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War Office,
28th March, 1918.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of a Bar to the Distinguished Conduct Medal to the undermentioned warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men:—

10021 C.S.M. J. Beaton, D.C.M., Sco. Rif. (N.S. Wales, Australia).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when with a relief battalion, which was caught in an intense hostile barrage. Many of the guides became casualties, and the task of getting the men into the posts would scarcely have been accomplished but for his magnificent conduct. He showed a total disregard of danger and the highest qualities of leadership until the relief was eventually completed.

(D.C.M. gazetted 1st January, 1918.)

H/46297 (frmlly. 3586) Sqdn. S.M. W. Blisshen, D.C.M., Hrs. (N. Kensington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took charge of parties during a very critical situation, when his officers had been wounded. Throughout the day he was

always at the most exposed parts of the line, and by his magnificent example of coolness and disregard of personal safety was largely instrumental in maintaining our line throughout a most difficult situation. (D.C.M. gazetted 17th December, 1914.)

18587 Sjt. T. G. Earle, D.C.M., Welsh R. (Battersea, London).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a Bn. Scout Serjeant and observer during three days' operations. He obtained connection with the right and centre companies both by day and night, when all other guides failed. During an attack he led a ration party to the rear company through heavy shelling, and, though suffering several casualties, arrived at his destination with the rations.

(D.C.M. gazetted 6th September, 1915.)

230854 C.S.M. A. E. Easthope, D.C.M., Lond. R. (Wolverhampton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He organised a party of men, mounted the parapet under heavy fire, and broke up the enemy's attack, causing them

to retire. He showed splendid initiative and leadership.

(D.C.M. gazetted 4th June, 1917.)

240022 (frmly. 821) C.S.M. H. T. Gardner, D.C.M., Mdd'x R. (Acton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was acting as R.S.M. when the enemy penetrated into our trenches. He at once organised bombing parties, and, by his energy and total disregard of danger, succeeded in driving the enemy out.

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

19109 Sjt. F. G. Hatherill, D.C.M., R.E. (Gillingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the action he was in charge of the forward station, between which and headquarters he succeeded in establishing communication in spite of very heavy shell fire. Later, he repeatedly essayed to lay lines to the advanced battalion, and at length was successful in obtaining communication, though he was throughout this period exposed to shell and machine gun fire of extreme violence. He remained at his post for forty-eight hours under circumstances which called for the greatest determination and courage.

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

7268 C.S.M. H. Kearney, D.C.M., R. Innis. Fus. (Londonderry).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He was in charge of his company when the final objective was reached, and directed the consolidation of the position and reorganised the company. Though wounded, he remained with his men until the position was secured, setting a splendid example of courage and determination.

(D.C.M. gazetted 6th September, 1915.)

11161 Pte. L. Lomas, D.C.M., S. Wales Bord. (Banbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty throughout two days' operations. He brought in wounded on several occasions under heavy fire. The company runners having become casualties, he volunteered to take a message to Bn. H.Q. He also volunteered to retrieve a Lewis gun about 60 yards in front of the trench, and did so under heavy sniping.

(D.C.M. gazetted 16th May, 1916.)

5300 C.S.M. J. Norris, D.C.M., Hamps. R. (Martyr Worthy).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion during lengthy operations. During a counter-attack he collected stragglers and led them forward, driving the enemy some distance back. He also rendered valuable work in reorganising a line of defence and establishing posts at a critical time.

(D.C.M. gazetted 1st January, 1918.)

22680 C.S.M. J. Pead, D.C.M., Bord. R. (Rotherhithe).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He led a platoon with great ability in the attack, cleared up several difficult situations, and mopped up several parties of the enemy. He worked untiringly during the consolidation organising

supplies, and inspired his men with confidence by his courageous example.

(D.C.M. gazetted 12th March, 1917.)

S/14429 Corp. W. Pugh, D.C.M., M.M., Rif. Bde. (Kidsgrove).

For conspicuous gallantry and determination during a very heavy hostile counter-attack. The enemy, having penetrated the line to his left, got behind his company. With a few men he broke up all attacks from front and flank, and held on for some three hours until reinforcements arrived. His splendid courage and example assisted greatly in preventing a serious break through.

(D.C.M. gazetted 19th November, 1917.)

T/Z 1571 P.O. Punton, D.C.M., R.N.V.R. (Pelaw-on-Tyne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the enemy attack he manned his gun and fired over fifty rounds when surrounded by the enemy. On the base plate of the gun sinking, he proceeded to dismantle the gun, although the enemy were but fifty yards away, and brought it back safely, finally remounting it at headquarters under the supervision of the Commanding Officer. He then returned to the gun-pit with the intention of blowing up the ammunition, but this was found to be impossible, as the enemy were occupying the pit. His behaviour throughout, under the most intense barrage, was magnificent, and he set a splendid example to all the men with him.

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

292495 Sjt. (A./Coy.S.M.) W. F. Raistrick, D.C.M., R. Highrs. (Deighton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. made many daring personal reconnaissances of the enemy trench, bringing back valuable information. Later, when the hostile barrage and machine gun fire was very heavy, he went round the posts of his company in daylight, and greatly encouraged the men by his magnificent example and total disregard for danger.

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

3/5989 Sjt. A. D. Sime, D.C.M., Cam. Highrs. (Edinburgh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in volunteering several times to guide parties to and from the front line posts through intense shelling. On returning from patrol duty he found a stretcher-party held up in the mud and assisted and guided them under heavy fire.

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

2303 Sjt. W. Usher, D.C.M., Ir. Gds. (Clonmel).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy attacked and entered the trenches held by his company under cover of an intense barrage, he organised and led an immediate counter-attack over the open under heavy fire, and drove the enemy out. He was of the greatest assistance to his Company Commander in reorganising the company, which had suffered somewhat severely, and in preparing to meet the enemy's next attack. His

quick grasp of the situation and great courage were invaluable at a critical period. (D.C.M. gazetted 1st April, 1915.)

G/14368 Sjt. T. Watson, D.C.M., R. Fus. (Finsbury Park).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when acting as C.S.M. during a heavy counter-attack. He organised a bombing block in a trench under severe hostile fire, holding it practically single-handed, until the supply of bombs was exhausted. Later, when by weight of numbers his company were compelled temporarily to give ground, he organised another party, bombed the enemy back, and held a position, although wounded, until compelled by loss of blood to withdraw. (D.C.M. gazetted 18th July, 1917.)

280506 (frmlly. 5506) Sjt. T. Whitehead, D.C.M., R.G.A. (Finsbury Park).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When two ammunition trucks were set on fire by hostile shelling, and one blew up, wounding several men and horses, he got the wounded away, and afterwards rendered splendid help in putting out the fire in the second truck. Both trucks were in the middle of a trainload of ammunition, and hostile shelling and bombing from aircraft was going on the whole time. (D.C.M. gazetted 13th February, 1917.)

CANADIAN FORCE.

2587 Sjt. W. S. Parkinson, D.C.M., Cav.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. Finding that the enemy were occupying a strong point, he rushed the position with one man, causing about 100 of the enemy to retire across the open, where they were cut up by machine gun fire. Though wounded, he brought up the remainder of his troop and consolidated the position. He displayed splendid courage, and set an excellent example to his men. (D.C.M. gazetted 17th September, 1917.)

AUSTRALIAN FORCE.

386 Sqdn. S./M. A. R. Townsend, L.H.R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The enemy opened up a heavy fire upon our men, who were assaulting the final objective, from a certain redoubt. He, together with a Serjeant, went forward to this redoubt, where ten of the enemy were killed, two captured, and the remainder routed. This performance was one of great coolness and courage, and by this gallant deed many valuable lives were saved. (D.C.M. gazetted 18th February, 1918.)

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to award the Distinguished Conduct Medal to the undermentioned for gallantry and distinguished service in the Field:—

26056 C.S.M. T. Abbott, Welsh R. (Burnley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all his company officers had become casualties, he took charge of the com-

pany and, with the survivors, repelled numerous counter-attacks. He continued to perform invaluable work until wounded.

8807 C./S./M. A. Adie, R. Lanc. R. (Leamington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a hostile counter-attack he rallied the men, and, on the flanks giving way, he held the centre, and was instrumental in stopping the counter-attack by organising fire, which caused heavy casualties to the enemy. His conduct, when in sole charge of the company throughout the operation, set a splendid example to the men.

27245 L./Cpl. J. Alcorn, R. Innis. Fus. (Hornhead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company was held up during an advance by machine gun fire from a strong point, he led a party in an attack on the position over ground swept by machine gun fire. He showed the greatest courage and determination, and captured the position, together with two machine guns and some prisoners.

301146 Sjt. W. M. Allan, R.A.M.C. (Aberdeen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of bearer squads. He was himself wounded, but refused to be relieved. When the officers and men were ordered to leave the advance dressing station he remained behind dressing wounded who were brought to him till the station was re-established there. He handled his squads with the utmost coolness when clearing wounded from the aid posts, which, owing to the withdrawal, were in the front line.

267579 Sjt. (A./S./M.) A. Allerton, W. Yorks. R. (Leeds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of the brigade runners in an attack. His work was carried on night and day, and frequently under heavy shell fire, and it was to a great extent due to him that communication was kept up. He showed great initiative and determination.

17/8361 Pte. A. Alton, Manch. R. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a heavy bombardment a trench was blown in in several places and several men were buried. He at once started to dig them out under a very heavy fire, and rescued two men single-handed. He behaved in a most cool and courageous manner throughout the bombardment.

729 Sjt. A. G. Amos, M.M., E. Surr. R. (Billericay).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the attack this N.C.O. commanded a platoon, and displayed great courage and resource in leading his men, showing a fine example of disregard for danger. By leading his men round by the flank when hostile machine-gun fire checked them in front, he gave proof of initiative and appreciation of the tactical situation, and his prompt action undoubtedly averted a serious check to our advance on the extreme flank.

6405 C./S./M. S. T. Amos, M.G. Corps (Milford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. By his daring example and disregard for personal danger he set an example which went far to steady the men under most adverse circumstances. His assistance in organising the company in the line was invaluable.

202215 Pte. C. E. Andrews, Essex R. (Little Walden).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as one of a party sent out to occupy a farm. His C.S.M. having gone unarmed to reconnoitre an enemy strong point he dashed forward, shot the enemy officer who was threatening the C.S.M., and killed two others. Failing to find a loophole through which he could bomb the enemy inside he threw all his bombs over into the entrance, and succeeded in wounding two of the enemy who were attempting to escape. He remained on one side of the blockhouse, with the enemy on the other, until ordered to withdraw.

20858 (firmly. 5817) S.S.M. G. C. Andrews, Dns. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although knocked down by a shell he kept his platoon together during a critical situation when a relief was being carried out under heavy fire. He collected tools and weapons that had been cut off by a barrage and attended to and arranged the evacuation of the wounded.

S/30420 L./C. F. Anthony, Rif. Bde. (Cubitt Town).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his section during a raid on some enemy dug-outs was about to rush one of these a shell exploded, severely wounding an officer and causing confusion in the party. He immediately rallied the remainder, led them forward, and bombed the enemy post outside the dug-out, inflicting many casualties. During the withdrawal he kept his section well together, and the coolness and initiative shown by him were most marked.

200357 Sjt. F. Armstrong, North'd Fus. (Hexham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as C.S.M. during an attack. After all the officers had become casualties he took command of the company, moving from shell hole to shell hole under machine-gun and sniper's fire to keep up the spirits of the men.

82329 Pte. A. C. Ashmore, M.G.C. (Leamington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He broke up two enemy attacks with his machine-gun fire, and drove the enemy back with heavy losses. He set a splendid example of initiative and courage.

3/8229 Sjt. H. J. Askew, Norf. R. (Castle-acre).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as platoon commander. Almost single-handed he succeeded in capturing a machine gun which had been causing casualties. He

was invaluable in reorganising the company after the final objective had been reached.

203809 C.S.M. H. Atkinson, Yorks. R., (Saltburn-by-the-Sea).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on two separate occasions in digging out men who had been buried by exploding shells. He was finally buried himself, and on being dug out fainted. Although severely bruised and shaken he remained with his company until relieved.

9948 Pte. W. Atkinson, E. Yorks. R. (Sunderland).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When he was in charge of a machine gun with a party sent out on outpost duty an order was given to retire, but he, on his own initiative, got his machine gun into action, in order to cover the retirement, which was successfully carried out. As the enemy were advancing, on the supply of ammunition failing, he took the locks out of the machine guns and destroyed them before being taken prisoner. His courage and coolness were deserving of the highest praise and greatly contributed to the extrication of the party from a critical situation.

388342 Pte. C. D. Ayre, R.A.M.C. (Gateshead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He formed part of a stretcher squad, and while bringing in a wounded stretcher case they were heavily shelled. In conjunction with the others he lowered the stretcher and with an absolute disregard of danger to himself protected the wounded man with his body. Though wounded himself he, with great determination and pluck, helped to carry the wounded man to safety.

1565 Pte. J. J. E. Bagg, M.M., E. Surr. R. (Tooting).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in volunteering several times and carrying messages under constant fire.

26010 L./Cpl. T. Bailey, Welsh R. (Grange-town, Cardiff).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Seeing a part of the assaulting line held up, with a serjeant he worked round to the flank and rushed a party of the enemy, capturing nine of them, and enabling the attack to go forward.

530289 Sjt. W. Bailey, Lond. R. (St. Margaret's-on-Thames).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He commanded a platoon of the advanced guard and with great judgment led it to within assaulting distance of the enemy under heavy fire. He then attacked, killing several of the enemy and putting the remainder to flight. He showed great coolness and initiative.

