holding an isolated post with a M.G. for twenty-four hours against several counter-attacks.

19605 Sjt. D. Forbes, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his platoon in an attack, and afterwards in carrying stores forward through an intense barrage to the captured second line of trenches.

33346 Cpl. G. S. Gaylard, A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of a squad of bearers engaged on duty for three days and nights. On one occasion he picked up a wounded comrade and carried him through a heavy barrage to safety, and attended to the dressing of his wounds.

77206 Pte. V. A. Green, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although wounded, he continued, after other stretcher-bearers had become casualties, to attend to all the wounded in his company until he was again wounded.

687179 Pte. T. Hawkes, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was the sole survivor of an attacking party against a hostile strong point, but, returning, he assembled another party together, and led them forward again successfully, displaying the utmost courage and skill in doing so. After capturing the strong point, he went out and brought in two wounded from the enemy line, though sniped at continuously on both journeys. It was entirely due to this man's courage and determination that the strong point was captured and successfully held.

183858 Pte. K. Hedquist, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In company with two other scouts he attacked an enemy M.G. and killed two of the crew in hand-to-hand fighting. Afterwards he lay out in front of the captured position all day, doing most valuable work as a sniper.

81375 A./Sjt. W. J. L. Hepburn, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in directing the resistance of his men during a heavy counter-attack. Later, with a small party he went into No Man's Land and cleared up a party of the enemy, killing three himself and his party killing three more.

439639 Pte. W. E. Jewell, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the enemy's trenches. His company met with severe opposition from several enemy strong points. He led his men against one of these on his own initiative, and, after capturing it, bombed his way down the enemy's main trench until he got into touch with his own platoon. His fearless conduct and good judgment contributed largely to the success of the enterprise.

136218 Sjt. E. B. Johnson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack on a strong hostile position he led his platoon continuously to the assault and kept on fighting with reinforcements after all his men had been put out of action. He fought all day in attack and counter-attack, and by sniping alone accounted personally for fourteen of the enemy. He had previously held an important part of the line with his platoon, and throughout operations his gallant conduct had a most inspiring effect upon his men.

430694 L./Cpl. G. P. Jones, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the advance was held up by a machine-gun, he worked round the flank and put it out of action with Mills bombs. Later, he entered a dug-out single-handed and made thirty of the enemy prisoners.

799462 Sjt. C. W. Keach, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as the senior N.C.O. of the platoon detailed for wiring the final objective. When his officer was killed he took charge, and after using up his supply of wire led his men back through the barrage for a fresh supply and then finished the work.

429260 L./Cpl. R. L. Kendall, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In company with a Scout officer he attacked a party of about twenty of the enemy escaping down a trench, killing many with his revolver and forcing the rest into shell holes, where they were eventually captured.

91565 Sjt. J. L. Kenneally, Fld. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as acting Serjt.-Major at the gun position. He supervised the unloading of twelve ammunition and five G.S. wagons under heavy shelling, getting them all quickly away except one, which was overturned in a trench.

He assisted to extricate the horses and wagon, and so sent the convoy complete to the wagon lines without casualties.

46500 Sjt. D. Larmour, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of a platoon which took the final objective. When in the excitement the troops went too far and got into our own barrage, he went after them and remained until he had got them all safely back.

63548 Cpl. G. J. Lepage, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of a Lewis gun crew in an advanced post, helping to break up one after another of the enemy's counter-attacks. During one attack his gun broke down, and when in working order again the enemy were within 80 yards. After firing a minute the return spring broke, but he opened on the advancing enemy with rifles and grenades, killing many and stopping their advance.

550208 Sjt. P. A. Litster, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the advance of the battalion was held up by two enemy machine-guns in a fortified shell hole, he rushed them single-handed and killed the gunners. His gallant and courageous action enabled the advance to continue and ensured the success of the operation. He set a magnificent example to all.

17252 Sjt. H. McArthur, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his platoon to their objective. Afterwards he took forward a party in support of troops holding an advanced position through very heavy fire.

28649 Sjt. W. D. McCue, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. On reaching the objective, and seeing a Minnenwerfer and crew in the act of firing it, he jumped forward, killed the crew, and captured the machine. He led two sections of his platoon forward to support the front line company, and when his work was completed, withdrew his men again to their own company.

13369 Sjt. A. MacDonald, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of a convoy of ration wagons. After unloading under heavy fire, as the ration party did not appear, he went to battalion headquarters and led them down. Later, when the roads were congested and the shelling heavy, he released the held-up traffic, thereby probably avoiding many casualties.

629079 Sjt. J. E. McInnes, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon with the greatest courage and initiative during three days' severe fighting, and, although badly shaken by artillery fire, he continually placed himself at points of danger to organise the defence against continual enemy counter-attacks. His untiring energy and cheerfulness were invaluable in repelling the enemy.

171173 Cpl. J. McInnis, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the enemy's trenches. In order to support the assaulting troops it was necessary for him to get his Lewis gun into action in advance of the captured trenches. While moving into position his gun was damaged and two of his team were killed. He at once repaired his gun, got it into action without assistance, and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy, at the same time screening his company against the danger of counter-attack. His courage and resource were a great factor in the success of the operation.

486649 Cpl. A. MacKie, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a heavy enemy bombardment a shell burst at the entrance to a dug-out, burying a gun crew and blowing him downstairs. Nevertheless, he at once assisted in digging out his buried men, although he twice collapsed while at work. He remained at duty, firing his machine gun until all chance of an enemy attack had passed. He was then ordered to the aid post for treatment, after which he insisted on returning to his post. He set a magnificent example of determination and devotion to duty.

169032 Pte. C. MacLeod, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a heavy enemy bombardment in face of an unexpected attack. He was one of a Lewis gun team in an advanced post, all of whom became casualties except himself, and the gun was put out of action. He rescued a man who was severely wounded, reported the situation, and went back for a new Lewis gun. He then established himself in a position in advance of his former one, and held it until relieved. He displayed exceptional courage, initiative, and skill.

428359 Sjt. F. R. Marshall, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During three days of severe fighting he led his men in splendid fashion to the objective, taking charge of the line when all other N.C.O.s had become casualties and organising the defence in a most able manner. He led a squad which captured a machine gun, and was constantly patrolling the line and cheering the men, inspiring all ranks by his fine personal example.

81575 Sjt. D. McT. Maxwell, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as acting C.S.M., after his C.S.M. was wounded in an attack. After the objective was taken he did good work reorganising the company. The following day he was knocked down and buried by a shell, but continued at work.

63676 S.M. D. Nolan, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in getting the battalion rations to the front line, though 50 per cent. of his ration party were knocked out by a barrage. He was himself wounded.

703105 Pte. F. Quinn, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of a patrol with orders to

establish an outpost in a house. This he did, but was unable to drive the enemy out of the other end of the house. He maintained his position throughout the day against a far superior number of the enemy. At nightfall he was relieved and got away without sustaining a fatal casualty in his party.

74207 Sjt. R. E. Richards, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Having re-established our front line by a daring and successful bombing attack at a critical moment his party was all but cut off. He succeeded, however, in extricating them and establishing a new defensive position, which he held for twelve hours under great difficulties and most intense fire, displaying such courage and disregard of danger that he inspired his men to resist repeated attacks in superior force. He also went out three times under a continuous and deadly fire and rescued three of his men who were lying wounded in enemy territory. No praise can be too great for his gallant conduct.

622953 Sjt. W. Robertson, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in killing two enemy bombers who had approached to within thirty yards of No. 8 gun, thereby undoubtedly saving the gun.

300975 Gnr. A. Smith, Fld. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an enemy bombardment with heavy shells nine men were buried in a dug-out. He at once went to their rescue, and having worked for two hours was almost overcome with the fumes. He again set to work with some assistance, rescued four more men and helped them to the dressing station. During the whole time he was working, the shelling continued, and he was in imminent danger also of being buried alive as all the supports to the dug-out entrance were loosened or broken, and the roof was threatening to collapse. Throughout he showed the utmost coolness and contempt of danger, and undoubtedly saved the lives of five men.

904767 Pte. H. Smith, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as No. 2 of a Lewis gun section, carrying the gun and spare parts forward to the captured enemy front line after the N.C.O. and No. 1 had become casualties. Later, three of the team became casualties, and he himself was wounded, but remained with the gun, and even when relieved by the incoming battalion took up a new position until sent down by an officer.

443 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) S. Tetu, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a wiring party. By his coolness and splendid personal example he kept his party at work in an exposed position during a terrible bombardment which forced them to take cover several times. Although wounded and partially buried he finally completed his task, which would have been impossible but for his courage and disregard of danger, which inspired his men to follow his example.

424365 Pte. F. J. Tingley, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in remaining with his company though wounded and going through an attack with them. He took charge of putting in a block in an advanced communication trench. He got on top of the parapet to get a better field of fire and accounted for a large number of the advancing enemy. When short of grenades he went back along the trench collecting bombs and S.A.A., so enabling his party to hold out for another twenty minutes till forced to retire when their ammunition was exhausted.

71051 S.M. E. B. Underwood, M.C., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of ammunition carrying parties. He also supervised the clearance of the battle field, and it was due to his excellent work that all our wounded were carried out.

412735 L./Sjt. P. Way, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his platoon to their objective after the platoon officer had been killed. On entering the enemy trench he worked round behind a M.G. which was inflicting heavy casualties, and captured the gun and crew of twelve men.

19791 L./Sjt. J. Wennevold, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as platoon sergeant. After the objective was secured he did good work, evacuating the wounded and disposing of prisoners. Later, in command of the extreme right-hand post of the battalion, he beat off four counter-attacks and inflicted heavy losses on the enemy.

77757 Pte. A. G. Wilson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as battalion runner. He went forward with the attack, jumped into the front line, and killed two of the enemy. An officer was hit, and although himself wounded, he slipped in front of the officer and killed three of the enemy.

22101 Sjt. W. Witherington, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of his platoon, leading them to their objective and connecting up with troops on his flank. Later, he was wounded.

204417 Cpl. L. G. Woodward, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company was held up by a M.G. in the final trench, he and his company commander and two other men made for the gun, 300 yards away. Though his officer fell almost at once, mortally wounded, he led his men on, capturing the gun and killing the crew.

766524 Pte. E. Wren, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in rallying his ration party under heavy fire, though himself severely wounded and knocked over. He succeeded in bringing his rations up, though he was wounded altogether four times.

## SOUTH AFRICAN.

700 Gnr. R. N. Dollery, R.G.A. (S.A.H.A.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as signaller. When his post was severely shelled and practically destroyed by a direct hit which killed and buried several of the occupants, including this gunner, he extricated himself and assisted to dig out the wounded during forty minutes of intense barrage. Through his energy two of the wounded were recovered, although one of them was immediately killed by another shell. Gunner Dollery has on previous occasions displayed similar gallantry and devotion to duty under fire.

NOTE.—Since this list of awards was placed in the hands of the printers, a number of the recipients have been advanced in permanent, temporary or acting rank, and in some cases temporary or acting rank has been relinquished, but it has not been found practicable to make the necessary changes in description in the Gazette.

## AMENDMENTS.

The following are the correct descriptions of Non-Commissioned Officers and men upon whom the Distinguished Conduct Medal has been awarded:—

Gazette, 1st January, 1918.

14358 C.S.M. F. Sandison, 31st Bn., R. Fus. B.9632 A./Sjt. E. C. Tye, R.M.A., attd. S. Afr. Arty.

Gazette, 19th November, 1917.

The award of the Distinguished Conduct Medal to 380177 Pte. T. Pickford, L'pool R., is cancelled, the medal having been previously awarded in the London Gazette dated 2nd February, 1916.

With reference to the award of the Distinguished Conduct Medal conferred as announced in the London Gazette dated 26th November, 1917, the following are the statements of service for which the decoration was conferred:—

## BAR TO DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.

Z 1890 Sjt. H. Draper, R. Bde. (Darwen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While his company was going forward to reinforce the front line, the enemy suddenly opened a very heavy barrage, which put all the officers out of action. He at once took charge of the situation, and with great courage and determination guided the company forward to their destination.

(D.C.M. gazetted 22nd October, 1917.)

67590 C.S.M. G. Tolley, M.G. Corps, (frmly. 1161, W. York. R. (Harrogate).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when a dug-out was blown in and twenty men buried. Although under shell-fire, he organised a rescue party, and by his own efforts was able to rescue three men still alive.

