

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. Fergus, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With a few men he rushed a blockhouse 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.