27375 Pte. (A./Corpl.) F. D. Baker, Suff. R. (High Barnet).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a Lewis gun team during an attack. When heavy opposition was encountered from an enemy machine gun firing from a window and causing heavy casualties he took his Lewis gun and fired

through the window, putting the machine gun out of action and killing the team. On advancing the party again came under machine-gun fire; he again brought his gun into action, silencing the enemy machine gun and enabling the party to advance. He prevented the enemy from working round the flanks, causing them heavy casualties.

428357 Sjt. J. Baker, R.E. (Widnes).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He was one of a party detailed to establish a block in the enemy's trench. He formed the block, assisted to hold it, and then took part in a bayonet charge against the enemy, showing splendid courage and initiative.

29975 Cpl. T. Baker, M.M., R.F.A. (Abingdon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the enemy opening a heavy shell fire on two trench mortars, which were in action, one of the bomb dumps near by caught fire. On his own initiative he immediately rushed into the position and at very great personal risk succeeded in beating out the flames. Shortly afterwards a hostile shell again set it on fire, and this N.C.O., a second time, succeeded in extinguishing the flames. But for his courage, promptness and complete disregard for his own safety both mortars and position would have been completely destroyed.

51907 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) W. Baker, R.E. (Alveston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was one of several linesmen laying main cable routes to the front line, and though the enemy put down an intense barrage, by his personal example the task was completed. Later, when one of the main forward cable routes had been destroyed he succeeded in repairing all the damage, only ceasing when communication had been completely re-established. On another occasion he was one of a party surprised by the enemy and was of the greatest assistance in organising the defence and delaying the enemy. He showed great initiative and set a splendid example to his men.

320001 C.S.M. J. Balcombe, R. Suss. R. (Brighton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He led the attacking waves on several occasions and got them forward to well-chosen positions. He was responsible for the capture of a large number of prisoners, and contributed largely to the success of the attack. He showed the greatest coolness, daring and initiative.

201542 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) R. Barker, R. War. R. (Gloucester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his company when all the officers were casualties during an enemy attack, rallied and reformed his men and led counter-attacks, showing splendid leadership and initiative.

16625 Cpl. E. W. Barrett, Norf. R. ("E" Norwich).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of his platoon owing to casualties among the senior N.C.O's. He guided the platoon through a barrage and cleared the whole area originally allotted to them. On reaching the objective he collected all men in the vicinity and set them to work to consolidate while he himself patrolled close up to the protective barrage.

36713 Sjt. E. C. Bateman, M.M., R. Berks. R. (Chichester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of his company after all the officers had become casualties. He reorganised the company under most difficult conditions and heavy fire, formed a defensive flank, and later, extricated the company with very few casualties during a most difficult relief.

918 Sjt. W. Baxter, Rif. Bde. and K.A. Rif. (Bury St. Edmunds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When touch was gained with the enemy he led his scouts with great determination, and later, on his platoon coming under heavy machine-gun fire, he showed marked courage, continually moving about the firing line. It was largely due to this N.C.O.'s work that the position was maintained without the need of reinforcements.

29807 L./Cpl. (A./Cpl.) R. Bean, Norf. R. (Blakeney).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the attack he volunteered to accompany an officer and a serjeant-major in a rush over the open, whereby two machine-guns, which were holding up our advance, were captured and the crews killed. The guns having been put out of action, he alone went down a narrow tunnel, to which some of the enemy had retreated, and bayonetting two of them, received the surrender of the remainder. During this hand-to-hand fighting he sprained his wrist, but, despite this, during the night he carried out a very valuable reconnaissance. During the whole of a very trying period of three weeks he set his section a magnificent example of courage, coolness and self-reliance.

761020 Cpl. F. M. Beddow, Lond. R. (Llanreath).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of the company owing to casualties. He set a splendid example of cheerfulness and resource under difficult circumstances and heavy fire.

8075 Sjt. A. Bell, E. Surr. R. ("E" Marylebone).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a bombing party in a raid. After his officer had been wounded, several men killed and wounded, and he himself wounded in the face and elsewhere, he rushed forward and killed the two men who had inflicted the casualties with a bomb. He continued to advance until ordered by the officer commanding the raid to withdraw.

10838 C.S.M. G. Belshaw, R. Innis. Fus. (Dungannon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company was held up by machine-gun fire during an advance he led a small party in a flank attack and captured the gun, putting the whole crew out of action. His initiative and dash enabled the advance to continue and saved many casualties.

13561 Pte. (A./Cpl.) W. Bennett, R. Lanc. R. (Blackpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the N.C.O. in charge of his section became a casualty he took charge and led the section against an enemy "pill-box," which was successfully captured, he, personally killing four of the enemy and destroying a machine gun. By his gallantry, coolness and initiative he prevented his section from becoming disorganised, and by the capture of the pill-box many lives were saved.

28958 Cpl. W. E. Bennett, R.W. Fus. (Newbold Arbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an advance through a wood our line was held up by rifle and machine-gun fire. He organised a local attack and leading his men, captured a machine gun and forty prisoners.

42642 Cpl. F. P. Berry, Midd'x R. (Tottenham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During more than twelve hours' continuous bombing, when his company had suffered heavy casualties, he steadied the men and by his splendid example succeeded in preventing the enemy from advancing. He used his bayonet with very telling effect, clearing the trenches for three hundred yards of the enemy and inflicting very severe casualties on them.

24280 B.S.M. E. J. Berryman, R.F.A. ("E" Woolwich).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He displayed the utmost coolness and resource under heavy shell and machine-gun fire throughout the day, and by his disregard of danger and personal example enabled the men of a section of which he took charge to maintain the fire of their guns until all the ammunition was exhausted.

240032 C.S.M. C. Bishop, Midd'x R. (Acton Hill).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy attacked he led forward a party of bombers from the reserve position, under heavy fire, drove the enemy back, and established a bombing block. He organised the supply of bombs and remained in charge of the post until he was severely wounded. He showed splendid courage and initiative.

70261 Sjt. P. Bishop, Yeo. (S. Kensington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When an advanced guard came under heavy fire from hidden positions he boldly rode forward to locate the guns, and by drawing their fire he was able to disclose their

approximate position. He showed magnificent courage and determination.

C.Z.4047 P.O. J. Blackhall, R.N.V.R. (Falkirk).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a night attack on an enemy machine-gun post. He reached the position before the rest of the platoon, and prevented the enemy bringing their machine-gun into action. He also, with the aid of another man, held up the garrison until the remainder of the platoon arrived, and took twelve prisoners.

242753 Pte. H. J. Boam, Yorks. L.I. (Peak Dale).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When an enemy machine gun was inflicting heavy casualties, on his own initiative he rushed to the spot and, single-handed, put the gun out of action, thereby saving many casualties, and rendering a further advance possible.

265012 Sjt. J. W. Bond, M.M., Welsh R. (Pontardulais).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of the brigade ammunition and water dump for four days; in the open and under almost incessant shell fire, though a portion of the stores was destroyed, he nevertheless met all heavy demands on the dump, and carried out the receipt and issue of stores methodically.

11998 Sjt. G. W. Boul, Yorks. L.I. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the advance of his company was checked by an enemy strong point, he led an attack under heavy machine-gun fire, and by his gallantry and courage overcame the enemy's resistance.

240734 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) W. Bourne, R. War. R. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He took command of his company when all the officers were casualties, and by his coolness and example under very heavy fire kept his men together, and rendered great assistance in repelling the enemy's attack.

27877 Sjt. M. Bowen, Welsh R. (Bridgend).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in rallying the men near him who had been forced by superior numbers to retire, leading them forward and recapturing the original line. He showed great courage throughout until severely wounded.

21946 Pte. A. Bowers, K.O.S.B. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was one of the first to reach a bridge in the enemy's lines during an attack, and assisted greatly in the advance of his company across the bridge under heavy fire. Later, he went out into "No Man's Land" in daylight under fire from enemy snipers, and brought in a wounded man. He set a splendid example of courage and devotion to duty.

325198 L./Cpl. (A./Cpl.) C. J. Bowley, Essex R. (Ilford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a section. Observing the commanding situation of a farm beyond our objectives, on his own initiative he took out a patrol to reconnoitre it. Though our own protective barrage was on this point, he pushed through, and was able to report that it was unoccupied. It was largely due to him that this farm was added to the gains of the day.

810557 B.S.M. B. Bowring, R.F.A. (Derby).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Throughout the operations he set a magnificent example to the N.C.O.'s and men of the battery on every occasion. During a very critical situation he remained perfectly cool and collected, and though the battery was continually under shell fire, both from the front and flank, he was never disheartened, and so encouraged the gunners by his courage and presence of mind that they were in the highest spirit to meet any emergency.

386059 Pte. J. Brett, R.A.M.C. (Newcastle).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He formed part of a stretcher squad, and while bringing in a wounded stretcher case they were heavily shelled. In conjunction with the others he lowered the stretcher, and with an absolute disregard to danger to himself protected the wounded man with his body. Though wounded himself, he, with great determination and pluck, helped to carry the wounded man to safety.

150 Pte. H. Britt, R. Suss. R. (nr. Battle).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Though he had been buried by a shell he refused to withdraw. He acted first as a runner, and then re-joined his Lewis gun section, inflicting casualties on the enemy. When the whole of his section was knocked out by shell fire, he continued to serve the gun single-handed, and eventually brought it out of the trenches.

53745 Pte. A. Broadwell, Durh. L.I. (Bradford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When an officer had gone out to bring in a man who was lying out in a shell-hole unable to move, and was wounded in so doing, he at once went out and brought the officer in, though snipers were very active at the time. The manner in which he attempted and succeeded in this rescue was most gallant.

S./1680 C.S.M. A. E. Broughton, Rif. Bde. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as C.S.M. during operations. Before reaching the final objective he received a shrapnel wound in the leg, but remained to take part in an attack. When his company commander was wounded he took command of half the company, succeeded in causing the enemy heavy casualties, and when they attempted to surround him, fought his way out and took up a new position.

C/43981 Cpl. C. Brown, Midd'x R. (Sidcup).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the Medical Officer and the Sergeant at the battalion aid post becoming casualties, he took charge, and, working almost single-handed, dressed many cases during a period of four days. Though badly shaken by a bursting shell and ordered to take some rest, he carried on most gallantly, and his behaviour was in the highest degree praiseworthy.

202581 A./Cpl. J. Brown, Gord. Highrs. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When 100 yards from the enemy wire his platoon was held up by severe machine-gun fire. Alone he went forward and cut the wire on a 25 yards front. Returning, he then led a section of his platoon through and placed them in position. Having brought through the remainder, he charged the enemy position, which was captured with seventy-five prisoners. Throughout he displayed great dash and fine leadership.

13955 Sjt. J. Brown, L'pool R. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His company came under heavy machine-gun fire during an advance and suffered many casualties. He collected and reformed the remaining men for the attack on the final objective, which he captured, putting two machine-guns out of action. He showed the greatest courage and ability.

12073 Pte. T. Brown, C. Gds. (Battersea, S.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the leading wave in an attack had crossed a sunken road, a party of seventeen of the enemy appeared out of dug-outs and started to bomb them from the rear. He at once attacked the enemy, shooting four of them and capturing the remainder. He showed splendid promptness and courage.

240337 Sjt. J. W. Brown, North'd Fus. (Forrest Hall, North'd.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in taking command of the company although wounded, after all the officers had become casualties. He organised a new line of shell-holes, and remained on duty till the battalion was relieved, though wounded a second time.

29265 Cpl. G. Buckley, York. R. (Cork).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in volunteering to carry out a daylight reconnaissance and locating, at a point about 900 yards from our lines, a hostile post. Returning, he volunteered to accompany a small raiding party, which, in spite of the daylight, distance, and numerical superiority of the enemy, successfully captured the post. He displayed the greatest courage and judgment throughout.

22262 Pte. E. Budby, Yorks. L.I. (Castleford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as runner. He carried several messages

across the open under fire. Later, he cleared several dug-outs single-handed and brought in several prisoners. He then led a small bombing party up a trench ahead of our barrage, penetrated beyond the battalion objective, and put out of action two machine-guns which were firing at the battalion.

76687 L./C. A. Budd, Tank Corps (Anstruther).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When on the top of an enemy trench his Tank received a direct hit, which wounded all the crew save himself and another man. Without a moment's hesitation he collected bombs and bombed the enemy away from the Tank. He then assisted to get all the wounded crew to a place of safety, thus preventing them from falling into the hands of the enemy.

10216 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) H. S. Bulson, Som. L.I. (Trowbridge).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When attacked by a large enemy force he manned a Lewis gun and kept it in action until nearly surrounded. He then fought his way back through the enemy, rallied his men, and got his gun into action again. His courageous and determined conduct was of the greatest value at a very critical period.

7689 (Gnr. A. Burgess, R.F.A. (Aldgate, E.C.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy advance, when he formed one of a detachment under a N.C.O. He helped to man one of two guns, whichever was most suitable for the task, for over two hours. The enemy appeared at different points within and around the battery, which fired at close ranges, and was all the time under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire. His courage and tenacity was worthy of high praise.

7065 Pte. G. Burgess, S. Wales Bord. ("E" St. Albans).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although himself wounded, he continued to bring in wounded under very heavy fire for four hours, at the end of which time he was in a state of collapse.

15364 L./C. J. Burke, R. Innis. Fus. (Londonderry).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of a bombing section during an attack which captured thirty-five prisoners and killed a large number of the enemy. During another attack he cleared 200 yards of strongly held enemy trench, formed a block, and repelled continued counter-attacks. He showed splendid courage and leadership.