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

11167 Sjt. P. Waine, R. D. Fus. (Dublin).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at the head of his platoon in an assault and consolidation afterwards under a heavy barrage. When he came opposite an enemy M.G. he and another man dashed at it, killed two of the team, and captured the gun. Throughout the assault he captured numerous prisoners and inspired the men with confidence at a time when officers were continually becoming casualties. (D.C.M. gazetted 22nd October, 1917.)

#### AUSTRALIAN FORCE.

843 C.S.M. J. Burley, Aust. Rail. Oper. Div.

Conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a train. A wagon containing shells was set on fire by hostile shelling, whereupon he uncoupled the remainder of the train and sent it to a safe distance, subsequently returning to the blazing wagon and endeavouring very gallantly to put out the flames. In spite of great efforts he was unsuccessful, and the truck exploded, but his energy had saved the remainder of the train, including a gun which was on board.

(D.C.M. awarded S. Africa, 1900.)

989 L./Cpl. F. Horan, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He fought his way through several parties of the enemy, killing numbers with his bayonet and capturing others. When the enemy counter-attacked he led his men out to meet them, and broke up the attack before it reached our lines. Early in the operation he was wounded, but refused to leave until the battalion had been finally relieved.

(D.C.M. gazetted 3rd June, 1916.)

#### NEW ZEALAND FORCE.

10/3878 Sjt. S. G. Foot, Well. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. When his platoon officer became a casualty, he took command of the platoon and led it with great courage and initiative. In the attack on the final objective he encountered unexpectedly a very strongly held trench, which he captured with thirty-nine prisoners and seven machine guns. He quickly consolidated the captured ground and held on until wounded. He displayed leadership and gallantry of a high order, and inspired great confidence in his men.

(D.C.M. gazetted 22nd October, 1917.)

#### DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.

L./41819 Sjt. M. Abraham, R.F.A. (Dublin).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On two occasions when the battery was heavily shelled while in action he rallied the men, and, in spite of casualties, got his gun into action again. On another occasion a fire was caused in a gun-pit by heavy enemy shelling. He was first on the scene, and by his prompt action and disregard of danger extinguished the fire, thus saving the gun and the ammunition. His coolness and gallantry on critical occasions is worthy of the highest praise.

203232 Pte. J. Anyon, Lan. Fus. (Neston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the advance he was wounded in the thigh, but carried on, and brought his Lewis gun into action on an exposed flank. The enemy counter-attacked, but he remained isolated in an advanced shell hole, and by sustained gunfire contributed to preventing the enemy from getting round the flank. Although alone, he remained at his post until reinforced the following day.

67096 C.S.M. W. Arkinstall, Notts. and Derby. R. (Wednesbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was of the greatest assistance to his company commander throughout the attack, when all the platoon commanders became casualties. He reorganised the company with great ability, and it was chiefly owing to his energy, resource, and splendid example that the final objective was reached and successfully consolidated.

83116 Cpl. F. Bailey, M.G.C. (Croydon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under heavy shell fire he rallied the remnants of three Vickers gun teams, and after his section sergeant had become a casualty, led them forward to the final objective. He did excellent work stopping attempts to counter-attack.

8710 C.S.M. J. Bain, Sea. Highrs. (Forres).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in killing fifteen of the enemy during an attack. He was severely wounded by his last opponent, whom he killed. He is a grand fighter, and his example is contagious.

33806 L./S. G. Ball, N. Lanc. R. (Bristol).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid. When his officer was wounded he continued to lead his men forward to within fifteen yards of the enemy, where they were forced to dig in. Having got his men back by night, he returned to his officer, who was in a shell hole wounded, and remained with him until he was brought in. The enemy made two attempts to get at the officer, and but for this N.C.O.'s courage and determination the officer would have been taken prisoner.

31977 Sjt. H. J. Barker, M.G. Corps (Hull).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Soon after passing the first objective his officer became a casualty. He at once took command of his sub-section, and took them forward with the infantry to the second objective. When the O.C. the other two sub-sections was wounded he took command of all the guns in the line and got them all into action. When two were knocked out he replaced them by captured guns. In two days his guns accounted for large numbers of the enemy. He killed a considerable number himself with a rifle.

S/19290 Sjt. C. Bastow, Rif. Bde. (S. Pancras).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under intense machine-gun fire he attacked with one other man an enemy

strong point which was inflicting severe casualties. He personally accounted for four of the enemy and captured a machine gun. He showed magnificent courage and initiative.

7001 C.S.M. F. W. Bean, Rif. Bde. (W. Ealing).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He was always in front of the company leading the men on and inspiring them with confidence. When the position had been captured he went out with two men to where about forty of the enemy were holding up the advance of part of another unit. He succeeded in killing or capturing the whole party, taking two officers and twenty other ranks prisoners. His prompt and courageous act was of the greatest assistance to the advance.

352520 Pte. A. Beech, Manch. R. (Stockport).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of his platoon after his platoon officer and all the N.C.O.'s were killed or wounded. He reorganised it and held on to the position, in spite of very heavy hostile shelling.

200837 L./Sjt. J. W. Bell, E. Lan. R. (Blackburn).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When an enemy sniper was causing a great number of casualties in our ranks he went forward three times with a party to secure him, going on alone after all his party had become casualties, and succeeded in killing the sniper.

4406 Cpl. T. Berry, Rif. Bde. (Cable Street, London, E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in taking charge of his platoon when his serjeant was killed, and moving it under heavy fire to form part of the defensive flank. He then reconnoitred the position and established two posts and gained touch with another unit. He sent back valuable information, engaged the enemy snipers, and drove off an attempted bombing attack.

325753 Sjt. H. Betts, Camb. R. (nr. March).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst in charge of a platoon he held a position which was very heavily shelled and enfiladed by snipers. Locating two of the latter he crawled out in front of the trench, and from a very exposed position shot them both with his rifle. On the following evening, under very heavy concentrated shelling, he walked up and down the parados of his trench encouraging his men and setting them a magnificent example. Throughout the whole operations his conduct was distinguished by courageous and soldierlike qualities.

13029 Sjt. F. H. Billing, G. Gds. (Fareham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He observed an enemy patrol about 100 yards off approaching our lines. He at once rushed out single-handed and attacked it with such energy that he captured an officer and one man, dispersing the

remainder. He was conspicuous for his courage and offensive spirit throughout the operations.

277742 Pte. E. Billington, Manch. R. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in volunteering, though almost exhausted by exposure and lack of food and water, to go with a message to the support company during an intense bombardment. A hostile counter-attack was in progress, and the message was important. In spite of the darkness and the fact that he was suffering great pain in his feet, he delivered the message.

717 Cpl. of Horse H. T. Bishop, Household Cav. (Didcot).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With five men he captured an enemy "pill-box" and over twenty prisoners. He held it with two men until his ammunition gave out, and was then captured by two of the enemy. He, however, managed to lead them into our lines, and so received them both as prisoners.

5547 C.S.M. G. H. Black, R. Scots Fus. (Bo'ness).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in rushing forward and dropping a bomb through one of the loopholes of a "pill-box" that was holding up an attack. The garrison, fifteen in number, at once surrendered. His gallantry enabled the company to take the position. He was himself severely wounded.

3857 Pte. J. Bowler, Notts. & Derby. R. (Morton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as runner. On two occasions, when the enemy were forming up for a counter-attack, he carried urgent messages through a heavy barrage. It was entirely due to his courage and determination that the information was got through and the artillery were enabled to break up the enemy's concentration. He worked untiringly with complete disregard of danger throughout the operations.

15646 Sjt. B. Bowman, R. Fus. (Brough, Westmoreland).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. When part of the advance was held up by machine gun fire from a blockhouse, he captured it single-handed, killing the garrison. He repeated this exploit later in the advance, and showed great courage and determination on each occasion.

267965 Sjt. F. Brockbank, Ches. R. (Lancaster).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the attack on the final objective he took command of his company and handled it with great success. Having reached his objective, he dug in and consolidated in an excellent tactical position, and, in spite of every effort of the enemy to regain it, held it until relieved. He displayed the utmost coolness under heavy

shell and machine gun fire, and by his fearless and cheerful manner set a splendid example to his men.

355205 A./Cpl. W. H. Brook, R. Welsh Fus. (Presteign).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the enemy railway line, whereby about ninety of the enemy were killed and seventy taken prisoners, and great destruction was wrought.

6115 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) T. P. Brownlow, Scots Gds. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He located an enemy machine gun in a pill-box which was enfilading the company. He at once attacked it with two men, killed the gunner and captured the remainder of the garrison, twenty-three in number. His prompt and courageous action prevented many casualties.

R31929 Pte. G. S. Buckle, K.R.R.C. (Highgate, N.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Though wounded early in the attack, he went forward and led a bombing party to the attack on an enemy strong point, which resulted in the capture of twenty prisoners. Later, he led two further attacks on enemy strong points with great success. His courageous example had a great effect on the rest of his company.

16509 Sjt. H. Bull, M.G. Corps (Westbourne Park, London).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The whole of his team became casualties during an attack, and his gun was damaged, but he repaired it and got it into action again. When his officer was killed, he took command and performed a most difficult task, requiring qualities of resource and knowledge of a high order during three days of almost continuous bombardment. His coolness and courage under shell fire proved a magnificent example to his men.

16040 L./Cpl. H. L. Bull, R. War. R. (Nuneaton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Throughout the action he showed magnificent courage and coolness under heavy shelling. He set a splendid example and at all times succeeded in maintaining his lines however heavy the shelling.

305053 C.S.M. J. Bullen, Lan. Fus. (Broughton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of one of the most forward positions. When his party were reduced by casualties he went out, regardless of M.G. fire, and gathered up a few more men and held on to the post until relieved.

430 Sjt. D. Burridge, M.G. Gds. (East Harnham, Salisbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the infantry were held up by a strong point he established his machine gun well forward on the right flank, directing its fire with such effect that in the final assault heavy casualties were inflicted on the

enemy garrison. Later, he inflicted further heavy casualties during a counter-attack.

3635 C.Q.M.S. W. Burt, E. Kent R. (Clerkenwell).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when bringing rations to the battalion in the front line. He went forward and reconnoitred the route, and then got all his pack animals to the forward dump, though the shelling was heavy and several animals became stuck in the mud. He remained at the dump under shell fire until it was cleared by the carrying parties. His remarkable coolness and cheerfulness under difficult conditions had an excellent effect on his men.

202785 Sjt. A. J. Burton, R. Lanc. R. (Dover).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon commander became a casualty, in an attack, he took command, led his men to the objective, and consolidated the position. Finding that all the officers of his company had become casualties, he reorganised the company and consolidated the whole position. He displayed the most untiring vigilance and initiative in constantly visiting the most forward posts, and set a fine example throughout of coolness, determination and contempt of danger.

781506 Cpl. E. Burton, R.F.A. (Bradford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in maintaining the fire of his gun under heavy shelling, the gun emplacement receiving a direct hit. He twice went out to help mend the wire to the O.P. when broken. Having been driven from one gun, he continued firing with another, until a portion of it got damaged. He then returned to the first gun, took from it the necessary part, and continued firing. He worked continuously for forty-eight hours, setting a splendid example.

R33832 Pte. S. E. Burton, K.R.R.C. (Peckham, S.E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He got his Lewis gun into a forward position when all the rest of the team were casualties, and opened fire on parties of the enemy. He was wounded and his equipment was set on fire, but he remained at his post, using his gun with great effect until his ammunition was exhausted. He set a splendid example of courage and determination.

63002 B.S.M. G. W. Butcher, R.F.A. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in extricating a convoy of pack horses when caught in a heavy barrage and in danger of panic. When the battery was short of ammunition he organised parties and collected a large quantity over an area that was being continually shelled. He displayed the highest courage.

305146 Coy. S./M. (A./R.S.M.) W. T. Cain, L'pool R. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the early stages of the attack a dump of S.A.A. was blown up. He at once organised and led a party which collected 25,000 rounds from the battlefield.



under heavy shell fire. By this means he was able to replenish the supply in the front line, which had become exhausted. Though wounded he remained at duty, with great determination, until the battalion was relieved four days later.

13073 Sjt. C. T. Carpenter, C. Gds. (Radstock).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When an enemy strong point, with a garrison of fifty men, was holding up the advance, he led his platoon with great gallantry and initiative round the flank under heavy fire and enfiladed the position. Owing to his prompt action the enemy were kept engaged and the position was captured. He has invariably set a magnificent example of courage and devotion to duty.

240655 Sjt. J. Carson, S. Lanc. R. (St. Helens).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a counter-attack. He crawled forward under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, and by firing rifle grenades completely knocked out an enemy machine-gun. His courageous action so demoralised the enemy that they started a retirement.