R/854 Cpl. J. Burke, K.R.R.C. ("E" Porth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when sent out to reconnoitre the position of an enemy machine-gun which was holding up the advance of his company. He came upon a redoubt held in strength. Having sent back information, he proceeded with his company to a point from which to

enfilade the position. The enemy's resistance was protracted owing to the efforts of an officer. He shot the officer and called on the remainder to surrender. They did so, and he had already taken sixty prisoners when the rest of the company arrived.

3221 Sjt. D. Burling, Ir. Gds. (Newtownards).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy attacked under cover of an intense bombardment and entered the trenches occupied by his company, he at once organised and led a counter-attack over the open under heavy fire and drove the enemy out. Later, the enemy attempted a further attack, but by his splendid example and courage he repulsed it in spite of heavy trench mortar fire.

240651 L./C. J. Burns, Gord. Highrs. (Fraserburgh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the Tanks being held up, and when the advance appeared to be indefinitely checked, he immediately rushed forward to the second objective in the face of heavy fire, and, getting into a trench on the flank, bombed his way along it, clearing it for 200 yards, and thus enabling his company to advance with very few casualties. His prompt and gallant action at a critical moment enabled the advance to continue.

44122 B.S.M. C. A. Butterworth, R.F.A. (Deal).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the battery position was heavily shelled and six men were wounded, he organised a stretcher party and succeeded in conveying the wounded to a place of safety. He then got the detachment to their guns and took part in the barrage. When a party of pack horses were shelled and four broke loose, he ran to their assistance. As he arrived one horse was killed by a shell, but he succeeded in getting the three horses away to a place of safety. He has on many occasions assisted wounded under shell fire.

46770 A./Sjt. W. Byrne, M.G.C. (Cork).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed great initiative and determination in bringing his machine-guns into action under heavy fire in support of the infantry during a strong enemy attack.

225113 L./C. H. B. Campbell, Cam'n Highrs. (Mid-Calder).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. For two days before the attack he was constantly employed in reconnoitring the ground close up to the enemy's position, thus contributing materially to the success of the enterprise. He led the advance with great determination and courage through very difficult country and under heavy fire.

S/50772 Pte. J. T. Campbell, R. Fus. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the N.C.O. in charge of his section had become a casualty in the attack, he took charge and established his gun in

such a position in advance of the captured trench that by its fire he succeeded in breaking up enemy formations preparing for a counter-attack. Remaining in this position for twenty hours, he inflicted severe casualties on the enemy, and his courage, determination and enterprise undoubtedly saved several parties of our troops from being overwhelmed by counter-attacks.

15725 Pte. R. Canham, C. Gds. (Norwich).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With another man he rushed an enemy strong point containing several machine-guns, killing many of the enemy and capturing two of the guns. This prompt and courageous action enabled the advance to continue, and was a splendid example to the rest of the company.

5800 Pte. (L./Cpl.) F. W. Carey, M.M., E. Kent R. (Westbere).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action when he volunteered to bring up ammunition which was badly needed. He carried 8½ boxes over a mile of open country and under an intense machine-gun barrage. Later, seeing a wounded man endeavouring to crawl in, he at once went out, bound up his wounds, and carried him, under an intense machine-gun fire, to safety.

38231 Pte. D. Carney, Glouc. R. (Halifax).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in taking control of a Lewis gun when the team commander was wounded and keeping it in action against heavy odds. He held up the advance alone while the company withdrew to another position, and inflicted heavy casualties.

7575 Sjt. D. Carroll, Rif. Bde. (N. Shields).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy opened a heavy bombardment during a relief he repeatedly went out into the open under intense fire to assist the relieving troops in finding their positions. He showed the greatest coolness, courage, and initiative, and was the means of preventing many casualties.

345314 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) W. Chalmers, R. Highrs. (Kirkcaldy).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While attacking a bay in the enemy trench containing two machine guns his serjeant was knocked down by a bomb. He at once leapt into the trench and killed three of the enemy who were about to attack the serjeant. He showed splendid courage and initiative.

10884 Pte. W. G. Chance, L.N. Lanc. R. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as company runner. He delivered a message to company headquarters through the heaviest part of a barrage. Though blown up by a shell and very severely shaken he continued on his way and afterwards returned to his company to report the success of the mission.

10515 L./Cpl. C. Chandler, Bedf. R. (Leighton Buzzard).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a section of pack mules carrying rations to the front line. When wounded in the eye, side and leg, he had himself placed on a mule, re-organised the pack team under fire, and brought them safely back to the transport lines, remaining on duty for two and a half hours after being wounded.

40163 Pte. (L./Cpl.) G. A. T. Charles, Essex R. (Clapton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed a most noteworthy courage and initiative in bombing up a trench held by the enemy, parties of whom were also advancing in the open on both sides of it. Though wounded he held the trench long enough to render material assistance to a company on the flank, who were without ammunition and who were in danger of being surrounded. His tenacity and determination were worthy of the highest praise.

650382 Sjt. A. E. Charman, M.M., Lond. R. (Thornton Heath).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed great coolness in handling his platoon during a very critical period. At a time when information was of the greatest value he continually crossed over the open under close-range machine-gun fire and kept his company commander informed of the enemy's movements. His example had a splendid effect on his men.

8256 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) (A./Sjt.) A. J. Charters, Sco. Gds. (Bethnal Green).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the company commander becoming a casualty he showed great courage and initiative in locating and attacking an enemy strong post, which seriously threatened the whole line. He was placed in charge of a party, which he led forward, and by a flanking attack thus enabled an important point to be recaptured. His courageous conduct was most praiseworthy.

2775 By. S.M. F.W. Childs, M.M.G.C. (Camden Town).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When an armoured car was temporarily disabled in an exposed position and all its crew were wounded he went forward with two other cars to its assistance. He manoeuvred his two cars under very heavy fire so as to protect the disabled car as far as possible, and then went out under close-range fire and started its engine. His gallant action enabled the disabled car to be driven away and ensured the safety of the wounded men.

R.28 A. Sea. F. G. Chubb, R.N.V.R. (Southampton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as one of a party told off to capture a concrete strong point. He had to go up to his waist in water, but was the first man to reach the objective, bayoneting one of the crew of a machine gun and helping to capture the gun and twelve prisoners.

*10537 1st Class Air Mechanic M. H. Church, R.F.C. (Leyton "E").

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He did excellent work as wireless operator during a long period and carried out his duties with great skill and determination during several engagements. On one occasion his station was destroyed by shell fire while he was at work.

241532 Sjt. V. F. Clark, Worc. R. (Studley S.O.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his party in a raid into the enemy trench and attacking and killing two parties of the enemy. He then got his men on to the enemy parapet and drove back a counter-attack across the open. When seriously wounded he re-organised his party and handed over to his corporal.

201249 Pte. G. H. Clayton, Midd'x R. (Hornsey).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. A party of five of the enemy, having penetrated the wire between two posts, attempted to rush a sentry post from the rear. He, being the sentry on duty, fiercely attacked three of the enemy and eventually succeeded in driving off the whole patrol, although himself wounded. His gallant action liberated one man, who had been knocked down, and defeated the enemy's object of obtaining an identification.

L/28759 Sjt. C. S. Cloke, R.F.A. ("E" Upton Park).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of his battery on three separate occasions after all officers had become casualties. During a barrage the battery was very heavily shelled. When a shell fell in a gun-pit, killing one man and wounding three others, he got the wounded clear, and then continued to fire a gun which would otherwise have been out of action owing to casualties.

325010 Pte. F. Coker, Lanc. Fus. (Hampstead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Having reached the enemy's lines, he had his foot blown off by an enemy bomb, but he refused to leave his post, and continued for an hour to assist in the consolidation. On a stretcher-bearer coming to assist him to an aid post, he refused to go, directing him to more serious cases. He only left his post when ordered to do so by an officer, and encouraged many on his way by his wonderful cheerfulness and spirit.

11962 Sjt. E. J. Constable, Oxf. & Bucks. L.I. (Banbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. An enemy attack drove out his section from a post, but, collecting some men, he went round by a trench and regained it. Later, after the fuses had been lit for the demolition of a lock, he voluntarily went right down through the lock to the basin, to make sure that all the garrison had escaped. He displayed the most magnificent courage throughout.

388362 Pte. A. Cook, R.A.M.C. (co. Durham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He formed part of a stretcher squad, and, while bringing in a wounded stretcher case, they were heavily shelled. In conjunction with the others, he lowered the stretcher and, with an absolute disregard of danger to himself, protected the wounded man with his body. Though wounded himself, he, with great determination and pluck, helped to carry the wounded man to safety.

680694 Sjt. S. Cook, Lond. R. (Deptford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his men with the greatest ability in an attack and rushed an enemy battery with the bayonet. He set a magnificent example of courage to all.

530608 Sjt. E. Cooke, London R. (Clapham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. When the C.S.M. was killed, he took over his duties, and displayed great courage and resource throughout the operations, although suffering severely from gas and partially blind. Subsequently, after all the officers had become casualties, he kept the remains of the company together, fighting his way back to the strong point allotted to it.

L/34987 Sjt. F. C. Cooper, R.F.A. (Leicester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a convoy of pack animals taking up ammunition. Owing to heavy shelling half his convoy were cut off. He decided to send them through the barrage two at a time, but when the first pair were killed he led the remainder personally at great risk.

19588 Sjt. W. S. Cooper, M.M., G. Gds. (St. Albans).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the attack he showed the utmost gallantry. Volunteering to try and clear up a doubtful situation, he went forward and gained valuable information as to the strength and position of our advanced troops. Later, on discovering a hostile machine gun in action, he killed two of the crew. The man accompanying him was wounded four times, but he succeeded in getting him back. His skill and courage on this reconnaissance were of the highest order.

R/13366 Rfn. L. V. Coppin, K.R.R.C. (Hull).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a raid this man, followed by another, crossed the second line of wire and took up a position to cover the main party, who were dealing with a "pill-box," from counter-attack. Under very close machine gun fire from the flank he and another man held up a counter-attack with rifle fire and bombs for ten minutes, and had just broken it up by the time the "pill-box" was cleared. Being the last of the party to return, he stayed outside the wire with a N.C.O. to examine the wounds of one man, then proceeded to fetch a stretcher, which he brought back under heavy fire, also carrying

in an officer who had been mortally wounded.

23118 Pte. R. Corbett, R. Lanc. R. (Warrington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This man, on his platoon officer and all N.C.Os. becoming casualties, took command, reorganised the platoon, and led it to its objective, destroying an enemy trench-mortar. On being counter-attacked by superior numbers, he rallied his men and charged. Though casualties were heavy, and though he was eventually forced back to the block, yet he successfully held on in defence of this position, displaying untiring energy and splendid determination.

325267 (frmly. 1153) Pte. W. Cordery, Royal Scots (Dalkeith).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed great courage in going out from the fire trench under enemy fire on at least four occasions, and carrying in wounded men.

26208 Pte. G. Cottingham, M.G.C. (Old Possingworth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his section was shelled and practically wiped out on their way to the line he rescued what guns and men he could from the confusion. Later, when he lost one of his team by sniping, he avoided further casualties by reconnoitring a covered position under heavy fire. When he lost much ammunition and had his gun buried by shell-fire, he dug up the gun and got it into action again. When shelled out, and seriously wounded, he succeeded in selecting still another position before he collapsed.

13/690 Cpl. G. Cotton, E. Yorks. R. (Hull).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On hearing sounds of movement in front of his post at night he went forward alone and succeeded in capturing four of the enemy, who were in a shell hole in front of the wire. By his prompt and fearless action he secured a valuable identification.

*15228 C.S.M. H. J. Cotton, Worc. R. (Evesham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty and consistent good work during a long period. He has at all times set a splendid example to his men.

202305 Pte. T. J. Cotton, W. Rid. R. (Hilderstone).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While on outpost duty he saw an enemy party, about thirty strong, coming up a sunken road towards his post. He rushed out alone and bombed them from a flank, while a Lewis gun swept the road. By his fearlessness he frustrated an attack and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy.

230043 Sjt. W. Cox, Yeo. (Mapperton Marsh, Dorset).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He held a position on the flank unsupported, under heavy fire, with great deter-

mination until reinforcements reached him. He also brought up ammunition under heavy fire.

36273 Gnr. (A./Bdr.) W. Coyles, R.F.A. (Durham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy advance, when he formed one of a detachment under a N.C.O. He helped to man one of two guns, whichever was most suitable for the task, for over two hours. The enemy appeared at different points within and around the battery, which fired at close ranges, and was all the time under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire. His courage and tenacity was worthy of high praise.

42627 Cpl. E. Crook, Midd'x R. (Neasden).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When some troops of another unit were being driven back by a strong enemy attack he, on his own initiative, took his machine gun across the open under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, and by his accurate fire broke up the attack, thus saving a most critical situation. Throughout these operations his coolness and gallantry were most remarkable.

F/1291 L./Cpl. A. G. Crouch, Midd'x R. (Wood Green).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of his company stretcher bearers, though working under very heavy shell fire, he succeeded in getting all the wounded cases speedily evacuated, many lives thus being saved. His extraordinary coolness and indifference to danger proved a splendid and most heartening example to the men working under him.

630411 B.S.M. D. Cruickshank, R.F.A. (Aberdeen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While the battery was leaving the wagon lines it came under shell fire, which caused casualties among men and horses, blocking the road. He succeeded under heavy fire in unhooking the remaining teams and sending them to a place of safety. He then returned to the wagon which was blocking the road and removed it so that the remainder of the battery could proceed. His initiative and courage in most difficult circumstances saved many lives.

27321 Sjt. T. Crump, R.F.A. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of two G.S. wagons loaded with material urgently required at the battery position. Though the road was suddenly heavily shelled in front of him he determined to push on. One team was destroyed, but he got through the barrage with the other, and, having unloaded, returned through the barrage, loaded up again, and went forward once more to the battery position.

5258 Pte. P. Curley, L'pool R. (L'pool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He assisted an N.C.O. in firing a trench mortar and in repelling the hostile

advance until almost surrounded, when he then rendered valuable assistance in carrying the gun back to safety. In the further attacks, on the three succeeding days, he exhibited extraordinary courage in continuing to fire his gun under the most intense barrages.

763295 Pte. H. Cutter, Lond. R. (Cricklewood).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a stretcher-bearer. He went out repeatedly to men who had been buried by shell fire, dug them out, and brought them to a place of safety.

11837 Cpl. W. G. Daley, Worc. R. (Reading).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when the enemy attacked and broke through the front line. Seeing a large party of the enemy, with a machine gun, moving towards him, he ran forward and succeeded in putting the gun out of action with his rifle, causing several casualties among the enemy. Although twice severely wounded, he remained at his post under heavy shell fire for two hours until ordered to retire.

C/Z410 C.P.O. (S.M.) A. Dargie, R.N.V.R. (Dundee).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When during the defence of an important position the supply of bombs and small arm ammunition failed, he collected a party of orderlies and led them up with fresh supplies, returning again and again through the enemy barrage with the utmost gallantry. His example, enthusiasm and courage throughout the day inspired all around him, and but for his devotion to duty and determination the defence would undoubtedly have failed.

202524 Pte. G. Davies, Ches. R. (Moreton, nr. Birkenhead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went over the open under intense fire and brought in a wounded comrade to safety. He showed great gallantry and self-sacrifice.

M2/148078 Pte. R. S. Davies, A.S.C. (M.T.) (Aberavon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an enemy attack he drove the wounded away in his motor ambulance under a heavy gas-shell bombardment and machine-gun fire. His petrol tank was twice pierced by bullets, and to keep it from emptying he got out a tin of petrol and instructed one of the wounded to keep the tank filled from it as he drove, thereby preventing the stoppage of the ambulance in an exposed position in full view of the enemy. Later, when the ambulance was bogged, with the assistance of one man he carried all the wounded $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles under shell fire to a place of safety. He set a splendid example of courage and resource.

27979 C.S.M. Z. Davies, Welsh R. (Pontycymmer).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the attack this N.C.O. took charge of the company, on the company com-

mander becoming a casualty, and led it forward to storm an enemy strong point. Owing to the nature of the ground the machine gun with him could not be fired effectively. He thereupon rushed forward into the open, knelt down and ordered a machine gunner to fire the gun over his shoulder, using the latter as a rest. His splendid leadership and gallant conduct were beyond all praise.

401 L./C. M. M. Davis, Cav. (Tottenham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The enemy put down a barrage on each side of a sap of which he was in charge, blowing in the front line and isolating the sap. A party of thirty or forty of the enemy then attempted to raid the position, and six of them got in and seized one of the garrison. He at once attacked the enemy with the bayonet, killing one and driving off the others. He saved the situation by his prompt and gallant action.

6283 Sjt. C. E. Defer, R.F.A. (Deptford, S.E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of his battery after all the officers and many other ranks had become casualties. He organised the remaining men in detachments, superintended the removal of casualties, and by his example maintained the battery in action.

56049 Pte. O. A. Dietrich, M.G.C. (Ayr).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When two open gun cars had to reach a certain objective and to pass through a village held by the enemy, he, without a moment's warning, had to bring his guns into action against a party of enemy horsemen, who were dismounted and were firing on him from behind a low wall. At a range of from twenty-five to fifty yards he halted the car and returned their fire, killing five of the enemy and six horses. Under the most difficult and dangerous circumstances he acted with great skill and coolness.

345094 Pte. H. A. Dickie, R. Highrs. (Inverkeithing).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the rest of his Lewis gun team became casualties in an attack he carried the gun and ammunition to the final objective, where he used it with great effect, putting out of action an enemy machine gun and the team of a field gun. He set a splendid example of courage and determination.

S/14269 Sje. A. Diston, Rif. Bde. (Hendon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. About forty of the enemy attempted to rush the advanced post of which he was in charge. Though greatly outnumbered, he completely beat off the attack with heavy loss to the enemy. Later, after a heavy bombardment, he was again attacked, and nearly all the garrison became casualties. He held the post single-handed while the few remaining men took up a new position, which his courageous conduct gave them time to consolidate.

268487 Cpl. W. Dodson, R. War. R. (Little Stuckley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the N.C.O.'s in his platoon became casualties he at once took command. When the platoon was held up by an enemy machine gun, by well-directed fire he kept the enemy engaged and enabled the flanks to advance. He then rushed the post and captured it, afterwards advancing and taking his objective. He set a splendid example of courage and initiative.

10501 Pte. D. Doherty, Lanc. Fus. (Salford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a battalion scout during an attack on a village. He saw an enemy machine gun open fire on the right of the village, and working his way towards it rushed it single-handed, killing four of the crew and capturing the gun. His courageous act saved the battalion many casualties.

52569 Cpl. F. Doleman, L'pool R. (Oldham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his Lewis gun was buried by shell fire during a strong enemy attack, he dug it out under intense shelling, got it into action and assisted in breaking up the enemy's attack. He showed the greatest coolness and courage, and handled his gun with great skill, though he was the only man left in his section.

292691 C. S. M. A. V. Draper, North'd Fus. (Watford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in reorganising the company after all the officers had been killed, continuing the attack and holding a very forward position. On receipt of orders he managed to bring his men out of action, though practically surrounded.

31520 Pte. A. Duckett, Essex R. (Colchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the occasion of a bombing attack by the enemy he kept up a rapid rate of fire on the trench behind the hostile bombers, thus cutting off their supply of bombs. Later, he rendered great assistance in firing another gun on the enemy, who were advancing over the open from the flank, but who were completely repulsed by the intensity of the fire from this gun. His gallant behaviour, enterprise, and resource were worthy of the highest praise.

44558 Cpl. W. J. Dudley, M.G.C. (London, E.C.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took two machine-guns across the front of the enemy's attack and occupied a commanding position. Later, he got eight guns forward to a position close to the enemy's flank and covered a counter-attack with his fire. He put two enemy machine-guns out of action though under heavy fire himself, and kept his guns firing throughout. His example of coolness and initiative had an inspiring effect on his men.

26728 Pte. J. T. Dunn, Welsh R. (Williams-town).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in rallying men under heavy machine-gun fire in an attempt to reach a party of men cut off from the battalion as the result of an enemy counter-attack. He took charge of a party of dismounted cavalry and handled them with great skill.

96196 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) F. E. Durrant, M.G.C. (Glastonbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His pack leaders having been killed and the pack horses scattered, he collected his gun and ammunition pack under heavy fire and got his gun into action almost single-handed with great effect. He showed great courage and initiative under most difficult conditions.

257767 Cpl. A. Eason, M.G.C. (Wolverhampton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On his position being very heavily shelled and he himself buried by a bursting shell, he assisted to drag out the killed and wounded and then continued to command his team. Throughout the subsequent forty-eight hours he kept his gun continuously in action, during which period he handled his team with the utmost efficiency, displaying great courage and endurance.

71763 Pte. A. Eason, M.G.C. (Old Basford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Owing to the very heavy and extensive hostile barrage the lines were being continually cut, but almost without rest by day and night he continued to mend breaks in the line until he collapsed through exhaustion. Hearing that communication had again failed, he went out, despite a particularly intense bombardment, and succeeded in re-establishing communication in time to enable his battery of machine-guns to open fire on the enemy massing for an attack. His devotion to duty and magnificent display of courage and endurance were beyond all praise.

681770 Bomdr. T. Edge, R.F.A. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was one of the detachment of a forward section of the battery during an enemy attack, and kept his gun in action with great effect on the advancing enemy when they were within 600 yards of his position, though he was subjected to heavy fire. The detachment finally came under intense machine-gun fire at close range from a flank which made the position untenable, but he exposed himself fearlessly to fire several more rounds, and then assisted in getting the guns away to the battery position. He showed magnificent courage and determination.

320292 Pte. J. R. Edwards, Suff. R. (Lowestoft).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his battalion was heavily shelled and suffered many casualties while supporting an attack, he went out time after time and brought in wounded men to safety. He set a splendid example of gallantry and self-sacrifice.

*40655 Sjt. T. W. Elias, R.E. (Monmouth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has done consistent good work during a long period, and always showed great coolness and initiative in action.

267293 Cpl. F. A. Elliott, Glouc. R. (Manor Park).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as headquarters signaller. During the advance of the enemy on battalion headquarters he rallied the handful of men left, held up the enemy, and inflicted considerable casualties upon the leading bombing parties. Later, when in charge of a bombing party, he succeeded in beating off six enemy bombing attacks.

241052 L./Sjt. (A./Sjt.) R. W. Elliott, M.M., Worc. R. (Fairford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was one of the garrison of a post which was heavily attacked by the enemy, and showed splendid courage and leadership throughout five hours' fighting. He finally drove the enemy back with rifle fire and the bayonet, and then went forward on his own initiative and rescued some wounded men from a dug-out behind the enemy's lines.

PS/1751 Sjt. W. Emmett, Midd'x R. (Battersea, S.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed great initiative and courage on two occasions when in command of a company. Though cut off by the enemy, he held his position for two days until relieved.

320159 Sjt. D. L. Evans, Welsh R. (Amenford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the whole of a Lewis gun team became casualties, he fetched in the gun and spare parts under heavy fire, organised a team, and got the gun into action again with great success. He showed splendid initiative and determination.

242557 L./C. W. Fairchild, North'd Fus. (Nottingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a Lewis gun post in the front line. A party of twenty of the enemy approached his post, and he inflicted several casualties on them with Lewis gun fire. Three of them, however, made a determined rush for the post, and though one of them fired three rounds at him with a revolver, he continued to fire his Lewis gun, and drove them off. He then pursued the enemy with a rifle and bayonet, and captured three prisoners. He showed magnificent courage and initiative.

59862 Gunr. J. Fallas, R.G.A. (Sanquhar).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. When the battery retired, he stayed behind, with another man, to defend the quartermaster's stores. They held up an enemy party, shooting some and taking five prisoners. Later, when reinforcements came up, they joined in an attack, and were found at night by the battery salvage party still holding their position.

19520 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) J. Farmer, Essex R. (Bow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He afforded a magnificent example of outstanding courage in leading three bombing attacks, and in rallying and encouraging his men on many occasions under intense shell fire. His conduct throughout gave proof of marked skill, enterprise, and ability.

20/1038 Cpl. C. Felce, North'd Fus. (S. Shields).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The conduct of this N.C.O. during the operations was most conspicuous. When in charge of a bombing section, he entered the enemy trench, and at once attacked, single-handed, a hostile bombing post, killing or putting to flight the whole garrison. In accordance with plan, he formed a bombing block in an enemy communication trench, from which he and his section repulsed bombing attacks for seven hours. Later, though the hostile infantry attacked in force and dislodged our garrison, he remained at his post until all his own bombs, and also those captured from the enemy, had been thrown, and was the last man to leave the trench.

STK/1692 L./Sjt. R. G. W. Field, R. Fus (Potters Bar).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in command of a section of a raiding party on an enemy machine-gun post, he, on reaching the post, came under fire of a machine gun. He threw a bomb, which put the gun out of action, and, whilst the rest of his party dealt with the garrison of the post, he seized the gun and a belt of ammunition and carried it back to our lines. The completeness of the surprise, which resulted in the whole of the garrison being either killed or captured, was in a great measure due to his skilful leadership.

37736 Smith/Gnr. (A. Fitter/S.S.) J. W. G. Fields, R.G.A. (Chatham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. When the enemy were within 300 yards of the battery, and the position was being swept by machine-gun fire, he temporarily disabled the guns as ordered. The battery was captured nineteen minutes later. On another occasion he helped to pull the guns out of position while the enemy were only 500 yards away, and the position was swept by machine-gun fire.

61293 C.S.M. J. W. Finch, North'd Fus. (Crouch End, W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When an ammunition dump was set on fire by enemy shelling, he extinguished the flames at great personal risk. His courageous and prompt action saved a large quantity of ammunition, and prevented many casualties, as there were a large number of troops in the neighbourhood.

21359 A./C.Q.M.S. S. Finlay, M.G.C. (Cumberland).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy advanced on his

position, he showed the greatest energy and initiative, though suffering from gas, in organising parties and leading them forward against the enemy under heavy fire. His prompt action and fine example assisted largely in saving a serious situation.

12965 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) L. Fisher, Essex R. (W. Bergholt).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With the enemy on both sides of him, and after his platoon had expended every round of ammunition, he steadied his men and kept them in position until the reinforcing platoon arrived. When ordered later to fight to the last with the bayonet, he carried out these orders to the letter with the utmost cheerfulness, and by the gallant stand which he made a company on the flank was enabled to withdraw. His outstanding courage, ability, and efficiency cannot be too highly praised.

R/9398 Sjt. V. F. Fisher, K.R.R.C. (Lancaster).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. After his officer and another serjeant had been wounded, he took charge of the platoon, and, in spite of severe casualties from machine-gun fire, led them forward. On reaching the final objective he assumed command of his company, which had no officers left, reorganised it, and consolidated the position.

20301 Pte. P. Flaherty, R. Innis. Fus. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he advanced with a Lewis gun resting on his shoulder while it was being fired by an officer, thereby drawing the fire of an enemy strong point and enabling another party to outflank the position. During the following six days he showed the greatest determination and initiative as company runner.