20655 Pte. H. G. Chamberlain, Suff. R. (Hitchin).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During operations an enemy aeroplane flew low over our lines and fired a white light, which was answered by a hostile sniper near by. Entirely on his own initiative he went in search of the sniper, found three in a shell-hole, killed them all, and returned with Very lights and a trench lamp. He afterwards accounted for three more snipers, lying out for hours in No Man's Land and stalking them when they declared themselves.

19218 L./Cpl. W. Chittenden, K.O.S.B. (W. Hythe).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the section gained their objective and were consolidating the position, they were suddenly subjected to a hail of bombs from the enemy's M.G. position. This man and a comrade immediately threw bombs into the enemy's strong point and rushed it on their own initiative, capturing two automatic rifles and twelve prisoners and wounding two. Their prompt action enabled the regiment on the right to advance when they were temporarily held up.

L/6022 Cpl. S. A. Chivers, R.F.A. (Peckham, S.E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action when he was wounded. He continued to keep his gun in action, though the guns on either side were blown up and ammunition dumps set alight. When his own gun was put out of action by a direct hit, a seriously wounded man buried, and the ammunition set alight, he assisted to remove the burning ammunition and to rescue the wounded man.

40135 L./Sjt. E. Clare, L'pool R. (Tyldesley, Lancs.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After a prolonged resistance by the

enemy he found himself in charge of his platoon, which he handled with courage and coolness, capturing an enemy strong point. Later, he did excellent patrol work, and finally took command of his company and brought it out of action four days later. His continued cheerfulness and fine spirit had the greatest effect on his men.

6328 C.S.M. A. Cokayne, Notts. & Derby. R. (Plymouth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed great courage in overcoming the resistance of enemy concrete dug-outs which had been overlooked by the assaulting waves and were bringing heavy machine-gun fire to bear on the advancing troops from the rear. It was owing to his magnificent example that the dug-outs were promptly captured and the garrisons killed or taken prisoners.

8488 Sjt. C. Coomber, Notts. & Derby. R. (Hammersmith, W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. When all the officers of his company were casualties, he led his company to their objective with great determination. He showed great courage and energy in the consolidation of the position, and set a splendid example to his men.

16101 Sjt. R. Cowell, Dur. L.I. (Durham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his battalion reached their objective the right flank was exposed. Although wounded, he took his platoon to cover the flank, and consolidated it under heavy fire from snipers. During an enemy counter-attack he moved his section forward out of the barrage to meet the attack, and successfully repulsed it. He showed great courage and initiative throughout the operations.

240087 Sjt. A. Cox, S. Staff. R. (Wolverhampton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in reconnoitring the wire within 15 yards of the enemy posts. On the following day, accompanied by an officer, he cut the protective wire, and, seeing the alarmed post about to escape, fired his revolver, checked the enemy, and enabled the remainder of the party to account for the posts. One prisoner was taken by him.

2245 Sjt. A. G. Cripps, R.A.M.C. (South Acton, W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of a relay post. Hearing of wounded men lying under fire, he made four journeys through the barrage, being blown upon the first journey, but bringing four men in on his back. Later, a shell burst at his post, killing and burying eleven men. He restored order, organised a rescue party, and brought out the eleven men.

25745 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) J. Crowther, S. Staff. R. (Wolverhampton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In spite of very intense shelling, he set up a dressing station in a shell-hole, and altogether bandaged up and evacuated about fifty wounded. For three days he worked incessantly, without any sleep, doing

most of his work in the open under heavy shell fire.

7202 Sjt. B. Cruddas, Dur. L.I. (Darlington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. An enemy strong point which had been overlooked in the advance was causing heavy casualties to carrying parties and supporting troops. He left the carrying party of which he was in charge, and going forward alone, located the strong point. He then attacked it with three men, and captured it after a very stubborn fight, putting all the garrison out of action. He showed great powers of organisation, and was a splendid example to all ranks.

558164 Spr. J. E. Cumber, R.E. (E. Poplar).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as linesman. He was continually out in very heavily shelled areas mending the lines, and when a forward line was laid, he also undertook to patrol it, and kept it in repair. He set an excellent example of pluck and determination, and without him communication would have been impossible.

40245 Pte. B. H. Cuniffe, K.O.S.B. (Derby).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in attacking consolidated shell-holes. He captured, single-handed, an enemy strong point containing five riflemen. When two of the enemy armed appeared behind our lines, on his own initiative he rushed at them and killed them both.

9266 Pte. J. Curran, R. Scots (Dundee).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as brigade orderly. Though told to remain in a strong concrete work when a heavy barrage came down, thinking he might be required, he went out through the barrage.

23439 L./Sjt. J. L. Currie, K.O.S.B. (Ecclefechan).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He rushed a "pill-box" single-handed and rescued an N.C.O. who had been taken prisoner from four of the enemy, whom he killed. After all the officers and N.C.O.'s in the company had become casualties, he gathered a number of men together and led them forward to the objective against the enemy who were counter-attacking. The following day he repelled two counter-attacks. He was ultimately wounded, but led his company through the barrages in good order.

558088 Spr. (A./L./Cpl.) G. H. Daltrey, R.E. (East Ham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed great determination and resource in laying telephone lines and in keeping them repaired during an attack under continuous shell fire. He set a splendid example of courage and initiative.

46707 Pte. (A./Sert.) J. E. Davies, R.A.M.C. (Wombwell).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led the stretcher-bearers forward under heavy rifle and shell fire to the most

advanced position, where he worked for thirty-six hours in the open attending to the wounded. He showed great coolness throughout, and set an excellent example to those under him.

22836 L./Cpl. A. Davis, Worcester R. (Moreton-in-the-Marsh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of a Lewis gun on the right flank of the battalion, and under a heavy bombardment his gun and ammunition were buried, and all the team except one were wounded. The enemy then attacked, and, though outflanked, he succeeded in extricating his gun and some of the ammunition, and held his post until support arrived. He showed splendid courage and initiative.

27859 Sjt. W. Davis, Som. L.I. (Trowbridge).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an action. He crawled forward in advance of his section, and attempted, single-handed, to put an enemy machine gun out of action, but was severely wounded before he reached it. Having used all his bombs, he withdrew, and with great courage and determination organised a second attack, in the course of which he was again wounded.

200186 Cpl. H. Dearn, War. R. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of a section of a raiding party. He was confronted with an obstacle which forced him to reconnoitre and find a fresh place of entry. He completed his task and captured two prisoners.

9364 Sjt. P. Delaney, R. Dub. Fus. (Kilkenny).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all his officers and many men had become casualties he collected the remnants and organised an attack on a blockhouse which was holding up the advance. He led the attack himself. The blockhouse was captured and the garrison killed.

325851 Sjt. G. Dewsbury, Camb. R. (Little Thetford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He kept his Lewis gun in action for forty-eight hours under continuous and heavy shell fire, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy. His coolness and courage were largely responsible for maintaining the position intact.

351023 Sjt. F. Dickinson, Manch. R. (Dukinfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon officer and most of the platoon had been killed or wounded, he rallied the men of his own and other units and held the line successfully against a counter-attack.

G/65785 Pte. W. Digby, R. Fus. (Hammer-smith, W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was out on patrol in front of our line, when the enemy delivered an attack, using liquid fire. The officer in command of the patrol was severely wounded, and his

clothes caught fire. Pte. Digby at once went to his assistance, extinguished the flames, and dragged him to a shell hole while the enemy's attacking troops passed over the spot. A counter-attack by our troops having driven the enemy back to their original position, he went back for assistance to our lines, and then carried the officer to safety. He showed most praiseworthy courage and self-sacrifice.

4116 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) J. Dignam, I. Gds. (Blackrock, Co. Dublin).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as N.C.O. in charge of the aid post. He dressed case after case under heavy fire until everyone had been collected. Later his work in collecting wounded under shell-fire was beyond all praise.

987 Sjt. F. Diver, Lanc. Fus. (Cambridge).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his officer was wounded he at once took command and led his men forward in the advance, though he was badly shaken by the explosion of a shell. He captured his objective, and later led his platoon forward and covered an exposed flank. It was mainly owing to his courage and determination that the position was made secure.

6309 L./Sjt. T. N. Dove, Notts. and Derby. R. (Blidworth, Notts.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the other serjeants of the company were casualties he showed great determination in the attack and energy and initiative during the consolidation under very difficult conditions.

M2/055482 Pte. (A./Sjt.) G. H. Drew, A.S.C. (St. Helens, Lancs.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while acting as N.C.O. in charge of ambulance cars during an action. He was on duty day and night, making arrangements for and directing the cars with great skill. He was severely wounded while engaged on this work.

20202 Sjt. H. Duncan, M.G.C. (Aberdeen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of a party which supplied and distributed ammunition to eight machine guns, continuously moving about over the open in the course of the work. Later, when casualties were heavy, he went from gun to gun over the open under heavy fire, keeping the guns in action at a critical time. He showed great courage and initiative.

14779 Sjt. E. Dyer, Som. L.I. (Radstock).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an action. When all the officers of his company were casualties he took command, established advanced posts and repelled several enemy counter-attacks. He was wounded several times during the day, and it was entirely due to his great courage and disregard of danger that the position was maintained.

14866 Sjt. A. Dyson, W. Rid. R. (near Huddersfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He pushed forward when the line

was held up with half a platoon, under intense fire, and secured a position from which he was able to direct heavy fire on an advancing counter-attack, causing it to fail hopelessly.

13002 Sjt. J. Eades, S. Staffs. R. (Ocker Hill).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He led his platoon with complete disregard of danger, and helped to reorganise his company under heavy shell fire when the objective was captured. He did excellent work in the consolidation, and led forward a patrol at a time when information was badly needed and brought back a valuable report. He set a splendid example of courage and initiative.

12137 L./Cpl. W. Eccles, C. Gds. (Rishton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was one of a party marking out the assembly position for an attack. The work was most difficult owing to the state of the ground, and there were several casualties from shell fire. He showed the greatest coolness, rallied and helped other men, and worked indefatigably until the task was finished. But for his intelligence, courage and determination the work would never have been completed.

235438 L./Cpl. E. Edmondson, Lan. Fus. (Barnoldswick).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in rallying men and leading them forward under a heavy barrage. When the enemy put down a heavy barrage and threatened a counter-attack, he went out alone and met the enemy patrol, shot one and brought two in prisoners.

9637 Sjt. J. Ellis, L'pool R. (Dublin).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was largely responsible for the steadiness with which the men of his company met and repulsed a strong enemy counter-attack. His great courage, resource and initiative were an inspiring example to the men at a critical time.

200852 C.S.M. W. Fairbrother, E. Lan. R. (Blackburn).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of a blockhouse. By his example and cheerful bearing he kept his men together when suffering severe casualties from snipers.

50373 Pte. J. Fox, L'pool R. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his platoon when his officer was killed, and led it in an attack on a concrete emplacement, which he captured with eight prisoners. He showed the greatest courage and resource.

200167 Sjt. J. J. Gaffney, L pool R. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On reaching the objective it was found that some platoons had lost direction and had gone away to the right. He made his way from shell hole to shell hole across the whole front, collected all the men of his platoon that he could find, and brought

them back to the proper position. At all times he showed an excellent example of coolness and energy, which had a very stimulating effect on those around him.

32790 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) C. R. Garner, R.E. (E. Mill Hill).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his men to an advanced post in our front line and maintained communication in spite of a counter-attack by the enemy and being exposed to machine gun and artillery fire. By his fearless devotion and ability to control his men under difficult circumstances he kept his signalling station working during a most critical time.

L/16901 Cpl. A. Gittins, R.F.A. (Bury, Lancs.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a shell completely knocked out one detachment, he single-handed loaded, laid, and fired the gun still under heavy fire, and though greatly exhausted continued to do so.

29177 Cpl. E. Gillatt, Notts. and Derby. R. (Matlock).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. When the whole of his Lewis gun team became casualties he carried forward the gun and ammunition himself. At a very critical time, when a strong party of the enemy were holding up the left flank, he forced them by his fire to take cover and enabled the left flank to advance and capture forty prisoners. He afterwards did splendid work in dispersing a counter-attack, and with great coolness and initiative inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy.

8012 L./Cpl. A. Gordon, Sco. Gds. (Keith, Banff).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when acting as Company Serjeant-Major. It was due to his untiring energy and organising ability that the various carrying and bridging operations were effectively carried out. During the attack he carried out a daring reconnaissance, and twice passed through our barrage to fetch parties of men who had advanced too far. When two officers of his company became casualties he filled their places most effectively, both in leading the men to the objective and in the subsequent work of consolidation. He set a fine example of courage and determination to all ranks.