46547 L./C. G. Fletcher, M.G.C. (Gringley-on-the-Hill).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a machine gun during a heavy enemy counter-attack. When the whole of his team became casualties he got his gun into action alone, enabling the infantry to take up a position behind him and consolidate it. Though under heavy machine-gun fire, he kept his gun firing throughout the attack with the greatest courage and determination.

200199 Pte. R. Forse, Glouc. R. (Bristol).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Though a signaller, he took charge of a Lewis gun team and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy and repelled several hostile attacks. He had previously showed great courage and determination in repairing broken lines under heavy and continuous fire.

T.Z. 569 P.O. N. Foster, M.M., R.N.V.R. (Newcastle).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of his company after it had lost all three officers and forty-eight

men. He so disposed the remainder as to minimise casualties, and kept up their spirits. When an officer took over he showed the greatest energy throughout the night in finding and evacuating all wounded within 200 yards of the line.

230169 Pte. F. Fowler, Yeo. (Worgett, Wareham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a withdrawal was ordered he remained behind with a wounded officer, and eventually succeeded in helping him to a place of safety under heavy fire. He showed great gallantry and self-sacrifice.

L/26563 Bombr. J. Fox, R.F.A. (Rossington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He maintained signal communication throughout the day in a most exposed forward position under continuous shell fire. He showed an entire disregard of danger, and his courage and determination enabled several batteries to complete their registration. During an action he kept up communication under heavy fire in the open and sent back valuable information. He also repaired telephone wires on several occasions under a heavy barrage.

305587 Sjt. S. Frazer, L'pool R. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the company officers had become casualties, he took command of the company, reorganised it and sent forward all men with wire-cutters for the purpose of making a second attempt to break through the enemy entanglements. This being unsuccessful, he ordered his company to dig in, but owing to very severe machine-gun and rifle fire he was forced to withdraw, which he succeeded in doing in an orderly manner. He showed splendid daring and coolness throughout the whole of the operations.

13153 Pte. T. Freeman, S. Gds. (Bracknell).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the attack he repeatedly carried messages from battalion headquarters to his company under heavy shell and machine-gun fire, every one of which he succeeded in delivering. He also volunteered to guide two platoons of the supporting company, which had been ordered to reinforce the line, over ground in full view of the enemy and swept by fire for half a mile. It was entirely due to his initiative and skilful leading that these two platoons arrived at the required positions at a critical period, thus enabling a counter-attack to be repulsed.

8421 C.S.M. E. Frost, G. Gds. (Long Eaton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. Seeing that one of the platoon sergeants had become a casualty and that the platoon was losing direction and suffering casualties from machine-gun fire, he doubled across the open to the platoon under heavy fire. He corrected their direction, ordered a sergeant to take command, and enabled them to reach their objective. He showed great promptness and initiative.

1893 C.S.M. V. C. D. Froude, M.M., Lanc. Fus. (Bermondsey).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His company met with heavy rifle and machine-gun fire during an advance. He assisted in rallying the company, took charge of a party, and occupied a strong point which he held against counter-attack. He showed splendid courage and leadership.

11981 Pte. R. S. Fuller, E. Surr. R. (Pewsey).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as one of a mopping-up party. Coming under heavy trench mortar fire from our own battery, he at once moved his party away from the shelled area. He then went through exceptionally heavy fire to the trench mortar battery to correct their range, and then rejoined his party.

4034 S.S.M. J. F. Furness, Dns. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the regiment being ordered to retire he was the last to come under shelter. Under very heavy machine-gun fire he dismounted to help a badly wounded man, and whilst doing this he lost his horse. He most gallantly remained with the wounded man, and eventually succeeded in bringing him in single-handed to the dressing-station.

18969 C.S.M. E. Fuggle, M.M., M.G.C. (Tenterden).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations. He reorganised a party of men temporarily attached to the unit, and, having collected ammunition and enemy bombs, he defended with great coolness and courage a section of a trench, and prevented any further advance, until relieved. His fine example resulted in the morale of the men remaining unshaken.

29229 Sjt. W. Gardner, M.G. Corps (Stratford-on-Avon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of two machine guns. When the ammunition supply became disorganised owing to casualties, he frequently went out under heavy shell fire with complete contempt of danger and obtained ammunition for his guns.

9404 Pte. E. Garrett, S. Staff. R., attd. M.G.C. (Cradley Heath).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed the most magnificent courage and disregard for danger in keeping his gun firing despite severe casualties amongst his team and the most intense shell fire. His energy, power of endurance and cheerfulness had the highest effect on the men around him, and encouraged them to hold on at all costs.

40010 Sq. S.M. O. Garrish, Yeo. (Streatham Hill, S.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went to the assistance of a severely wounded trooper under very heavy fire, and carried him to safety. He showed great courage and self-sacrifice.

T/988 Armt. S./S. R. E. Gascoyne, A.O.C. (Harrow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After the infantry had retired through the battery and the enemy were within 600 yards, he personally disabled one of the guns, and then joined a party of infantry, whose officer was killed soon after. Taking charge of the party, and being forced to retire, he successfully withdrew to a line of defence, where he remained in charge till sufficient reinforcements arrived to counter-attack the enemy. After the guns had been retaken he remained at the position till tractors arrived to salve them.

2526 L./C. W. Gavin, R. Highrs. (Greenock).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He carried messages on several occasions through heavy hostile shell fire. When the N.C.O. in charge of his platoon became a casualty he at once took charge, and by his courage and initiative materially assisted in the success of the operations. He set a splendid example to his comrades.

1753 Flt. Sjt. G. A. F. Gibson, R.F.C. (Queen's Park, London, W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has done consistent good work with the flight on active service.

17244 Pte. H. Gladders, G. Gds. (Middlesbrough).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an enemy attack he rushed his Lewis gun over to the threatened flank on his own initiative and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy single-handed. He showed the greatest courage and determination, and set a fine example to all the men about him.

200301 C./S./M. H. Gledhill, York. L.I. (Normanton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a post had been blown up by enemy shell fire, and there were no stretcher-bearers immediately available, he at once proceeded to the spot, despite the intense shelling, and commenced to dig out five wounded men. But for his very gallant action these men would probably have lost their lives.

L/9107 Sjt. W. Glenie, Midd'x R. (Ashford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Leading a bombing attack, he drove back the enemy for several hundred yards, setting a magnificent example to all around him, who were inspired to the greatest efforts through his courage, endurance and splendid fighting spirit.

506106 Spr. T. G. Glisson, R.E. (Bath).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the advance on the enemy, two hostile machine guns were enfilading the flank. He, with two other sappers, attacked the machine gun crews, killing both crews save one N.C.O., who was taken prisoner. The guns were captured, and the attack on the flank was thereby enabled to continue.

15755 Sjt. A. W. Godfrey, R.G.A. (Bledworth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The battery position was shelled by heavy guns, and before one of the dug-outs could be cleared, two enemy shells fell close by it, causing several casualties. He, having seen his own detachment clear, returned alone, found the dug-out blown in, and men imprisoned within. Despite the increased violence of the hostile fire, he, single-handed, freed two of the buried men, rallied a party to rescue the third man, and then carried all three into safety. Throughout his service with the battery he has repeatedly shown great initiative, and his personal courage has been of the highest order.

7207 C.S.M. J. Gornall, C. Gds. (W. Houghton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the officers of his company became casualties early in an attack he took command and led the company with great coolness and gallantry. He maintained touch with the unit next to him under very difficult conditions, reformed the company and held his line against three enemy counter-attacks. He inspired his men by his coolness and courage.

6173 Sjt. J. Gorry, R. Ir. Fus. (Ballybofey).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of two platoons on his own initiative when their officers were wounded and handled them with the greatest skill and determination under heavy fire. He reinforced the firing line and enabled the advance to continue.

60701 L./Bombr. F. C. Gould, R.F.A. (Chelsea).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy advance when he formed one of a detachment under a N.C.O. He helped to man one of two guns, whichever was most suitable for the task, for over two hours. The enemy appeared at different points within and around the battery, which fired at close ranges, and was all the time under heavy machine gun and rifle fire. His courage and tenacity was worthy of high praise.

13727 Pte. (A./L./Cpl.) S. A. Gowlett, Essex R. (Gt. Sampford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while advancing to the forming-up position for the attack on the second objective. When held up by a party of the enemy in a shell-hole he dashed forward and single-handed attacked the garrison, consisting of an officer and five men. He wounded the officer and some men with a bomb and captured the remainder, thus enabling the line to advance at this point in time for the barrage. He showed splendid cheerfulness in the face of utmost discomfort.

67580 Sjt. F. W. Graves, M.G.C. (Huntingdon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Though buried by a shell and badly shaken he remained with his guns throughout the operations, and showed the greatest

courage and coolness under heavy fire. His example was of the utmost value at a critical time.

160071 Gnr. F. W. Griggs, R.G.A. (Haringay).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While he was on telephone duty at a time when the billets were being shelled, a shell struck the roof of the telephone exchange, setting fire to the roof and severely wounding another man inside. Gnr. Griggs, though badly shaken, immediately returned to his companion, lifted him to the window, and with the aid of a N.C.O. removed him to a place of safety. But for his prompt and gallant action this man would undoubtedly have been burnt to death.

B/2437 L./Cpl. E. Green, Rif. Bde. (Salford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was acting as guide during a relief when the enemy opened a heavy bombardment, but he guided his party successfully to their position. He then took charge of a relieving platoon whose officer had become a casualty, and with the greatest coolness and initiative led them forward to their position in small parties and saved them many casualties.

200601 Gnr. W. C. Green, Tank Corps (Addiscombe).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Though every member of his own crew was wounded, he assisted in rescuing the whole crew of another Tank, which was out of action. He drove his Tank out of action with sixteen persons on board, eleven of whom were wounded, expending every round of ammunition he had on the enemy before returning. The determination and gallantry displayed by this man in extricating his Tank under the greatest difficulty were most praiseworthy.

S/9909 Pte. E. Gregory, M.M. Rif. Bde. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was acting as guide during a relief when the enemy opened a heavy bombardment. He led his party forward with the greatest coolness, and it was entirely due to his initiative and grasp of the situation that the position was reached without a casualty. He then went back three times on his own initiative through heavy shelling to lead other parties forward.

590 B.S.M. F. A. Grocott, M.G.C. (Stoke Newington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He collected and organised a team of Lewis gunners, and by skilful leadership held up a party of the enemy. Later, when engaged in bringing up ammunition, he was almost surrounded by the enemy, but collecting a party of infantry, he fought his way out and got to his destination. He showed splendid courage and initiative.

11/1456 L./Cpl. J. Hackitt, E. Yorks. R. (Doncaster).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of his company

stretcher-bearers. He went forward with the first wave of a daylight raid. Throughout the raid, and after, he went backwards and forwards to the enemy front line carrying back wounded men on his shoulders, though snipers were most active and there was a hostile barrage on our trench.

70001 S.M. H. H. Haines, Yeo. (Windsor).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading and bringing up reserve ammunition to exposed positions. He set a fine example of courage and coolness to the men of the regiment.

*89450 B.S.M. F. W. Hall, R.F.A. (Cheddingley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has done excellent work during a long period, and always set a splendid example to his men under fire.

1663 Cpl. A. G. Ham, W. Gds. (High-bridge).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He rushed his Lewis gun forward under heavy fire and engaged some enemy machine guns which were giving trouble. On reaching the enemy's trench he got a captured machine gun into action against the enemy and was of the greatest assistance in organising machine-gun teams and getting the guns into action. His cheerfulness and courage were a splendid example to all.

15572 C.S.M. R. Hamilton, M.M., R. Innis. Fus. (Londonderry).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he captured an enemy machine gun and three of its crew, single handed. While holding the line during the following days he rendered valuable assistance in reorganising the company and getting forward supplies of bombs and ammunition, on several occasions under fire. His example and cheerfulness throughout were magnificent.

15923 C.S.M. H. Hammond, Essex R. (S. Chingford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in taking charge of the left platoon of his company after the platoon and section commanders were put out of action. When held up by a party of the enemy in a shell hole, he sent a bombing party round the flank and succeeded in overcoming their resistance. He at once pushed on and got the platoon to the forming-up area just in time to advance behind the barrage, and led them over most difficult ground to the objective.

50743 Cpl. S. Hammond, Midd'x R. ("E" Thornton Heath).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a strong enemy attack had driven back the company on the flank and when the enemy were endeavouring to work round to the rear of their own company, he, with another man, picked up a machine gun, rushed out with it across the open and opened fire on the enemy on their flank and rear, remaining in this exposed position for two hours. This very gallant and courageous

deed resulted in the enemy being driven back and the position restored.

24115 L./Sjt. H. A. Hampton, S. Wales Bord. (Dunmour).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, going out on numerous occasions and bringing in wounded men who were lying out in front. When his company was surrounded he made his way through the enemy and guided a Tank to the position, thereby enabling the company to withdraw in safety. He also gave great help in repelling counter-attacks.

6706 Pte. J. W. Harris, C. Gds. (London, N.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the advance a hostile machine-gun was causing many casualties and holding up his company on the flank. He went forward alone and located the gun, and, having collected a party of men, he directed their fire so skilfully that the gun was silenced, though throughout this period he was exposed to heavy artillery fire and machine-gun fire from the flank. By this gallant act he was instrumental in saving many lives in his company, and also in aiding a further advance.

6098 Sjt. (A./Coy. S.M.) F. Harrison, S. Staff. R. (Barton-under-Needwood).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the operations he acted with great coolness and courage under heavy fire, and during violent hostile attacks. His able assistance to his company commander in most trying circumstances helped greatly towards the repulse of these attacks, and his unfailing energy and marked ability were a splendid example to all ranks.