200680 C./S./M. D. Graham, R. Lanc. R. (Belfast).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led an attack on an enemy strong point, captured, and consolidated it. When his company commander became a casualty he took command of the company and showed great ability and initiative during an enemy counter-attack. He sent some of his men to reinforce the threatened flank and formed a defensive flank with the remainder. His courage and leadership were of the highest order.

15879 Pte. (L./Cpl.) A. B. Green, S. Gds. (Pontnewynydd, nr. Pontypool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went out to reconnoitre an enemy

blockhouse, which it had been decided to attack. He made a valuable reconnaissance, returned, and guided an officer to the position, and himself shot two of the enemy. He showed great courage and initiative.

S/6522 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) W. Gregg, R. Bde. (Heanor, Derby.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was one of a party reconnoitring a position with a view to taking it over. The enemy attacked the position, and it was essential that the battalion on the left should be informed. He undertook this duty, and carried several messages across a road swept by machine-gun fire. He rendered valuable service by his courageous act in enabling the unit on the left to co-operate in the defence, and the situation was restored by a successful counter-attack.

73821 Sjt. R. H. Griffin, R.F.A. (Chester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the battery was shelled and suffered numerous casualties he went about organising fresh detachments, collected stretcher parties, and removed the wounded to safety. On the following day one shell knocked out one gun and the detachments of two guns. He removed the wounded from one pit on fire, reorganised the detachment, and by his prompt action helped to maintain the barrage fire.

330557 Sjt. W. G. Griffiths, L'pool R. (Ormskirk).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when acting as company serjeant-major during an attack. Seeing the attack held up, he led a party of twelve men in a flank attack on the enemy's position. With great skill and in the face of heavy machine-gun fire he advanced his men to within assaulting distance, timing his assault to conform with the other attacks being made on the position. He was responsible for the capture and consolidation of the strong point. His courage and contempt of danger had a marked influence on his men.

65004 A./Sjt. F. Hall, M.G. Corps (Fakenham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While he was going forward with his section his officer and senior serjeant were killed. He saw to the removal of the wounded, kept the remainder of his section well in hand in a most advanced position, encouraging them by his cheerful example. He showed great initiative and ability in carrying out all the duties of his officer, and set his men a splendid example of courage and devotion to duty.

PS/2620 L./Cpl. J. H. Hanbury, Midd'x R. (Amersham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in advancing on his own initiative and attacking a blockhouse single-handed. He was wounded in the attempt, but his action enabled the advance to proceed.

41052 Pte. W. Harding, Worc. R. (Goldthorpe).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in attacking enemy strong points. Seeing a blockhouse on his flank from which

a machine-gun was firing, he worked his way round from the rear and captured the gun and eight prisoners. He showed great courage and initiative.

70331 A./Sjt. W. Harris, M.G. Corps (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of two guns in forward position. When the enemy attacked he got one gun into action and inflicted heavy losses, and moved the other forward to shell-hole position, from which the enemy could be enfiladed. He handled his guns with great skill, and contributed largely to the success of the operations. His personal courage under continuous fire for three days was a fine example to his men.

A.1524 Cpl. R. Hart, K.R.R.C. (Leicester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his platoon during an attack and captured an enemy strong point which was holding up part of the advance. The strong point was manned by fifteen of the enemy, who resisted strongly, but he captured the position, taking an officer and eight men prisoners. His initiative and courage did much to ensure the success of the battalion.

5011 A./C.S.M. W. Hatch, Camb. R. (Lowestoft).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all his officers had become casualties early in the attack, he took command of his company and led it with conspicuous courage and ability. He did invaluable work in consolidating and re-organising the objective, and inspired all his company by his conduct and good leadership.

32765 Spr. A. Hawtree, R.E. (E. Windsor).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in repeatedly repairing cable which had been shattered by enemy shell fire. He also returned under heavy shell fire for fresh supplies of cable, with which he enabled communication to be established, and by his untiring efforts afforded a brilliant example to his section of determination and devotion to duty.

265649 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) J. W. Heap, L'pool R. (Southport).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his officer became a casualty he took command of his platoon and captured an enemy strong point, taking twenty prisoners and three machine-guns, one of which he at once got into action against the enemy. His own objective had not yet been captured, and he directed his fire on to it, and, on his own initiative, sent reinforcements to his company commander, who was then able to capture it. In addition to defending and holding his own position, he rendered great assistance in collecting a large number of wounded, and when some men of a neighbouring unit were driven back by an enemy counter-attack he rallied them and led them back to establish their former position. His courage, energy, and leadership were of the highest order.

17458 Pte. E. J. Heller, E. York. R. (Southampton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He reorganised and led forward a wavering line composed of men of various units, and single-handed rushed an enemy post, killing and capturing twelve of the enemy. His magnificent courage and disregard of danger were conspicuous throughout the operations.

15/12884 Pte. T. Higgins, R. Ir. Rifles (Belfast).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when an enemy raiding party entered our trenches. Without hesitation he attacked the party single-handed, killing the officer and inflicting other casualties, though under revolver and bomb fire. His prompt and courageous action demoralised the enemy, who rapidly withdrew.

55596 L./Cpl. W. J. Hill, M.G.C. (N. London).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was carrying a machine-gun in an advance when it was put out of action by a shell. Though he was wounded by the same shell, he went back and brought up another gun, which he got into action with great effect. Later, he went forward with his gun and broke up an enemy counter-attack. His gallant conduct was a fine example to the men.

40503 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) J. E. Hilton, Norf. R. (Gillingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of his platoon after his officer had been killed. He led them to the final objective, where a whole company of the enemy appeared from dug-outs. He controlled the fire of his men with great effect, most of the enemy being killed or wounded. He then bombed the dug-outs, afterwards destroying a mortar beyond the objective.

11434 Pte. G. E. Hogbin, G. Gds. (Herne Bay).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went out on patrol and captured a prisoner single-handed, and brought back most valuable information as to the enemy's defences under heavy snipers' fire. He showed great courage and initiative.

C3603 Sjt. H. Hole, K.R.R.C. (Tottenham, N.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of a company in the attack and led them to the final objective, which he captured and consolidated. His reports and messages showed a full grasp of a difficult situation. He had previously led his platoon with great courage and determination to the capture of an enemy strong point.

27118 L./Cpl. T. Holmes, Notts. & Derby R. (Jacksdale).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his platoon when his platoon commander was killed, and led an attack on a strong point under intense machine-gun fire, and captured the position. He showed great courage, initiative and contempt of danger.

19117 L./Cpl. W. Hood, W. Rid. R. (Bradford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Despite great confusion in the line, he worked his section round the flank of a large party of the enemy. He was largely instrumental in causing the surrender of about forty to the unit on his left.

L/12316 Sgt. W. Hopwood, Midd<sup>x</sup> R. (Bethnal Green).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon forward in the most gallant manner. After his company officers had become casualties he took command of the company and by skill and good leadership brought them out of the line with slight casualties.

13694 Sgt. W. Horridge, N. Lancs. R. (Farnworth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He skilfully led his party to an advanced position, but owing to heavy casualties he was forced to evacuate the post. When the enemy's shelling ceased he reoccupied it with the remainder of his section, and held it for three days and nights until relieved, setting a wonderful example of coolness and courage to his men.

1310 Pte. (L./Cpl.) A. Illingsworth, M.G. Gds. (Witton Park, Bishop Auckland).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in handling his machine gun against an enemy strong point which was holding up our attack. Getting the gun mounted within short range, he kept down their rifle fire, and enabled our infantry to get forward. Later, he helped to break up a determined counter-attack.

15055 Pte. F. Ingram, Durh. L.I. (Durham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He got his gun forward in an attack when the rest of the team became casualties, and inflicted heavy losses on the enemy. He finally took up a strong position, where he remained for thirty hours without rations until relieved. When his gun was buried by a shell he dug it out, constructed a fresh position, and got his gun ready for action. He displayed splendid courage and determination.

9240 Sgt. W. Isherwood, Lancs. Fus. (Hyde).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He took command of his platoon when his officer was wounded, and led an attack on a pill-box, which he captured. He then reorganised his men and consolidated the position. He set an inspiring example of courage to his men.

36239 L./Sjt. G. W. Jackson, Durh. L.I. (Doncaster).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His advanced post was attacked by a strong patrol of the enemy. After a sharp fight he killed or wounded all the enemy, and took one officer prisoner. On two other occasions his post was surrounded, but he rallied his men and drove off the enemy. He set a splendid example of courage and endurance.

20999 Sgt. T. F. Johnson, Manch. R. (Craven Arms).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a difficult situation. He reorganised the men of his platoon under heavy sniping and machine gun fire, and was slightly wounded.

62146 Pte. (A./Sjt.) W. Jordan, R.A.M.C. (Dunston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of divisional stretcher-bearers. He organised his bearers with great skill, and went about under intense shell fire while carrying out his work, continually going forward to the aid posts to ascertain what help was required. His determination and example encouraged his men to great efforts.

18983 Pte. J. Kelly, W. Rid. R. (Bradford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On being informed that the enemy were massing for a counter-attack behind a ridge about fifty yards in front of his company, he at once went forward with a Lewis gun and opened fire on the enemy, causing them to disperse. He showed great courage and initiative.

203021 Sgt. D. Kew, R. Berks. R. (South Stoke).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Noticing a wounded man moving about in No Man's Land, he immediately, on his own initiative, climbed over the parapet, in broad daylight, and carried him back to our wire in full view of the enemy's trenches at close range.

S/14507 Pte. E. E. King, Rif. Bde., attd. T.M. By. (High Wycombe).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of trench mortar team in an attack. He was wounded in the thigh early in the advance, and, though suffering great pain, he led his team on, carrying part of a mortar himself. He gained his objective, and rendered invaluable assistance in repelling an enemy counter-attack. His magnificent fortitude and devotion to duty inspired all ranks.

2808 Tpr. C. F. Langley, Household Cav. (Derby).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He captured an enemy pill-box and over twenty prisoners, and helped to hold up a counter-attack until all his ammunition was expended. Then, after being taken prisoner, he led the enemy back to our lines.

G/65196 L./Sjt. A. C. Larter, R. Fus. (Lower Willingdon, nr. Eastbourne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He advanced his post about eighty yards to fill a gap in the line, and dug in successfully under rifle and machine gun fire, dispersing a number of the enemy by Lewis gun fire. He led his men with great efficiency throughout the operations, and set an excellent example to all ranks.

3498 Sjt. G. Lay, R.F.A. (Charing, Kent).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in rescuing three wounded men from a burning gun-pit. His comrade collapsed and had to be carried to the dressing-station. These two men have always displayed complete fearlessness and coolness, and set a fine example to the rest of the battery.

12453 Sjt. C. Leary, Linc. R. (Boston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led the first two platoons of his company in an attack with great dash and determination, and rendered valuable assistance in organising the defence of the captured position. Hearing that the enemy were collecting for a counter-attack, he at once collected and pushed forward rifle bombers and Lewis gunners, and completely broke up the enemy formation. His courage and initiative were a splendid example to his men.

1411 B.S.M. E. Lee, R.F.A. (Bolton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When an ammunition dump was set on fire during a heavy bombardment, he led a party to the dump, and was mainly responsible, by his energy, fine example and disregard of danger, for extinguishing the fire.

616 Col./Sjt. (T./R.S.M.) J. Le Huray, Lan. Fus. (Crowborough Warren).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During operations this warrant officer did excellent work, his organising of carrying parties, collecting of ammunition and sending it forward under heavy shell fire being exceptional. At one period, under heavy machine-gun fire, he went back himself and brought up S.O.S. signals.

33889 Pte. G. E. Lock, Essex R. (Colchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as stretcher bearer. He worked continuously for seventy-four hours under heavy fire, bringing in over twenty wounded. Three times his fellow bearers were killed or wounded by snipers.

39181 Pte. W. Luff, R.W. Surrey R. (Hindhead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he advanced alone some distance to the front, and, unaided, penetrated an enemy strong point, taking twenty-four prisoners. He showed magnificent courage and initiative.

51277 Spr. (A./L./Cpl.) J. Lynch, R.E. (Redditch, near Stockport).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a party laying cables. The cables were so much cut up by shell fire that it was found impossible to repair them, though he made several attempts under heavy fire. He reassembled his party and laid out new lines, which he successfully maintained. On the day of the attack he did valuable work on the forward lines, which he constantly patrolled in spite of a heavy barrage. His courage and disregard of danger were an inspiration to his men.

18394 Sjt. T. McIlwaine, M.G.C., frmlly. R. Sc. Fus. (Auchinleck, Ayr).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He rendered valuable service in the assembly for an attack and in rallying his section during the advance. Later, he located and engaged an enemy machine gun, which was holding up the attack and inflicting considerable casualties, and succeeded in knocking it out. He also made a daring daylight reconnaissance, which enabled the line to be advanced, and on another occasion captured four prisoners. He set a splendid example to his men.

3/7377 L./Cpl. N. Mackenzie, Sea. Highrs. (Baroas, Stornoway).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, in sole charge of his Lewis gun, the remainder of the team having become casualties. When the enemy counter-attacked he reserved his fire and knocked over many, checking their advance. His company officer was killed while attempting to reach him with Lewis-gun magazines, but he retrieved the ammunition and remained, firing, at his post when men were falling back on both flanks.

19122 L./Cpl. J. McKnight, K.O.S.B. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the section gained their objective and were consolidating the positions, they were suddenly subjected to a hail of bombs from the enemy's machine-gun position. This man and a comrade threw their bombs into the enemy's strong point and rushed it on their own initiative, capturing two automatic rifles and twelve prisoners, and wounding two. Their prompt action enabled the regiment on the right to advance when they were temporarily held up.

8814 Sjt. F. McLennan, Sea. Highrs. (Allan-grange).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company officer was wounded and unable to move, he ably assisted him to control the situation. Later, when his company commander was killed, he went about from shell-hole to shell-hole, organising the line and encouraging the men until himself wounded.

I/20891 C.S.M. T. Martin, Dur. L.I. (Newcastle).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He organised his platoon to meet an enemy attack and kept up communication with the company on his left, continually moving over ground swept by heavy shell fire to do so. Throughout the operations he inspired all ranks by his great coolness and contempt of danger.

L/13243 Sjt. W. J. Martin, Mdx. R. (Kilburn).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. All the officers of his company having become casualties, he held the post occupied by his platoon for forty-eight hours, for much of the time being isolated, owing to the enemy's attack on his right and left. By his courage and excellent dispositions he successfully maintained his position, protected



the right flank, and inflicted heavy loss on the enemy.

4/8858 Pte. W. Meechan, A. & S. Highrs. (Greenock).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as runner. Throughout a strong enemy counter-attack he kept his company in touch with battalion headquarters and other companies, continually passing through an intense barrage, which continued for over sixteen hours, when all other means of communication had failed. He conveyed most valuable information as to the progress of the counter-attack, returning through the enemy barrage at its worst with the commanding officer's orders. Later, he carried a severely wounded man through the barrage to the aid post, thereby saving his life. He set a magnificent example of courage and devotion to duty.

20117 Pte. W. H. Millard, R.A.M.C. (Tredegar).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as stretcher-bearer during an action. He went to the assistance of three men who were buried, and, under severe shell fire, dug them out, dressed them, and assisted them to a relay post. Though wounded himself, he remained at duty for two days, setting a most inspiring example of courage and determination to all. With two others he extinguished fire in an ammunition dump close to a dug-out occupied by wounded, and got the wounded away safely.

20624 C.S.M. C. Miller, Dur. L.I. (Spenny-more).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When several men were buried in a dug-out by an enemy barrage, he went along the top of the trench and dug them out single-handed. His prompt action undoubtedly saved their lives.

10334 A./Sjt. J. Miller, K.O.S.B. (Falkirk).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as acting C.S.M. after all the other N.C.Os. had been killed or wounded. Throughout the operation he showed conspicuous courage and coolness, and inspired all ranks under him with confidence.

22540 Pte. C. P. Millichap, G. Gds. (Hooton Green).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as one of a Lewis gun party detached to neutralise an enemy machine-gun post on the flank. This they were unable to do, being driven back with casualties, the man carrying the Lewis gun being among them. Pte. Millichap volunteered to go out again, and brought in a wounded man. He then went out again and brought in the Lewis gun, and subsequently brought it into action again.

5374 Sjt. C. E. Minchin, Berks. R. (Dublin).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. His officer was wounded in the leg, and told him to leave him. He, however, bound up his wound, sent a man back to report, and with the help of the remaining man succeeded in carrying the

officer out of danger, after being under shell fire for four hours.

45960 Sjt. R. Mineards, Dur. L.I. (Northampton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the flank of the battalion became exposed on the final objective, he consolidated his position, and succeeded in silencing the enemy by rifle and Lewis gun fire. He inspired all ranks by his magnificent example of coolness and courage under heavy fire.

21570 C.S.M. J. A. Mitchell, R.W. Surr. R. (Selsey).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company with the greatest courage and initiative in an advance when all his officers had become casualties. He captured the objective and took many prisoners. He set a fine example of courage and cheerfulness under very difficult conditions and heavy shell fire.

15259 Gnr. H. Moloney, R.F.A. (Minories).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in rescuing three wounded men from a burning gun-pit. He collapsed, and had to be carried to the dressing station. He has always displayed complete fearlessness and coolness, and set a fine example to the rest of the battery.

4549 Cpl. (L./S.) G. Moon, R.W. Fus. (Ynysir, Glam.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon with great skill in an attack, taking an enemy trench and killing or putting to flight the whole garrison. Later, he established an advanced post, which largely enabled his company to capture its final objectives. He displayed great courage and ability throughout the day.

6993 C.S.M. (A./R.S.M.) F. Moore, Linc. R. (Sheerness).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During operations he did excellent work organising carrying parties, collecting ammunition, and sending it forward. At one period, under heavy M.G. fire, he went back himself and brought up S.O.S. signals.

17984 Cpl. T. Moran, Manch. R. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He became detached with a handful of men during an attack. As the advance proceeded he collected other men, organised them into a party, and consolidated his position. He remained in command until relieved, showing a very keen grasp of the situation. The knowledge which he gained of the position was of the greatest value, and he showed initiative and courage which were a splendid example to his men.

9077 S.M. D. G. L. Morgan, Worcester R. (Eastbourne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He worked unceasingly in helping to organise the companies, consolidating the position, and getting up ammunition. He set a fine example to the whole battalion by his fearless conduct.

72652 Pte. M. Morgan, M.G.C. (Durham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went forward with a gun team in an attack, and when the advance was held up by a machine gun he went forward with another man, killed the crew, and captured the gun after a sharp engagement. He did excellent work later as runner, and set a fine example throughout the operations.

25020 Sjt. S. Morgan, R.W. Fus. (Llandudno).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took over the duties of company serjeant-major just before an attack. Owing to a hostile counter-attack the line was somewhat disorganised, but he collected the men and advanced to the assault. After the assault he reorganised his company, and led forward a party against a concrete dug-out, capturing fourteen prisoners. He showed the greatest courage, resource, and skill throughout.

5834 Pte. F. Mulligan, R. Dub. Fus. (Kilsyth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Shortly after the company had reached its objective the enemy counter-attacked. Owing to casualties he had to take charge of two Lewis guns, one of which he fired himself and the other he directed with such effect that he dispersed the enemy, who retired in disorder. Thereupon he rushed his guns forward and completed their confusion, inflicting heavy casualties.

17650 L./Cpl. W. A. Murgatroyd, R. Fus. (Skipton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a Lewis gun post in front of the line. A party of about fifty of the enemy advanced against his post covered by snipers, but he mounted his gun and beat off the attack. He showed great contempt of danger, and set an excellent example to his men.

314 C.S.M. (A./R.S.M.) C. Murphy, Lancs. Fus. (Walsall).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He did valuable work throughout the operation under heavy shell fire, and collected scattered parties of men of all units and organised them for the defence. He also marked out a track from the front line under heavy fire, without which it would have been impossible to carry out the relief of the battalion. He showed great initiative and fearlessness.

3655 C.S.M. Drill/Sjt. G. M. Murphy, I. Gds. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While the line was being heavily shelled he reorganised the garrison and re-established the line at a moment when the S.O.S. had gone up.

5877 C.S.M. (T./R.S.M.) W. Neale, L'pool R., attd E. Lan. R., T.F. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the Bn. H.Q. was caught in the enemy barrage and signallers killed, he reorganised them. As all H.Q. officers were hit early, he filled their places with the best ability.

45689 Sjt. G. A. Newman, R.F.A. (Bishop Stortford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in keeping the battery in action during an S.O.S. attack under very heavy fire, after both officers at the guns had been wounded. He has shown great gallantry on several occasions, getting wounded men out of areas under shell fire, and has inspired the detachment, composed mostly of recruits, to behave in a most gallant manner.

7032 Cpl. W. D. Nicholson, R.W. Kent R. (Wingate, Co. Durham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of his platoon in an attack after his platoon officer and serjeant had become casualties. He accounted for twelve of the enemy. Later, as senior N.C.O., he took over the duties of C.S.M., and finally, when his Company Commander was killed, he took over the company and brought it out of action.

7594 C.S.M. J. Nolan, R. Dub. Fus. (E. Maesteg).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of the first wave of his company, after the officer had become a casualty. He captured the objective and consolidated the position. During the night he took a patrol into No Man's Land, and visited every post in the company.

9581 L./Cpl. J. O'Brien, R. Dub. Fus. (Dublin).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon was held up by a hostile machine gun, he dashed at the gun and silenced it, killing the entire team of four and taking another man prisoner. After this the objective was reached and consolidated.

35723 L./Cpl. T. O'Sullivan, Lancs. Fus. (Aldershot).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. With three others, he attacked an enemy strong point, which had been causing many casualties, capturing a machine gun and killing or capturing all the garrison. He showed splendid courage and initiative.

51191 A./C.S.M. J. W. Peagram, Manch. R. (Ashton-under-Lyne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in going from shell hole to shell hole, under heavy fire, to keep up the men's spirits. Later on, in charge of 100 men, after all their officers and N.C.O.'s had become casualties, he succeeded in repelling a counter-attack.

45237 L./Cpl. W. G. T. Pearse, Worcester R. (Worcester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a mopping up party in an attack. A small party of the enemy were giving trouble. He immediately attacked them with great courage and determination, shot the leader, and captured the remainder.

200508 Sjt. J. R. Pearson, R. Lanc. R. (Millom, Cumberland).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his platoon

during an attack, and kept his men well under control in spite of heavy casualties. He personally rushed two shell holes from which snipers were firing, and superintended the clearing of several others. Though wounded, he led his men to the objective and engaged an enemy strong point beyond it, collecting scattered parties of men and leading them to the attack. His courage and initiative was a magnificent example to all.

1341 Cpl. P. N. L. Pellandine, E. Kent R. (Clerkenwell).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his Lewis gun section was checked by hostile machine gun fire during an attack, he at once made a forward reconnaissance and brought his gun into action. When his gun was knocked out he collected some men, stalked the machine gun, and succeeded in capturing it. He then got the captured gun into action, and used it with great effect on the enemy. He showed splendid courage and initiative.

L/6425 A./Cpl. F. T. Pillams, R.F.A. (E., Manor Park).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action, when he was wounded. He kept his gun in action under very heavy fire till it received a direct hit. The four guns of the battery being successively put out of action, he increased his own rate of fire as each gun was silenced. During an S.O.S. he kept his gun in action, though the battery was being heavily shelled and ammunition going off.

15445 C.Q.M.S. J. Pollard, York. L.I. (Heckmondwike).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During five nights he took up rations to the front line and showed unfailing resolution and devotion to duty in bringing his parties repeatedly through the zone of the enemy's barrage. His example was a fine incentive to his men.

8978 Sjt. G. F. Pope, R. Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of two platoons during an attack. He collected men of another company which had lost all its officers, also men of other units, and captured a portion of the objective and several prisoners. Later, seeing some troops on the flank retiring, he detached a portion of his command and regained the original positions.

19449 Sjt. G. Portlock, York. L.I. (Grimsby).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the officers of his company were casualties in an attack he took command of his company and consolidated the captured position under heavy shell fire. He set a splendid example of courage to his men.

5759 A./L.Sjt. C. Rayner, Manch. R. (Peel Green, near Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He took command of his company when all the officers were casualties and led it forward. He supervised the reorganisation and consolidation after the final

objective was captured, and remained in command of the company until the battalion was relieved. He displayed the greatest initiative and devotion to duty, and set a splendid example to the company.

7411 C.S.M. H. Reynolds, M.G. Corps (Dorset).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during four days' operations. He kept communication throughout with the forward guns and company headquarters under the greatest difficulties and constant shelling. He repeatedly rallied men and sent them forward again.