9939 Sjt. W. T. Harrison, S. Staffs. R. (Hednesford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He repeatedly led counter-attacks, repulsing the enemy attacks and successfully organising the defence of the line after his officer had become a casualty. Later, seeing a severely wounded man in the open being sniped at, he went out and brought him back safely to cover. He set a fine example of courage, enterprise and efficiency to his platoon.

*26550 Sjt. F. Hart, R.F.A. (Holloway).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed untiring energy and determination on several occasions at his work of bringing up ammunition. He carried out his duties often under the most difficult conditions and under fire from the enemy.

241326 Sjt. J. W. Hastney, Yorks. L.I. (Castleford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as acting C.S.M. When the company was held up by machine-gun fire and several section leaders became casualties, by his prompt action he got the troops forward and put an end to what might have been a fatal hesitation. He showed fine courage in clearing enemy dug-outs and reconnoitring the ground in front of the objective.

No. 14575 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) J. Hayter, R.E. (near Reading).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a retirement was started he stood in the road and turned men back, encouraging them to hold their ground. Later, he was directly responsible for preventing a retirement, and showed considerable skill in organising the trench for defence.

23938 Cpl. H. Haywood, S. Wales Bord. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in dressing wounded day and night all through an attack. Although the aid post was blown down three times, he carried on in the open under heavy fire, and assisted in finding shelter for the wounded after each aid post was destroyed.

201387 Pte. J. Heard, R. Highrs. (Invergowrie).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as company runner. He carried numerous messages from the front line to battalion headquarters over ground knee deep in mud when other runners were exhausted. During an enemy counter-attack he carried messages to all parts of the front line under heavy machine-gun and snipers' fire. When the company guides had gone astray he volunteered to guide in the relieving company, and did so successfully.

R/10012 Rfn. J. W. Hardy, K.R.R.C. ([E] Stepney).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was returning from an advanced post when he met with an enemy patrol. He at once attacked single-handed, and brought three men back with him as prisoners.

*41803 Cpl. A. Heke, R.F.A. (Pontyclun, Glam.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as battery signaller. He frequently laid and repaired lines in the open under heavy fire, showing great coolness and determination.

23050 L./C. L. Hennefer, G. Gds. (Bolton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After three N.C.O.'s of his platoon had become casualties he at once reorganised the platoon and captured two machine-guns at the point of the bayonet. He then chased a party of twenty-five of the enemy into a dug-out and made them prisoners. With great dash and skill he continued to lead his platoon on to its objective.

50866 Cpl. R. B. Henry, R.F.A. ([E] Finchley, W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the whole of his gun detachment became casualties, though he was wounded and his right eye destroyed, he bandaged the other men under heavy fire and assisted in carrying them to cover. He showed magnificent courage and self-sacrifice.

17669 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) P. J. Herbert, Devon. R. (Stepney).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in keeping his Lewis gun in action under very bad conditions and causing many casualties to the enemy during a counter-attack. When his platoon serjeant was killed he took over his duties and reorganised the platoon.

9524 Pte. J. Hewett, S. Wales Bord. (Limehouse).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the officers and N.C.O.'s of his company had become casualties he took command, rallied and reorganised the men, led them in several counter-attacks. He maintained his position till the battalion was relieved when he brought his men out of action.

8785 Sjt. W. Hill, C. Gds. (Caterham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took charge of his platoon when its commander became a casualty, and in the face of heavy fire led it forward to the final objective. On his own initiative he threw out a protective flank, and then personally led a bayonet charge against a strong point, which had a telling effect on the enemy. Later, he took over the duties of Company Serjeant-Major, and showed the greatest coolness and efficiency.

4/7782 Pte. H. Hines, W. York. R. (Tyne Dock).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a hostile counter-attack, in which our positions were penetrated, all details were collected and rushed to a position covering the village. He, on his own initiative and under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, placed a machine-gun on a track and used it with such telling effect on the enemy that they were repulsed, thus ensuring the safety of the transport.

96187 Pte. W. Hitchcock, M.G.C. (Wellington, Somerset).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the other members of his machine-gun team had become casualties during an action, he assisted his officer to get the gun into action, showing great determination and resource.

8258 C.S.M. M. Hobbs, M.M., Devon. R. (Devonport).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of his company after all the officers had been wounded. He succeeded in pushing forward advanced posts and establishing a new line in spite of considerable enemy activity.

200007 (frmly. 40) C.S.M. H. Hoggarth, E. Yorks. R. (Hull).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in attending to the wounded under heavy fire, both in the open and in the trenches, on several occasions.

326580 Pte. A. J. Holmes, Cambs. R. (Cambridge).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a stretcher-bearer. He dressed and evacuated the wounded all night under heavy

fire. At dawn, though wounded in the shoulder while carrying several more cases, he volunteered to cross the open to an advanced post where casualties were occurring, and made two journeys, bringing back a wounded man each time on his shoulders. He made two more journeys to the regimental aid post before succumbing to exhaustion.

267000 Sjt. H. E. Holmes, W. Yorks. R. (Royston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of the flank platoon of the battalion. When some troops on the flank, being without officers, retired during a counter-attack, after informing his company commander he went across, reorganised and encouraged them, and got them back to their line, thus averting a very serious situation.

2015 Sjt. F. Hopper, R.F.C. (Burnley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst on reconnaissance duty, he, with his formation, was attacked by five enemy planes. Though stunned by a wound in his arm, with his engine out of action and controls shot away, he succeeded in evading three of the enemy scouts which had closed on him, and crossed the line at a low altitude. He landed his machine without injury to himself or his observer. Later, he shot down two enemy planes completely out of control, and throughout he has shown the greatest vigour, determination and courage.

205007 Sjt. (A. Sqdn. S.M.) H. Hoskings, Yeo. (Stokenchurch, Bucks.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He brought in led horses of the squadron under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire, thereby contributing largely to the successful pursuit of the enemy.

205670 Sjt. A. Houghton, Yeo. (Cricklewood, N.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his troop with great courage and determination in the assault and, though wounded, remained at duty and organised the consolidation of the position.

91502 Gnr. J. Hault, Tank Corps (Burton-on-Trent).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his Tank was set on fire, he assisted in extinguishing the flames. Later, after his Tank had been hit by a shell, which caused casualties to his officers, he got out of it and at once advanced on foot towards the enemy armed with a revolver, the infantry being still 300 yards in rear. By his marked gallantry, bold determination and prompt action he prevented the enemy from advancing.

486814 Spr. A. Housby, R.E. (Rawdon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the advance on the enemy, two hostile machine guns were enfilading the flank. He, with two other sappers, attacked the machine-gun crews, killing both crews save one N.C.O., who was taken prisoner.

The guns were captured, and the attack on the flank was thereby enabled to continue.

58693 Sjt. W. Howard, R.F.A. (Bourne End).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action when acting as section commander. He engaged enemy infantry at short ranges at finally under 100 yards, and having a detachment to man one gun, he moved them from gun to gun until finally ordered to dismantle the guns, which he did, retiring in good order. Throughout the day the battery was under heavy shell, machine-gun, and rifle fire.

19394 Pte. W. H. Hubbard, M.M., M.G.C. (Harrow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his officer and N.C.O.'s had become casualties he took charge of the gun-teams. The guns when mounted were destroyed, and only his rifle was available for use. He remained with his men unsupported in shell holes for about seven hours, and accounted for several of the enemy. Though almost entirely surrounded, he succeeded in leading his men back, carrying with him a wounded man.

19005 Sjt. F. Hunnabull, M.M., M.G.C. (Dedham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of two machine guns during sixty hours' fighting. On three occasions he went forward to stalk enemy machine guns which were holding up our advance, either disabling them or causing them to retire.

41537 Pte. J. T. Hunt, Suff. R. (Bermondsey).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a company runner. He repeatedly volunteered to take messages after other runners had been hit. During a counter-attack and under a heavy barrage he went to the battalion on the right and kept his company commander informed of the situation. When carrying an important message he was seriously wounded, but managed to pass on his message to another man for delivery.

707063 B.S.M. T. G. Hunter, R.F.A. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of an ammunition convoy. The battery being in action and no unloading party available, he proceeded to unload the convoy, and personally unloaded about 300 rounds. Several men and horses were wounded, but no confusion ensued, and the convoy was cleared. He has displayed good leadership on every occasion when in charge of convoys along heavily shelled roads.

40412 Gnr. R. Irving, Tank Corps (Langholm).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After his Tank had received a direct hit, which exposed the driving position, wounding the officer and driver, he without the slightest hesitation jumped into the driver's seat and drove the tank away, during the whole of which time it was subjected to machine-gun fire. Though wounded through

this fire, and though the Tank received another two direct hits, the first of which set the engine on fire, he succeeded in driving it to within fifty yards of our front line. Orders having been given for its evacuation, he handed over two machine-guns to the infantry, but stayed behind with his wounded officer until he got him into a passing Tank. This man's devotion to duty was beyond all praise, and his resourcefulness and fine fighting spirit undoubtedly saved the Tank from falling into hostile hands.

TZ/2743 P.O. D. Jackson, R.N.V.R. (Carlisle).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a platoon constructing trenches under very trying conditions and considerable shelling and machine-gun fire. He also assisted in the rescue of wounded who had been stuck fast in the mud for six or eight hours, going out in front of our line under heavy fire.

41242 Cpl. T. G. James, S. Wales Bord. (Cardiff).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack when in charge of signals. He showed great skill and resolution in opening up communication by line and visual, and organising runners. In spite of heavy enemy shelling he remained at his post, and continued to transmit messages until severely wounded.

786499 Cpl. W. Jeffrey, R.F.A. (Heeley, Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a hostile counter-attack, when he kept his gun continually in action for seven and a half hours despite very heavy enemy shelling.

266816 Pte. E. Jenkins, Glouc. R. (Bristol).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in remaining at his post, throwing bombs night and day throughout enemy attacks on our trenches. Whilst a bombing attack was being formed he volunteered, and remained well in front, and by using his rifle held the enemy until the attack was completed.

10086 C.S.M. J. Jenner, M.M., Bord. R. (Upper Norwood).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company met with resistance from parties of the enemy during an advance, he collected a body of men and overcame their opposition. He also led a party against an enemy machine gun, which he captured with ten prisoners. His conduct throughout the day was magnificent.

16578 Pte. J. T. Jewitt, E. Yorks. R. (Shotley Bridge).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in going out 500 yards with two N.C.O.'s to reconnoitre a crater close to the enemy front line. Hearing voices, he descended to a small dug-out in the crater and reappeared with three prisoners, two of whom were safely brought back to our lines, in broad daylight and under heavy fire.

12544 Pte. J. Jobling, M.M., C. Gds. (Ousebury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Knowing that it was a matter of the greatest importance to discover the strength and disposition of the enemy on certain high ground immediately in front of his position, he dashed over to the enemy position on his own initiative in the face of heavy fire, and having seen what was necessary returned and delivered the information. Though wounded, he remained on duty until the action had terminated. His accurate information was of the greatest value to the officer commanding the company, enabling him to make suitable dispositions.

200691 L./Cpl. G. Johnson, R. Lanc. R. (Bootle).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O., when the parties became disorganised on entering the enemy's trench, told off a bombing party, and by clearing the trench enabled reorganisation to take place, himself capturing two hostile mortars and killing both the teams. Later, during a counter-attack, he worked one mortar till all the ammunition was expended and then destroyed both captured weapons. His behaviour throughout was most gallant.

G/8393 Sjt. W. H. Johnson, R. Fus. (Stoke-on-Trent).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When acting as company serjeant-major during the attack, he displayed great coolness, courage and presence of mind in the course of the advance. Perceiving the leading line of his company held up by machine-gun fire, he quickly collected together a small party, charged the gun and took the whole crew prisoners. He was indefatigable in organising the men for the consolidation of the trench and establishing touch with the flanks. His conduct throughout gave proof of marked efficiency.

201525 A./Cpl. T. Johnson, M.M., N. Staff. R. (Stoke-on-Trent).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On returning from a daylight raid on the enemy trenches, he, with an officer, was held up with enemy wire, but succeeded in reaching a shell hole. Here, while heavily bombed, he bound up the wounds of the officer, and refusing to surrender when called on to do so, ultimately reached, with the officer, our own trenches.

98632 2/Cpl. R. J. Johnson, R.E. (Leeds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. He destroyed two dug-outs full of the enemy who refused to come out, as well as a large trench mortar. Encountering a concrete machine-gun emplacement, he ran forward to insert a mobile charge through a slit. Finding the charge too large, he threw bombs and put the gun and team out of action.

320096 Sjt. H. E. Johnston, R. Suss. R. (Brighton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took charge of a Lewis gun team who had been ordered to attack a battery of guns which was holding up the advance. With the greatest courage and determination

he rushed the position and captured the guns, with three officers and twenty-five other prisoners.

8349 C.S.M. E. T. Jones, Shrops. L.I. (Pembroke Dock).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action, when he constantly volunteered for dangerous duties under very heavy shell fire with front line, and rendered his company commander invaluable aid in organising the company. He also went out in broad daylight and assisted in carrying in two stretcher cases.

29657 Sjt. G. I. Jones, R.F.A. (Wanganui, N. Zealand).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as serjeant-major. He organised spare men and details in a defensive line, shot one of the enemy at fifty yards' range, went out and brought his rifle and ammunition and handed it to a man who had no rifle.