15457 L./Cpl. W. H. Ridge, York. & Lanc. R. (E. Rotherham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After a strong enemy raid had been driven back he asked permission to take out a patrol of four men. In broad daylight he went beyond our wire and encountered a party of the enemy in a shell-hole, who put up an obstinate resistance. The patrol attacked them with bombs, killing four and wounding a fifth, whom the patrol brought in, thus obtaining a valuable identification.

200081 C./S./M. H. Roberts, N. Lanc. R. (Preston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the company officers had become casualties, he took command and led the attack with great determination. During the consolidation he personally sited the trench line and strong points in advance of the position. He showed great courage and a thorough grasp of the situation, and kept his men well under control throughout the action.

11271 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) S. Robinson, S. Staff. R. (Heath Hayes).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of the battalion scouts, obtaining valuable information regarding the progress of the attack. He captured, single-handed, a "pill-box" containing twelve of the enemy, which had been overlooked by the front-line troops. He also bayoneted many enemy snipers, who had feigned death and been passed over by the attacking troops.

8090 C.S.M. A. P. Rodgers, Sea. Highrs. (Elgin).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He assumed command of a platoon for four days under heavy and continuous shell fire. Throughout he displayed the greatest courage and energy, and set a splendid example to the men.

24124 Pte. B. Roe, G. Gds. (Leigh, Lancs.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Noticing that his company was suffering casualties from a "pill-box," he collected two men and rushed it, killing eight of the enemy and capturing the "pill-box" and fifteen men inside.

202547 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) M. Ross, R. War. R. (Linlithgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a successful raid. He effected an entry only after severe hand to hand fight-

ing, in which he killed three of the enemy, capturing others. He also carried out three successful patrols on the night prior to the raid, bringing back valuable information.

240267 Sjt. T. Rowe, L'pool R. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On his own initiative he collected a party of men of various units who were mixed up and disorganised, and led them to the attack on an enemy strong point, which he captured with ten prisoners and a machine gun. He garrisoned the position, making it secure against counter-attack. His unflinching courage and excellent leadership rallied the men with him and added to the success of the operations.

243115 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) J. H. Rubery, R. War. R. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his officers became casualties during an advance he took command of all the men in the neighbourhood and led them forward to the company's objective, which he consolidated, capturing a large number of prisoners and several machine guns. His leadership and example were of the greatest value.

200679 L./Cpl. T. Rusdale, S. Lanc. R. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company had suffered severe casualties and all the N.C.O.'s in his platoon were killed or wounded, he took command and reorganised several other parties, who were without leaders, under very heavy hostile shell fire. By his courage, resource and initiative he rendered great assistance to the only remaining officer in the sector.

31216 Pte. C. Rush, Essex R. (Mayland).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as stretcher-bearer after all the other bearers were out of action. He continued for twelve hours tending the wounded without help in the open and placing them under cover. Later, he carried a badly wounded man in on his back, all under very heavy fire.

251592 2nd Cpl. S. E. Russell, R.E. (West Wickham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of a Bde. Exchange. When both his linesmen became missing, he maintained communication until relieved, himself acting as linesman besides taking his turn as telephonist. He had two lines of his own which were cut dozens of times, but which he repaired single-handed.

12063 Sjt. A. Sanders, Worcester R. (Bromsgrove).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He led his platoon with great determination against a "pill-box" which had been checking the advance. Later, he took over the duties of Company Serjeant-Major, and did excellent work in reorganising the company. He set a splendid example to all ranks.

266451 Cpl. E. Secker, Ches. R. (Dukinfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of a Lewis gun team occupying an advanced post, and, though his position was twice blown up and most of his men became casualties, he held his position with one man until relieved. He did most valuable work in maintaining the new positions against hostile counter-attacks and severe shell and machine gun fire.

20513 Pte. A. H. Shave, Norf. R. (Stowmarket).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as stretcher-bearer. When a wounded man was seen in No Man's Land about fifty yards from the enemy's line, he went out on his own initiative in daylight, and, though fired at with machine guns and rifles the whole time, succeeded, with the help of another man, in carrying him in over most difficult ground. He set a magnificent example of courage and self-sacrifice.

6650 Pte. J. Sharp, R.A.M.C. (Leicester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in carrying in five wounded men, thereby saving their lives, as the place was being heavily shelled at the time.

268012 Pte. J. W. Sheard, Ches. R. (Halifax).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as runner during an attack. He performed his duties in a gallant and fearless manner, on more than one occasion acting as guide to reinforcements, guiding them to their positions during most critical periods. He went about continually under the heaviest bombardments, setting a splendid example to all. On one occasion he brought in a severely wounded comrade from an exposed position.

10827 Pte. G. O. Shortrose, Gord. Highrs. (Burton-on-Trent).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on a raid with an officer and four other ranks. When the officer and two men were badly wounded he made a gallant effort to reach the enemy's line, which was found to be impossible. Under heavy machine-gun fire he assisted the officer back to our front line. He then went out and brought in a wounded man on his back. He searched some time for the other man, under heavy fire, and found his body. He could not bring it in then, but returned after dark and recovered it.

28073 Sjt. W. Sidlow, Lanc. Fus. (Atherton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in rushing two enemy posts, capturing twelve prisoners who had been holding up the advance.

27343 Pte. G. Sizer, K.O.S.B. (Haverhill).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the men of the company were suffering heavy casualties from an enemy "pill-box" containing two officers and three men, he ran forward alone, killed the three men, and captured the two officers.

241994 Cpl. F. H. Skelton, Lan. Fus. (Rochdale).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of his platoon after his officer had become a casualty. He held his post against a strong counter-attack. Later he was wounded in going out to try to deal with a sniper who had caused many casualties.

20320 Pte. A. Smith, Norf. R. (Gt. Saxham, nr. Bury St. Edmunds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a wounded man was seen in No Man's Land, about fifty yards from the enemy's line, he went out on his own initiative in daylight, and, though fired at with machine guns and rifles the whole time, assisted in carrying him in over most difficult ground. He set a magnificent example of courage and self-sacrifice.

66599 Pte. (A./L.-Sjt.) W. Smith, R.A.M.C. (W. Lavington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He worked continuously for forty-eight hours, directing stretcher-bearers and accompanying them through heavy shell fire over difficult ground, and carried in a wounded man under heavy fire. His coolness and energy inspired all ranks.

18780 A./C.S.M. A. Steel, York. L.I. (Wakefield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When most of his officers were casualties he assisted in consolidating the captured ground under a heavy barrage. Later, he went out on patrol and gained valuable information. His gallantry was a fine example to all ranks.

3771 Cpl. E. Stockton, Lanc. Fus. (Salford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in carrying messages from battalion headquarters to the front line under heavy fire and in unspeakable conditions. He succeeded in reaching the proper quarter with his message every time. His assistance to his C.O. during the transport of rations from battalion headquarters to the front line was invaluable.

38565 Sjt. P. W. Sturt, R.F.A. (Camberwell).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Three of his detachment having been wounded, he was helping to serve the gun when a shell landed within a yard, blowing him off the seat of the gun. Finding the gun had been put out of action, he manned the next gun, and continued to serve it under heavy fire until the situation was reported satisfactory, when he was ordered to take cover.

39630 Cpl. G. Sykes, York. L.I. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When an enemy strong point was causing trouble he collected a party and rushed the point, capturing an officer and twelve other prisoners and four machine-guns. His determined action was of the greatest assistance to the advance.

66774 Bomdr. (A./Cpl.) G. W. Taylor, R.F.A. (Reading).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Though wounded, he helped to carry a wounded signaller to a place of safety. He then went forward in charge of signallers to the forward observation post. On the following morning he went forward behind the infantry attack, established a visual station under heavy shell fire, and sent back several urgent messages. Though again wounded, he remained at his post. He showed the greatest courage and devotion to duty.

27316 L./Cpl. H. Taylor, R. Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as battalion runner during four days' operations, delivering messages to the front line by day and night, often when other runners had failed, under heavy fire and in the worst possible weather conditions.

7811 C.S.M. T. R. Taylor, R.W. Kent R. (Swanscombe).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On four occasions he passed through a heavy barrage to lead up S.A.A., rations and water to the men in front who were being attacked.

12215 Cpl. G. Thomson, K.O.S.B. (Brydekirk by Annan).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in working round the flank and capturing an enemy strong point which was holding up the company. In it were about fifty of the enemy. He afterwards beat off with loss all counter-attacks on his trench.

S/3214 Sjt. E. G. Thompson, R. Bde. (Forest Gate).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of the battalion pack transport, and on reaching the ration dump the mules stampeded owing to heavy shell fire, the loads falling off the mules. With great coolness he collected the scattered stores, reloaded the animals, and, going forward under the enemy's fire, delivered his ammunition and stores complete. He rendered most valuable service to his battalion.

200500 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) O. Tomlin, R. War. R. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He located and attacked an enemy machine-gun which had caused many casualties and was holding up the advance, and captured it with five prisoners. He showed the greatest courage and initiative.

10018 Sjt. H. A. Tracey, R.W. Surrey R. (Dover).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He steadied his men by his example under continuous shell fire. When an ammunition dump was set on fire during an enemy barrage, he at once went to the spot in spite of several explosions, and with the help of another N.C.O. extinguished the fire. His prompt and courageous action saved loss of life and ammunition.

202036 Sjt. W. J. Trethewey, Hamps. R. (St. Austell).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. His platoon met with

considerable machine-gun and rifle fire, but he kept them going, and the position was successfully captured and consolidated. His stout-hearted leadership was of the greatest value, and he set a fine example of pluck and determination.

304530 Pte. E. R. Tyler, Lond. R., attd. R. Bde. (Plumstead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the enemy's bombardment, before his infantry attack, a Lewis gun and the whole of its team were buried. Seeing this, he left the trench, ran to the position, dug out the gun, and got it into action single-handed by the time the enemy's attack was launched. He continued to fire the gun throughout the attack, and by his coolness and initiative saved what threatened to be a very critical situation.

20479 L./Cpl. H. Unsworth, G. Gds. (Wigan).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in rushing, together with another N.C.O., two field guns and twenty-four of the enemy, who were lying by the guns and firing their rifles. They surrendered when they charged them with the bayonet.

242558 Pte. W. G. Upton, Lan. Fus. (Swansea).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. For thirty hours he carried messages to and fro from all parts of the battlefield, and never once failed to carry out his task. On two occasions he was blown into the air by shells, but recovered and carried out his orders. On relief, he collapsed from sheer fatigue and had to be assisted back.

G/10386 Pte. G. Vickery, Mdx. R. (Hounslow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He continually carried important messages through heavy shell fire and through intense barrages. He also conducted carrying parties forward when the shelling was at its worst. His cheerfulness and courage were a splendid example throughout the action.

218 Pte. J. Voller, R.W. Surr. R. (Kilnplatt).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a company stretcher-bearer during a raid. He remained in the enemy trench after the raiding party had withdrawn, to look after any wounded. On his way back he worked for six hours under fire in "No Man's Land," eventually getting three men back to our lines.

241248 C./S./M. T. Vose, S. Lan. R. (St. Helens).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his men became disorganised, owing to heavy machine-gun and snipers' fire, he showed great courage and coolness in rallying several parties and leading them forward. He was among the first to reach the objective.

2259 Pte. O. F. Waddington, W. Gds. (Llantrisant).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went out in daylight with a party in an attempt to destroy an enemy strong

point. On reaching the enemy's lines he stood on the parapet and tried to take them prisoners, but his party were outnumbered, and fired on by the enemy, and were forced to withdraw. Two of his party were wounded, and he went out in daylight to search for them, and succeeded in bringing one of them in, though under fire from enemy snipers the whole time. At night he went out with a party to find the other wounded man, and went right up to and along the enemy's trench. He set a splendid example of courage and determination.

24478 Cpl. C. J. Wall, R. Dub. Fus. (Battersea).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He went out to establish connection with the company on his right and on his way found a party which was held up by fire from two machine-guns. He at once took command, organised them into a bombing party, which he led, capturing both guns and ten prisoners. He showed the greatest courage and initiative.

9650 C.S.M. J. Wallsgrove, R.W. Fus. (Warwick).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy retired he and an officer and two men went out and attacked a "pill-box," killing three of the enemy himself.

8/10879 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) H. Ward, S. Staff. R. (Willenhall).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company straight to the final objective with great coolness and disregard of danger, and organised the consolidation of the captured position, all the officers having become casualties. He personally captured twenty prisoners and continued to command the company with great courage and ability for two days.

6047 C.S.M. V. W. Ward, R.W. Fus. (Blackpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his company when all the officers were casualties. Later in the day, when the supply of ammunition in the front line gave out, by his personal example and influence he held his position until the arrival of a fresh supply. His courage and example were undoubtedly responsible for maintaining the front-line position.

40603 Pte. (A./Sjt.) C. A. Watch, Lanc. Fus. (Shepton Mallet).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When an enemy machine-gun post was seriously affecting the left of the line, he collected three men, and rushed it, putting the gun out of action and capturing two officers and twenty-five men. At the end of the attack the party found themselves in enemy lines, but though a barrage was put on it by our artillery they succeeded in making their way back to our lines.

6434 Pte. (A./L./Sjt.) T. Waterman, R.A.M.C. (Gillingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his squads of bearers eight times through an intense barrage and get-

ting back many wounded. Early in the day he was wounded and buried by a shell, but refused to rest. Later he was again wounded, but carried on until all wounded had been brought back.

3/7312 L./Cpl. W. V. Watkins, Som. L.I. (Bristol).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in working round the rear of a "pill-box" that was holding up his platoon. He killed three of the garrison of twelve with the bayonet. This enabled the remainder of the platoon to rush up, capture the "pill-box," and account for the remainder of the garrison, except two.

9264 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) A. Wheatley, S. Staff. R. (Jersey, C. Islands).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He attacked and captured a machine gun before it could be brought into action. He showed great energy in constructing a strong point on a threatened flank. He kept a Lewis gun in his post, and killed many of the enemy who exposed themselves.

27640 Pte. N. Wheeler, R. War. R. (Gloucester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in tending the wounded in the open under heavy fire. He went out six times in face of heavy machine-gun fire and brought back a wounded man each time. He crawled out and recovered important messages off the body of a runner who had just been killed by a very active sniper. He was finally hit while bringing in a stretcher case.

67691 A./Sjt. F. White, M.G.C. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his officer had become a casualty he led his guns forward to a position gained by the infantry. He remained some 200 yards in front of the front line for two days, during which time his guns dispersed attempted counter-attacks. Several of his men became casualties.

31704 L./Cpl. (A./Sjt.) A. Whitehead, R.E. (Nottingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When communications between brigade and battalions were continually cut by shell fire he worked unceasingly to keep touch, going out again and again, mending the wires under heavy fire. By his bearing and behaviour under very difficult conditions he set a magnificent example to his men.

14293 L./Sjt. R. Whitmore, Durh. L.I. (Morton Colliery, Co. Durham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when some advanced posts were raided by the enemy. With one man, he rushed the trench, and by skilful bombing drove off the enemy, who were in considerable numbers, and were enveloping one of his posts. His courage and resource prevented the position from being surrounded, and saved several casualties.

265042 C.S.M. A. Wilkinson, Ches. R. (Stockport).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was of great assistance in as-

sembling his company for the assault under very heavy fire, and led them forward in the attack, capturing the objective. Throughout the day his coolness and energy under very heavy shell and machine-gun fire were a fine example to his men.

2575 Sqn. Cpl.-Maj. (A./R. Cpl.-Maj.) C. Wright, Household Bn. (Nottingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the guides became casualties he volunteered to take up a company of the relieving battalion, guiding them by compass-bearing, and completed his task successfully.

13946 L./Cpl. F. H. Wright, Notts. & Derby. R. (Ilkeston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the attack was held up he pushed forward with a Lewis gun, captured an enemy machine gunner after shooting two others, and enabled the advance to continue. He showed splendid courage and initiative throughout.

12050 Sjt. F. S. Yates, R. Lanc. R. (St. Annes-on-Sea).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon brilliantly in the attack, and was instrumental in bringing about the early fall of a strong enemy position. He then led his platoon forward and captured and consolidated a further objective. When all his officers became casualties he took command of the company. His dispositions were excellent, and he was able to inflict heavy loss on the enemy by his skilful handling of Lewis guns. He showed unfailing zeal and courage throughout the operations.

#### AUSTRALIAN FORCE.

5026 Pte. S. J. Ainsworth, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as runner during an attack. He continually volunteered for the most dangerous work under heavy fire, and was invaluable to his section officer. With one other man he captured a machine gun and seven prisoners, and showed splendid courage and initiative.

1068 Cpl. L. W. Ashmore, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the advance was held up by an enemy strong point he organised a party, and by a brilliant movement, though under heavy shell and machine gun fire, captured the strong point with fifteen prisoners and two machine guns. After the capture of the final objective it was partly due to his fine selection of fire positions that two counter-attacks were beaten off. He rendered invaluable service to the battalion by his cheerfulness and coolness and by his skill in organising his sector of the line.

5119 Pte E. I. Barrett, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in carrying messages for forty-eight hours continuously to the front line under the heaviest fire. On another occasion he gained the foremost position won by the battalion, and inflicted many casualties on



the enemy with his rifle. Later, he volunteered to bring back information, and successfully got through, though it seemed certain death.

4374 Sjt. T. L. Bowler, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in reorganising the company, together with another N.C.O., after all the officers had become casualties, and leading it forward to the final objective. On another occasion, after all the officers were casualties, he established his men in a most forward position, and hung on, under heavy fire, until ordered to withdraw after dark.

550 Sjt. H. A. Boys, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty with the battalion transport. (The pack train was heavily shelled every day, and it was entirely due to coolness and prompt action that the pack animals were brought through the hostile barrage. When some of his animals were wounded he was instrumental in clearing the road and preventing a dangerous congestion of traffic.

123 Sjt. E. R. Bregenzer, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in reorganising his platoon after the officer had been killed. When the advance was checked by an enemy post he rushed forward, bombed the machine gun and captured fifteen prisoners. His dash and determination materially contributed to the establishment of our line in its new position.

618 C.S.M. J. L. Brown, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. When all the officers but one of his company became casualties he was largely responsible for its reorganisation under intense artillery fire. His control of the men and splendid example contributed greatly to the success achieved.

1919 Cpl. P. C. Callahan, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed great dash and gallantry in an attack on a crater. He gallantly led his section forward, and in face of strong resistance bombed an enemy post and captured seventeen prisoners.

1096 Cpl. A. W. Cavanagh, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. When the advance to the second objective was held up, he organised and led a party against the enemy's position. Though wounded early in the attack, he remained at duty, and, single-handed, rushed a concrete shelter, putting the whole garrison of twenty out of action, thus allowing the advance to continue. He remained with his men until after the final objective had been consolidated, and by his courage and coolness set a splendid example to all ranks.

11 S./M. E. Clark, A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He constantly supervised the relays of ambulance bearers and the forwarding of stores and rations to the regimental aid posts. While engaged in this work his party came under heavy shell fire, and casualties were

caused. He dressed a wounded man and got him to a place of safety, and then carried on, sending forward urgent stores. His coolness and contempt of danger kept the men together at a critical time.

250 Spr. (T./2nd Cpl.) D. T. Curdie, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was one of a party engaged in the construction of a strong point, and when the two senior N.C.O.'s became casualties, he took charge, and set a fine example to his party, labouring almost to the point of exhaustion. Having returned about two and a half miles with his section, he volunteered to guide another working party back to the strong point across a heavily shelled area. It was owing to his skill, determination, and courage that the party was able to reach its position.

289 Pte. J. J. Doherty, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As a scout he gained most valuable information, which greatly assisted in the machine-gun work, and continually passed through heavy barrages when carrying messages. With another man he captured a machine gun and seven prisoners, and showed splendid courage and initiative.

1933 Pte. F. M. Fitzpatrick, M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In an attack the man carrying the gun was wounded, and the gun left in the mud. He took his gun crew to the objective, and then went back under heavy fire and fetched the gun. When heavy artillery fire was concentrated on his guns, he moved them forward, and so escaped the bulk of the shelling. On being relieved, two men being badly wounded, he remained behind, bandaged them up and carried them to cover under a very heavy barrage.

594 C.S.M. F. J. Fleet, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He commanded his company with great skill during the consolidation of the final objective. He organised the ammunition supply, and arranged the wiring of the position under intense artillery fire. He set a splendid example to his men.

603 L./Cpl. L. G. A. Good, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When an enemy machine gunner killed his serjeant, he leaped out and bombed the position, killing the gun crew and capturing the gun. He then rallied the men and led them in the assault on the final objective.

378 Sjt. T. W. Gooda, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in helping to keep his company together under most trying conditions. With a very few men he pushed on to a strong point, rushed it, and captured many prisoners and several machine guns.

3323 L./Cpl. F. W. Goodland, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a Lewis gun section. The whole of his section were put out of action by an enemy barrage at the assembly position, but he got his gun and some

ammunition forward and attacked a "pill-box" which held up the advance. He put two machine guns out of action, and then rushed the post single-handed, capturing the gun. His courageous act enabled the advance to continue, and prevented many casualties.

858 Sjt. E. J. Gothard, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. Whenever the advance was impeded he was always ready to lead a party to deal with the obstacle. He led an attack on a strong point, and captured ten prisoners and a machine gun. Later, he was wounded, but refused to leave his post until utterly exhausted. By his great courage and determination he rendered valuable assistance to his company.

408 Sjt. I. W. Gunn, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He took command of his platoon when his officer became a casualty, and during the advance encountered a party of the enemy assembling for an attack. He rushed forward, firing his rifle, and the enemy fell back to a concrete dug-out, where they held up the advance by machine gun fire. He attacked and silenced the machine gun, capturing the entire crew. His courage set a splendid example to his men.

2666 Pte. W. Haley, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when carrying rations to the front line. The route, which lay across the open, was heavily shelled, and he was severely wounded. He struggled on, however, a distance of half a mile, although heavily laden, and succeeded in delivering the rations before he collapsed. His gallant and devoted action inspired the other men of the party to go forward and deliver their loads in like manner.

4131 Sjt. W. C. Harris, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in continuing to lead his section in an attack though wounded three times. He rushed a hostile blockhouse, silenced the gun, and captured the occupants. He remained at his post in the captured position until wounded again.

2965 Pte. A. P. Lilley, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as stretcher-bearer. He carried on his work under direct machine gun and rifle fire, and rendered splendid service in attending to the wounded of all battalions. He showed magnificent coolness and devotion to duty, and many men owe their lives to his courage in the face of heavy fire.

2850 L./Cpl. J. W. McDonald, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a Lewis gun section during an attack. He was wounded three times before the second objective was reached, but he kept his gun in action until wounded again, and got it to the final objective when all the other teams had become casualties. He showed great courage and determination.

2347 Pte. J. C. McFarlane, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as runner, carrying despatches through

heavy barrages. When the position of one of the new forward posts was obscure, he succeeded, under heavy fire, in locating it. It would otherwise have been cut off.

473 C.S.M. J. B. McGowan, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went forward alone and captured an enemy post, killing or capturing the whole garrison. Later, when an N.C.O. of the company was badly wounded, he went over the open, under heavy shell and rifle fire, and brought him in. His courage and initiative have at all times been a very fine example to his men.

88 Cpl. C. J. Mitchell, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in laying 1,000 yards of wire during an attack, and finally establishing his forward report centre within 400 yards of the enemy posts. For eighteen hours he worked continuously, under heavy fire, mending breaks in the line. On three occasions he voluntarily carried messages to the forward posts in broad daylight. He was wounded in the leg, but carried on until relieved eighteen hours later. He was thrice buried by shell fire.

1260 Sjt. W. H. O'Hara, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as one of a party of twelve, which moved forward to attack strong enemy positions. After his officer had been seriously wounded, he took charge, assisting to drive the enemy out of a wood and to hold the ground gained.

942 L./Cpl. W. E. Oliver, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was the most prominent figure in the whole attack. He fired his Lewis gun from the hip on the retreating enemy, and silenced a machine gun firing from a "pill-box," and another later which was firing from a shell-hole. On reaching the objective, he reorganised teams and repaired guns under the hottest fire. In the second attack he was severely wounded in a duel with an enemy machine gun.

2674 C.S.M. G. Parker, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He got his company into the assembly position with great skill, and showed excellent leadership during the advance, capturing a machine gun and putting the crew out of action. His courage and coolness were largely responsible for the excellent work done by his company in the consolidation of the final objective and in repulsing several enemy counter-attacks.

6310 L./Cpl. B. C. Pearce, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as stretcher-bearer during five days' operations. On several occasions he worked throughout the day and night without resting. He carried wounded men long distances on his back under heavy fire. On one occasion when a shell wounded the three other bearers he single-handed carried the wounded men to the aid post.

3419 Sjt. L. M. Phillips, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. Though wounded he

took charge of his platoon, led them forward to the objective and consolidated the position. He made frequent reconnaissances under heavy fire and established posts well forward in front of his line. He showed splendid courage and initiative.