W/305 Sjt. I. W. Jones, M.M., R.F.A. (Maesycymmer).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed the greatest courage and coolness and an entire disregard for personal safety when the battery position was subjected to heavy shell fire for several hours. Although blown over and badly shaken by a bursting shell, he continued to expose himself and remained at his gun till the enemy attack was repulsed. He set a splendid example to his men, and on the battery ceasing fire he assisted in dressing the wounded, though still under heavy shell fire.

30320 B.S.M.-J. H. Jones, R.H.A. (Christchurch).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the wagon lines of the battery coming under a gas shell bombardment, he performed excellent work in getting horses and vehicles clear of the shelled area. When an ammunition wagon was set on fire, he, together with the captain and a serjeant, succeeded in extinguishing the flames. Though himself gassed, he showed great coolness and courage, and was instrumental in saving many casualties to horses and men.

29139 Pte. W. D. Jones, R.A.M.C. (Allt-wen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was one of a party of eight bearers attached to a battalion which at the time was being subjected to heavy shell fire. Though the other bearers had separated and sought shelter, he went from cellar to cellar looking for wounded and reporting their location to the medical officer. Later, on three occasions during the intense bombardment, he went out and brought in a wounded case on his back. Throughout the whole period he displayed exceptional courage, and as a result of his initiative, untiring efforts and splendid example, a large number of wounded were collected and rapidly evacuated.

241387 Sjt. H. Kay, M.M., N. Lanc. R. (Egerton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Within a short distance of our line he put a hostile machine-gun section out of

action, destroying the gun and killing the crew. Later, with the help of another man, he attacked another machine-gun position, and killed the crew of five men. In all this N.C.O. accounted for twelve of the enemy, and his dash and gallantry saved many casualties.

3591 Cpl. A. C. Keal, E. Kent R. (Sutton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at a time when the enemy had broken through a portion of the front line. He showed fine initiative and leadership in collecting and organising men of various units to form a defensive flank, and later displayed great coolness and courage in leading the men in a very successful counter-attack.

23290 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) R. Keevil, R.E. (Horsham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a party laying cables from our former front line after the officer commanding the party had been killed. The success of the work was largely due to him.

20784 Pte. W. Kelsall, R.A.M.C. (St. Helens).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Owing to there being a heavy barrage on the road to the advanced dressing-station, all communications with the motor ambulance unit were cut off. He volunteered to proceed to the advanced dressing station and enquire what assistance was required. Having returned through the barrage, he personally conducted seven ambulances along this road, thus enabling twenty-eight stretcher cases to be evacuated. During the following twenty-four hours he twice returned to the advanced dressing-station, and on a later occasion, when proceeding along this road, was wounded. As a result of his zeal, devotion to duty, and complete disregard for personal safety, a large number of wounded were rapidly evacuated.

350567 Sjt. G. O. Kelly, Lond. R., and K.A. Rif. (Vauxhall).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On seeing an officer in a hostile machine-gun position he went rapidly forward to his assistance under heavy fire, accompanied by three native soldiers. The capture of the gun and its safe withdrawal to the rear were thereby ensured. His coolness under exceptionally trying circumstances was most marked.

58893 B.S.M. J. Kempton, R.F.A. (Bel-fast).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the wagon lines were heavily shelled he at once went out, though badly shaken by a bursting shell, and organised the removal of the horses to a safer place. He saved many casualties by his promptness and courage and his able handling of the situation, which was most difficult owing to the darkness and confusion.

*12073 Cpl. E. D. Kenwright, R.F.A. (Warrington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He did excellent work while in charge of signallers and communications during a long period. By his untiring energy and determination he maintained communication often under the most difficult conditions and under heavy enemy fire.

Ltrs./6125 Pte. A. Kerrison, Lrs. (Beechamwell).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Seeing one of our Hotchkiss guns out in the open with the gunners all killed or wounded, he three times went out to bring it in. He was wounded at the first attempt, but finally succeeded when the enemy had almost captured the gun.

13335 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) W. F. Kermode, M.M., C. Gds. (Peel, I. of Man).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He, being in charge of a flank post, when some machine gunners were compelled to retire to his post, together with another N.C.O. led them back, and though armed only with a revolver killed the leading two of the enemy party and held up the remainder of the party, thus allowing the machine gunners to recover their gun, which they had left behind, and also covering their retreat. Later, he returned to the same spot, under close range machine-gun and rifle fire, in order to recover some equipment. This N.C.O. has on all occasions displayed the greatest enthusiasm and energy in the fulfilment of his duty.

S/1099 Pte. A. Kilborn, Rif. Bde. (Camberwell).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the enemy's trenches. When the officers and N.C.O.'s became casualties, he and another man led the party forward, cleared the enemy front line, bombed several dug-outs and captured two prisoners. Owing to his coolness and good leadership the whole of the allotted task was successfully carried out.

463128 C.S.M. F. King, R.E. (Chapwell).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of an advanced signal exchange and runner post during seventeen days' operations. When two runners had been killed and despatches lost, he went forward himself to endeavour to obtain and deliver the lost despatches.

241118 L./C. F. W. King, Worc. R. (Worcester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He used his Lewis gun with great effect throughout an engagement, and was successful in keeping the enemy out of an important position which they made repeated attempts to capture. He remained at his post and kept his gun firing throughout two heavy bombardments, displaying great courage and determination.

8233 C./S./M. A. Knight, Shrops. L.I. (nr. Bletchley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Prior to the attack on the enemy positions, he was of the greatest assistance to his company commander, and during the attack he led a platoon to the final objective with the utmost dash. During the consolidation of the captured position he worked indefatigably, and was largely instrumental in reorganising the company.

241966 Pte. F. Lacey, R. War. R. (Blackmoor, Liss).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. When his section commander had been killed he took charge, and showed the greatest initiative in leading his section under heavy fire into a position from which he could enfilade the advancing enemy. He kept his guns in action, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy and causing a large number to retire.

27697 Sjt. C. Lacey, Suff. R. (Strood).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed the greatest gallantry in organising and leading counter-attacks. He only withdrew after half of his party had become casualties, though he himself had been severely shaken by a bursting bomb. He brought back most valuable information as to the exact position of the enemy, and displayed the most utter disregard of personal danger throughout the operations.

14492 L./Sjt. C. Lamplugh, G. Gds. (Southbank).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he overcame and captured a machine gun and its crew, and when all the officers of his company were casualties he took command of half the company, led it to the objective, and organised the consolidation under heavy fire. He showed utter disregard of danger, and set a fine example of courage and energy.

27502 Pte. (L./Cpl.) A. W. Larwood, Suff. R. (Aldgate).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in crawling up close to a house containing several enemy machine guns, and bringing his Lewis gun into action at point blank range. He continued to fire until his whole team were knocked out and his gun completely smashed.

11372 L./Cpl. (A./L./Sjt.) W. Latta, M.M., G. Gds. (Oxford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Soon after the advance commenced he was the senior N.C.O. left in his company. Collecting the remainder of his company, he fought his way through to the first objective, which he reached with but a handful of men. He gave a magnificent example of determination and courage. It was thanks to his courageous efforts that the advance to the second objective was possible.

28112 A./C.S.M. A. J. Lawrence, Welsh R. (Addisham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When an advance was held up by an enemy strong point, he led the men for-

ward and rushed a machine-gun post, bayoneting the crew and capturing the machine gun.

820098 Bdr. D. Leech, R.F.A. (Uttoxeter).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a heavy trench mortar. The safety pin in a fuze caught in some expanding metal while he was loading the mortar, and the fuze operated as soon as the bomb reached the bottom of the bore. Hearing the fuze working, he rushed to the mortar, and putting his arm down the bore, unscrewed the fuze and threw it into the open, thereby preventing a premature explosion with the loss of many lives.

69362 Dr. H. W. J. Leggate, R.F.A. (Chel-sea).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When performing the duties of signaller, he repeatedly repaired the line from the battery to the exchange under heavy and at some times intense shell fire. Later, volunteering to repair the wires to the observation post, he went forward in the face of shell and machine-gun fire, being the first to discover that the enemy were advancing from the flank. Having warned the party at the observation post, and having brought in the telephone equipment, he further distinguished himself by remaining behind to assist in carrying the wounded to a place of safety, though he had already been subjected to a tremendous strain and was considerably shaken.

G/44238 C.S.M. D. Lehane, R. Fus. (Hampstead, N.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He organised attacks on two enemy machine guns and put both of them out of action. When ammunition and bombs were urgently required he organised a small party and led them forward through heavy fire. He handled his men with the greatest ability and courage.

32029 Pte. H. Leishman, H.L.I. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a stretcher-bearer. He brought in great numbers of wounded, and when not carrying wounded he volunteered for other duties. While bringing in a wounded man he was attacked by the enemy. Though unarmed, he knocked one of them down and the others retired.

7756 1st Cl. Air Mechanic A. Leyland, R.F.C. (Burnley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the battery being heavily engaged by an enemy battery, the wireless aerial was broken on three occasions. On each occasion this man pluckily went out and repaired it, though the shelling was most severe. The disregard of personal danger and devotion to duty displayed by him enabled the battery to be fought, and greatly aided in steadying the other wireless operators and signallers under very trying conditions.

530084 Sgt. F. Lord, Lond. R. (Royton, nr. Oldham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to

duty when acting as company serjeant-major. He gave great assistance to his company commander during an attack, and though wounded, remained at duty. He set a fine example of courage and determination.

761201 Cpl. G. N. Lowther, M.M., R.F.A. (Whitby).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in extinguishing some burning camouflage over a gun. With the help of a gunner he picked out rounds that had been pierced by shell fire, and were in danger of exploding, and so undoubtedly saved the gun from being put out of action. In response to a call for volunteers, he went out with two others and succeeded in bringing in a wounded man, although all were blown over by a shell.

1458 Gnr. G. McArdle, M.G.C. (Galashiels).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He went twice through a heavy machine-gun barrage to fetch ammunition. When the rest of the team were casualties, he attended to their wounds and carried extra ammunition and spare parts in addition to his own load. He rendered the greatest service repelling the attacking enemy, and showed splendid coolness and courage.

15802 L./Cpl. A. E. McCaffrey, G. Gds. (Maidstone).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He commanded a platoon of the leading company in an attack, and when the objective had been captured, and all the officers were casualties, he found that there was a gap of 450 yards on his left. He quickly grasped the situation and so disposed his men as to cover the gap completely by his fire. By skilful handling of his Lewis gunners he put out of action the teams of three enemy field guns, which thus fell into our hands. He showed magnificent leadership and resource.

8834 Sgt. J. McCann, R. Berks. R. (Clapton, E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in command of a section of the front line trench when the enemy made a determined effort to raid and occupy our line of advanced posts. On his own initiative he organised his section, and, despite the heavy barrage, led it out to reinforce one of the posts, materially assisting the garrison of the post in repulsing the enemy with heavy losses. His prompt action was an inspiring instance of the value of a fine fighting spirit.

29011 Sgt. M. McCarthy, M.G. Corps (Wexford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On his section officer becoming a casualty, he at once took over from him the orders and maps and took charge of the section. Shortly afterwards, though he was himself hit, he sent back a report to his company commander, and also reported

to the nearest section officer. Despite the fact that he was bleeding freely, he remained in charge and handled his section very ably, showing magnificent coolness and pluck throughout the action.

292381 Sjt. H. McCulloch, Gord. Highrs. (Clydebank).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The attack being held up by heavy fire, he volunteered to go forward and obtain information as to the general situation. He succeeded in bringing back valuable information, and throughout the day rendered great assistance to his company commander. By his cheerfulness he set a splendid example to his men.

510465 C.S.M. C. I. MacDonald, Lond. R. (Highgate).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He destroyed an enemy machine gun by firing rifle grenades from a sap which was being heavily bombed. He afterwards took charge of a Lewis gun and, mounting it in an exposed position, silenced a second enemy machine gun. He set an inspiring example of coolness under fire to the men of his company.

80963 Sjt. D. A. Macgregor, R.F.A. (Kilburn).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Six teams and ammunition wagons were in the battery position when a heavy enemy barrage started, killing five horses and causing many casualties. By his splendid example he kept the men from losing their heads, got the teams sorted out, and led them away himself, returning to his gun. But for his fine courage and presence of mind the casualties must have been much heavier.

200050 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) S. Macgregor, Sea. Highrs. (Edderton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the counter-attack, when all the officers had become casualties, he took command, and displaying magnificent courage, encouraged his men to stay at their posts to the last possible minute, when he skilfully withdrew them. Later, he rallied and reorganised his company, putting out a defensive flank. His coolness throughout the action was most marked.

870 Cpl. J. McIlwraith, M.G.C. (Inverleithen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He used his gun with great effect on the advancing enemy. When almost surrounded by the enemy and ordered to withdraw, he got into touch with another gun team and organised a skilful withdrawal, getting away one gun at a time. Though wounded, he fought his way back, using his revolver on the enemy. He showed the greatest courage and initiative.

14578 L./C. D. MacKay, Sco. Gds. (Co. Antrim).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of a machine-gun team in an attack on a strong enemy position. On the company officers and senior N.C.O.'s becoming casualties, and the flank

attack held up, he fought his gun, although the rest of his team were casualties, and did not retire with it into the line until all the wounded had been brought in. His precise description of the enemy's defence proved very useful, and his courage and determination were most marked.

S/25479 Pte. (L./Cpl.) D. McKenzie, Cam'n Highrs. (Loch Carron).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when on patrol behind the enemy lines. The patrol met a large enemy party, preceded by a covering party. In the attempt to capture this party the officer was wounded. Pte. McKenzie rushed to his assistance, kept back the large enemy party with bombs, managed to carry the officer in, and to withdraw the patrol without further loss.