1760 Cpl. W. O. Rabey, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his section through a barrage to the first objective. Then, as most of the section had become casualties, he organised the remainder of the platoon and led them forward to the second objective. Being held up by a concrete machine gun position he left most of his men to maintain fire on it, worked round the flank with a few men and captured the gun and seven of the crew. When all but two of his men had become casualties he took up a position in a shell-hole and continued sniping all day. He drove back with his rifle six of the enemy who attempted to recapture the gun position, killing two of them.

5211 Pte. A. R. Roberts, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a position was to be captured by a flank attack he went forward alone with a supply of bombs and made a daring frontal attack on the position, drawing the enemy's fire and enabling the attack to close on the enemy from behind. His courage and resource assisted greatly in saving a difficult situation.

976 Cpl. W. W. T. Robertson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his section to the final objective after his platoon commander was killed, and digging in on an exposed flank. On his own initiative he took out a patrol, located two enemy machine guns, and captured two prisoners. Compelled by our barrage to return, he did so with great skill, having only two casualties.

2779 Sjt. W. D. Scorer, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He assisted in guiding the battalion to the assembly position. During the advance he maintained direction on the flank in a most efficient manner and when held up by machine gun fire crept forward alone and put the gun out of action. Though wounded he continued at his task until badly wounded at the final objective, setting a fine example of courage and initiative.

407 C.S.M. G. W. Seymour, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He personally rushed an enemy machine gun strong point and shot two of the crew. His gallant conduct inspired his men to fight bravely and successfully during the remainder of the attack.

5488 Pte. E. J. Smith, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a runner during an attack. He passed through the heaviest barrages carrying messages and maintaining communication, and though twice blown up he remained at duty until the battalion was relieved. He

set a splendid example of courage and devotion to duty.

935 Sjt. S. Smith, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He successfully held a difficult position against counter-attacks, and at a critical stage kept his Lewis guns in action with ammunition taken from casualties. He showed great resource and initiative in leading parties to attack enemy machine guns, and set a splendid example of contempt of danger to his men.

3943 L./Cpl. J. T. Swain, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a machine gun in an attack. When the advance came under heavy fire from some pill-boxes, he penetrated the barrage and, getting his gun into action on a flank, silenced two of the enemy's machine guns, thereby enabling the line to advance and rush the position. Afterwards, when the enemy retired, he rushed forward ahead of the line and inflicted heavy casualties on them. He showed splendid courage and resource.

2427 Pte. J. Tehan, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a scout. During the attack he was continuously out in front of the leading line, locating and attacking machine guns, two of which he put out of action single-handed. He located a battery of field guns, and put one of them out of action by bombing the gunners. Throughout the operations he rendered valuable service in carrying messages, and reconnoitring, locating, and mopping-up enemy strong points.

8026 Spr. W. C. D. Veale, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was one of a party who were starting to mark out an assembly position when the officer and three others were seriously wounded. He attended to all their wounds under continuous shell-fire and got them away to safety. He then marked out the assembly position successfully. He showed great courage and initiative.

3973 L./Cpl. A. L. Webber, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He attacked two pill-boxes with his section, killing several and capturing five of the enemy. During the attack on a strong point he showed coolness and judgment of a high order in handling his men, and gallantly led them in an attack on the position.

537 Sjt. R. L. Weir, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in collecting his men after all the officers had become casualties, and leading an attack on an enemy machine gun position. After putting this gun out of action he established his men in a position which he held until relieved six days later.

1208 Sjt. M. P. Willey, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of his platoon during an attack. He was instrumental in capturing an enemy machine gun and a large number of prisoners. He went forward on four occasions and brought in wounded.

307 Sjt. C. H. Willis, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of his company after all the officers had become casualties. They dug themselves in on the second objective, and firmly established their part of the line. Though wounded in the head, he remained on duty until the battalion was relieved.

4000 Pte. W. O. Wilson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. When the leading troops were subjected to heavy enfilade fire from a pill-box, he led his section on his own initiative and attacked and captured it, putting the whole garrison out of action and taking four enemy machine guns. His courage and devotion to duty were an inspiration to his comrades.

595 (T./Sjt.) C. R. Yells, Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the enemy railway line, whereby about ninety of the enemy were killed and seventy taken prisoners; and great destruction was wrought.

#### CANADIAN FORCE.

436809 Sjt. A. Hunter, Can. Rail Troops.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While repairing a light railway line his party was almost wiped out by heavy shell-fire. He removed the wounded, collected another party, and returned and repaired the line under heavy fire. He set a splendid example, and showed an utter disregard of danger.

20187 Cpl. N. Pural, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When advancing he saw an enemy M.G. crew bring their gun out of a sap. He rushed the gun, but when within a pace of it the enemy got it going, hitting him in the right arm. He threw the gun backward over the sap, took the crew of six men and an officer prisoner, and conducted them to battalion headquarters though his arm was badly shattered.

331775 Bombr. R. F. Sharpe, G. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in volunteering three times to go through heavy fire to search for wounded men of another battery. His coolness and gallantry were remarkable.

#### NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

1539 Cpl. L. Hollett, Newfdld. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With utter disregard for his own safety he went forward alone and destroyed a sniper's post, and captured a dug-out from which the enemy were firing on his platoon. He showed great courage and initiative.

2181 Sjt. J. J. Murphy, Newfdld. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He led a small party against a blockhouse which was holding up the advance, and captured it with a machine gun and seventeen prisoners. He com-

manded his platoon throughout with great courage and ability.

916 Sjt. R. J. Purcell, Newfdld. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. When the advance was held up by an enemy blockhouse, he at once went forward with an officer and captured it, together with a machine gun, two officers, and five other prisoners. He showed great courage and initiative.

378 Sjt. C. P. Spurrell, Newfdld. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He led a small party in an attack on a pill-box which had held up the advance, and captured a machine gun and three prisoners. He showed great courage and initiative.

1726 Pte. W. Sutton, Newfdld. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He collected a small party and organised an attack on a blockhouse, capturing a machine gun and seventeen prisoners. He showed great courage and initiative.

#### NEW ZEALAND CONTINGENT.

32495 Cpl. C. S. Alexander, Auck. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He led a small party on his own initiative to fill a gap between his company and another unit. He rushed a pill-box which was inflicting casualties on two battalions, and captured thirty prisoners and three machine guns. He showed the greatest initiative and courage throughout.

28079 Sjt. E. K. Blundell, Well. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. When his platoon commander was wounded he took command of the platoon and led it in a successful attack on a machine gun. He set a splendid example of courage and initiative to his men throughout the operations.

8/2809 C./S./M. T. A. Bunbury, Otago R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The advance was held up by uncut wire and a very heavy machine-gun barrage, and all his officers became casualties. He took command of the company and, after making another gallant attempt to advance, he successfully reorganised the company, extricated them from a body of mixed troops and dug in under heavy fire. He continued in command of the company until relieved. During the whole operation in his efforts to lead, encourage and reorganise his command, he repeatedly exposed himself to the most deadly fire, and set a magnificent example of courage, cool leadership and determination.

8/3251 Sjt. W. D. Evans, Otago R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. All the officers near him in an attack became casualties, and he rallied the men under the most intense machine-gun fire and pushed forward. By taking command in a critical situation he kept his company under control and consolidated the position. His leadership, cheerfulness, and contempt of danger were an inspiration to the men.

10/2492 Sjt. K. A. Goldingham, Well. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His company was held up during an attack by an enemy machine gun. He worked round to a flank and rushed the gun single-handed, killing the crew. He then led his platoon forward to the objective, which he captured and held, under very heavy shell-fire. His fine leadership and courage were of the greatest value at a critical time.

4/741 Sjt. I. D. Guy, Otago R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. All the officers of his company became casualties, and he was the only sergeant left. He at once took command, and under very heavy machine-gun fire made repeated efforts to capture some enemy strong points, but was held up by uncut wire. He displayed the finest qualities of leadership and initiative.

9/1861 C./S./M. A. L. Hibbs, Otago R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His company was held up by heavy machine-gun fire and uncut wire. He displayed absolute contempt for danger, and repeatedly got sections forward and attempted to find a gap in the wire. He did most valuable work in reorganising his company, setting them a splendid example of courage and cheerfulness.

8/1518 Sjt. E. C. H. Jacob, Otago R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the officers of his company became casualties in an attack he took command at a critical moment and pushed forward. He captured an enemy strong-point in the face of very heavy fire and held his position all day. He set a splendid example of courage, leadership, and determination.

12/3062 Pte. H. A. Johnson, Auck. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After the capture of the enemy's position, two enemy machine guns were causing casualties during the consolidation. With two others he crept forward, shot the gunners, and captured the guns. He showed splendid courage and initiative.

18890 Sjt. L. J. Lloyd, Auck. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. When the advance was held up by two machine guns at close range he rushed forward single-handed, killed four of the enemy, and captured the two guns, thus enabling the advance to continue. He set a splendid example of courage and initiative on this and several other occasions.

8/2998 Sjt. L. P. Magee, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of a train of pack animals carrying ammunition and supplies forward. On two occasions, when his animals could get no further owing to the state of the ground, he organised carrying parties and succeeded in delivering the ammunition and supplies at their destination. He showed the greatest determination and initiative, and his efforts were the direct cause of the success of the machine guns in the operations.

12/4051 Cpl. W. F. Mahony, Auck. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He took command of his platoon and organised them after they had suffered heavy casualties. On seeing the flank of the advance held up, he rushed forward with a Lewis gun and with his section captured a pill-box with thirty prisoners. He then led his platoon to their objective. His courage and coolness inspired the whole company.

10/2235 Sjt. C. E. Menzies, Well. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Though wounded early in the action, he carried on his work as Lewis gun sergeant with great skill. After the capture of the objective, he continually visited his guns, encouraging his men and directing their fire. When the crew of one gun were all casualties he kept the gun in action himself, and by his coolness and courage under heavy fire inspired all his men with confidence.

2/809 S.S.M. A. S. Mulligan, N.Z.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of stretcher-bearers, and led parties forward to advanced posts under heavy fire and repeatedly went out himself to look for wounded in the shell-holes. He inspired all under him by his utter fearlessness, and it was owing to his initiative and coolness under fire that many wounded were saved.

10/2732 Cpl. A. Paterson, Well. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He collected a few men of different companies and organised an attack on a strongly-held concrete machine gun position which had caused casualties during the advance. He captured the position with three machine guns, putting thirty of the enemy out of action. His cool daring and initiative were a magnificent example to his men.

6/549 C.S.M. W. E. Smith, Canterbury R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of carrying parties during the operations, and did excellent work under heavy shell-fire, organising and guiding the parties up to the most forward positions. He set a splendid example of cheerfulness and contempt for danger.

22216 Sjt. D. Sterritt, Otago R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. Though wounded he took command of his platoon when his officer became a casualty and consolidated his objective under heavy shell-fire. He set a fine example of courage and leadership.

26932 Pte. J. B. Speakman, Auck. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a Lewis gun team during an attack. A concrete enemy gun position was inflicting severe casualties on the flank of the attack, but by skilful use of his gun he accounted for all the enemy in the gun position and enabled the advance to continue. Throughout the advance, and after the objective was captured, he used his gun with great judgment and effect. He showed great courage and initiative throughout.

6/1128 Sjt. J. Vincent, Canterbury B.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as battalion signalling serjeant in an attack. His commanding officer was killed during the attack and he went forward three times to find another officer to take command of the battalion, but in each case the officer for whom he was searching was wounded. He returned and established his communications, and finally found an officer to take command. Throughout the whole time he was exposed to the heaviest machine gun fire, and his cheerfulness and disregard of danger was a splendid example to all ranks.

12/960 Sjt. T./C.S.M. M. Ward, Well. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. When all his company officers became casualties he took command of the company and led it in the attack on the final objective. He showed great courage and good leadership throughout.

34458 Pte. J. H. Wilson, Auck. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. When the advance was held up by a party of the enemy, he attacked them with another man and captured them with two machine guns. This prompt and courageous action undoubtedly saved many lives and overcame an important point of resistance. He did excellent work throughout the operations.

# SOUTH AFRICAN FORCE.

5258 C.S.M. D. Brown, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an action. On many occasions he exposed himself for long periods superintending the work of consolidation. He carried messages under fire, and when the fighting was over, though wounded himself, he assisted in the search for wounded, saving the lives of several wounded men by his coolness and courage.

713 L./Sjt. T. T. Stewart, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He attacked an enemy machine gun which was inflicting casualties on his company and hampering the work of consolidation. With one man he advanced 200 yards through the barrage, captured the position and put the gun out of action. By his courageous action many lives were saved.

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