240066 L./Cpl. J. McKenzie, North'd Fus. (Newcastle).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He was keeping up visual signalling with advance brigade headquarters, under heavy shell fire, when a shell struck the battalion dump of bombs and S.A.A., setting fire to a box of rifle grenades. He immediately picked up the burning box and carried it to a shell hole full of water.

82385 Sjt. R. McKenzie, R.G.A. (Kentish Town).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In the course of severe hostile shelling of the battery position, one man of a detachment was killed and six others wounded. This N.C.O., by his fine example, quick control over his men and total disregard of the intense shelling, succeeded in getting the six wounded on to stretchers and to a place of safety. He then formed another gun detachment to man the gun and maintain it in action. His conduct was invaluable in preserving the morale of the men at a time when it was important that the battery should remain in action.

C/Z3265 Able Sea. D. W. Mackie, R.N.V.R. (Fraserburgh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as runner. He repeatedly carried messages under intense enemy fire and in the face of great difficulties. He also reconnoitred a route to an advanced position and successfully guided his company to the position. He showed initiative and courage of a high order.

202451 L./Cpl. R. McLeish, R. Highrs. (Perth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack, which was held up by machine-gun fire from two enemy dug-outs, his officers becoming casualties, he took command, rallied the men and led them on to an attack on the dug-outs, which proved completely successful. He showed great initiative in consolidating and reorganising, repulsing a counter-attack, in which the enemy suffered severe loss.

505 Gnr. G. McLester, M.G.C. (Belfast).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He stuck to his post under heavy machine-gun fire and used his gun with great skill and coolness.

though almost surrounded by the enemy. When his officer was badly wounded and the position became critical, he went through a heavy barrage and brought up reinforcements. He showed splendid courage and determination.

536025 Sjt. H. R. Mack, R.A.M.C. (Bermondsey).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He organised and led stretcher-bearers to remove the wounded from a forward area, and worked continuously day and night under heavy shell fire and gas. He saved many lives by his energy and initiative.

*20419 Pte. H. G. Mann, Worc. R. (Worcester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as runner. He carried messages by day and night often under heavy fire. He set a splendid example to his comrades at all times.

241429 L./C. A. Manney, R. War. R. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy attacked and penetrated the line, he organised and led a party which drove the enemy back. His conduct and example greatly contributed to the success of the counter-attack.

73017 Gnr. J. W. Mantle, R.F.A. (Grimsby).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy advance, when he formed one of a detachment under a N.C.O. He helped to man one of two guns, which ever was most suitable for the task, for over two hours. The enemy appeared at different points within and around the battery, which fired at close ranges, and was all the time under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire. His courage and tenacity was worthy of high praise.

41213 L./C. J. Markland, Midd'x R. (W. Loughton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst proceeding to the trenches, his platoon came under heavy shell fire. Both his platoon commander and sergeant became casualties, together with several other men, but he, although himself wounded in seven places, at once rallied the men and encouraged them. He then led them into the line, a distance of over a mile, still under fire, and handed the platoon over to his company commander before reporting himself wounded. No praise is too high for his gallantry, coolness and devotion to duty, which marked him as a splendid type of N.C.O.

205348 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) V. B. Marks, Yeo. (Aylesbury, Bucks.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He reorganised his troop under heavy enfilade rifle and machine-gun fire, and led an attack on the enemy on his own initiative with great courage and determination.

207434 Sjt. H. S. Marshall, R.E. (Ryde).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in going out in charge of a party to re-establish communication when the area was

heavily shelled and the buried cables completely cut. The task completed, he took his party to a place of safety, while he himself continued to patrol the lines and repair them on five separate occasions.

574714 Sjt. F. H. Mason, Lond. R. (Balham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While our artillery were shelling the position he attacked and captured an enemy machine gun and gunner in the face of heavy fire. He showed great courage and initiative.

202823 Sjt. H. Matheson, Sea. Highrs. (Thurso).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While occupying an outpost position some 1,000 yards from our line he was attacked three times by the enemy, but each time drove them back with loss. Being short of bombs, and seeing a number of them beyond his post, he went out under fire and brought in twenty, which proved most valuable. He personally accounted for seven of the enemy, and was largely responsible for the post being able to carry out its mission.

75634 Cpl. A. Mayglothling, Tank Corps (Worcester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Though during the early stages of the advance the whole of the crew, himself included, were wounded, he kept the guns in action. On four occasions fires broke out, but on each occasion he succeeded in extinguishing them, and the Tank was kept in action until all the ammunition was expended. Throughout the whole of this period he set a very fine example to the remainder of the crew.

2682 Sjt. G. W. Medlock, E. Surr. R. (Cockayne, Hatley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a raid after the officer was wounded. When most of the party were wounded, and he was superintending the withdrawal, three of the enemy attacked across the open. He jumped out of the trench and killed two with his revolver, and then successfully withdrew his party with all the wounded.

3/10163 Pte. E. Meggit, Norf. R. (King's Lynn).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in voluntarily carrying rations over ground swept by fire to the men in the front line, who had been without rations for twenty-four hours, thereby materially assisting the defence. Later, he stood for a long time in the open under fire to turn back men who were retiring.

201066 L./Cpl. A. Metcalfe, North'd Fus. (Hexham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in getting his Lewis gun section forward under very heavy machine-gun fire at close range until all his team were wounded. He got his gun into action, killing many of the enemy. Finding two Lewis guns whose No. 1's had been wounded, and seeing that the front line needed reinforcement, he led the remaining men of these teams forward, affording invaluable support to the troops

on his flanks, and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy.

38008 L./Sjt. L. R. Mitchell, R. Berks. R. (St. Paul's Churchyard).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During five enemy attacks on his position he organised the defence of the posts and moved up and down the position, encouraging his men by his courageous example to hold on against superior forces. He stood on the parapet directing his men under heavy fire, and assisted in saving a critical situation.

52976 Sjt. J. O. Moffat, R.F.A. (Loanhead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a shell blew in a cupola, killing six men and wounding ten, he worked for one and a half hours getting the wounded away, under intense shelling, to the dressing-station. On several other occasions he has kept his gun in action under heavy shell fire and assisted the wounded.

463076 Spr. E. Mole, R.E. (Newcastle).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in volunteering to go out during a heavy barrage to repair cables although this was not part of his duties. When other means of communication failed owing to continuous shelling, he and another man maintained visual communication under most dangerous conditions. When all the linesmen at his post were wounded or gassed he went out by himself and repaired several breaks under intense shell fire.

242419 L./Sjt. H. Moody, R. War. R. (Cosham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. When his platoon was greatly reduced in numbers he collected a large number of scattered men of other units and led them into action in a most skilful manner. By his initiative and able handling of his men he held up the enemy's attack and inflicted heavy casualties on them.

35015 Bdr. C. J. Moorhouse, M.M., R.F.A. (Woolwich).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While in charge of the battery signal station, he continued to receive messages from the F.O.O., though in this spot the hostile shell fire was most intense, at a time when accurate news of the situation was most important. Though himself wounded in three places, he stayed with another signaller until the latter died, and then, returning to the battery, assisted in carrying away the battery signalling equipment. His gallantry and devotion to duty were of the highest order.

307132 Pte. A. Moreland, R. War. R. (Philpstown).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. During an enemy attack, in which his officer was killed, he immediately took command, and with great courage drove

the enemy off with the bayonet. The situation was very critical, and would have been more so but for his fine action.

1552 Cpl. C. H. Morgan, A. Cy. C. (Aston, B'ham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an enemy attack there was a big congestion of traffic on the roads, which threatened to cause a serious block. With great coolness he organised and directed the traffic, getting all the vehicles away. He then joined in the defence of the position and handled his men with great skill and courage.

25788 Pte. F. Morris, Welsh R. (Pontypridd).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Though wounded, he carried on with another wounded man after the remainder of the team had been wiped out in the early stages of an attack. He kept his gun in action till all his ammunition was expended, and so enabled his platoon to withstand a heavy counter-attack.

11/497 L./Cpl. J. Morrod, E. Yorks. R. (Hull).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of his company stretcher-bearers during a daylight raid. After the enemy second line had been rushed he brought back a wounded man from there to our lines, afterwards returning to the enemy front line and remaining there after his company had withdrawn until all the wounded had been sent back. He then worked for eight hours in our line, sending the wounded back to the advance dressing station.

452018 Sjt. C. H. Moses, R.E. (Monmouth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He carried on his work under heavy shell fire with great coolness and courage.

20230 Corpl. E. W. Moss, R. Suss. R. (Ipswich).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a bombing block in a very important position. Despite the fact that it was several times badly damaged by hostile artillery fire, he as often repaired it, and was able to repel two successive enemy counter-attacks. It was mainly due to his courage and energy that the position was maintained.

10535 Sjt. A. A. Munday, R.F.A. (Ashford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the covering of a gun-pit caught fire, he at once ran to the pit, dragged the blazing cover clear and extinguished some burning cartridges. He then ran over to another ammunition dump which was on fire and endeavoured to extinguish it, until ordered to take cover.

202630 Sjt. W. Mundie, Gord. Highrs. (Peterhead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the capture of the objective, he

took charge of half a company in street fighting, and by his example and skilful handling of his men contributed largely to the success of the action. With great gallantry at the head of his men he also charged a house which was strongly held, killing several of the enemy and capturing over fifty prisoners.

28881 Sjt. W. Murphy, H.L.I. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in helping his platoon officer to steady and control the men when a shell wiped out a whole section. He volunteered for parties to carry stores under heavy machine-gun fire, and made an effort with an officer to reach the companies which had been cut off. During three days of great strain he showed unflagging energy and cheerfulness.

310 L./Cpl. L. D. Murray, King E. Horse (Oxford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the advance his troop became isolated from the main body, and was surrounded by the enemy when this N.C.O. was sent with a message to report the situation to the commanding officer. He brought in his report after crawling through several enemy parties, and then volunteered to return and guide the troop back to the regiment. He again succeeded in making his way through enemy parties, and finally guided back his troop. He carried through his task, which required great coolness and determination, in a very bold and courageous manner.

550024 C.S.M. W. H. Musselwhite, M.M., Lond. R. (W. Hampstead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the supply of bombs failed, he went forward with a carrying party and established a forward dump, which he left in working order. Later, volunteering to go forward and obtain information as to the general situation and enemy dispositions, he returned and delivered a most valuable report, which enabled orders to be issued for the consolidation of the position. During the operations his coolness and resource were of the greatest assistance.

6530 Sjt. E. Mustoe, Glouc. R. (S. Cerney).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of his company under most trying conditions and heavy fire, after all the officers had become casualties. The company was about one and a half miles from battalion headquarters. He eventually brought it out of the line intact two nights after

13100 Sjt. S. W. Myson, Norfolk R. (Norwich).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in advancing through heavy shell fire and in capturing an enemy strong point. Although wounded, he remained on duty.

70424 Sjt. J. S. Napper, Yeo. (East Hagbourne, Didcot).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his troop when

his officer was killed, and led it with great ability and resource under heavy fire. He captured a large number of prisoners.

28491 Pte. M. Nelson, N. Lanc. R. (Dublin).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. When all company runners had been killed or wounded he volunteered and repeatedly carried messages under heavy machine-gun and shell fire. Seeing a Lewis gun section all knocked out, he crawled under heavy fire to the gun and worked it with effect until it became clogged with mud.

M2/077665 Pte. (A./Cpl.) H. A. Newick, A.S.C. (Bushey).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed exceptional courage and coolness under fire when with the tractors which were pulling out the guns. In spite of the enemy advancing to within 500 yards of the position, which was being subjected to very heavy fire, all the guns were pulled out in safety and withdrawn to another position. It was due to his presence of mind and devotion to duty that the guns were saved.

681394 Sjt. J. P. Nichols, Lond. R. (Rotherhithe).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon against enemy machine guns with splendid courage and determination. He rushed an enemy battery which was still in action, and with four or five men captured the battery and all its personnel.

15204 C.S.M. J. Odium, M.G.C. (Birr).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He took charge of two guns of another company when no officer was available, and held the bridges over a canal against the enemy's advance. Later, he took up a position with two other guns and covered the digging of a new line. His fine example of cheerfulness and determination was the greatest encouragement to his men.

474088 L./Cpl. J. O'Hara, Lond. R. (Dublin).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He stood on the parapet firing his Lewis gun from the hip under heavy machine-gun fire, and successfully dealt with a flanking movement by the enemy. He showed magnificent courage and initiative.

39240 Pte. T. O'Hara, L'pool R. (Bootle).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He collected a small party of men, during the enemy attacks, and kept a bombing party supplied with bombs over a long period, carrying the bombs himself to them over the top under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire. He also carried a number of messages back to brigade headquarters, proceeding through an intense barrage on several occasions. His courage and determination throughout were most prominent.

*97164 Cpl. E. Oldham, R.F.A. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of signallers during several engagements. He worked untiringly and successfully under most difficult conditions, and showed splendid coolness and devotion to duty.

1678 Sjt. J. E. Oliver, Hrs. (Tooting).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Though severely wounded in the chest and in great pain, he refused to leave the firing line, and rendered valuable service organising and directing the defence. He remained at his post till dark rallying the men, and throughout the operations set a fine personal example of determination and indifference to danger.

630338 L./Sjt. (A./Sjt.) E. G. Oliver, Lond R. (New Cross).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon under heavy fire against an enemy strong point and captured the position with a large number of prisoners, including four officers. He showed splendid courage and leadership.

13326 L./Cpl. H. Owens, N. Lanc. R. (Chorley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. volunteered to accompany a captain on a daylight patrol in advance of our lines, bringing back valuable papers and maps. On another occasion, when he with his gun and team was buried, he succeeded under intense shell fire in rescuing most of his team, dug out his gun and got it in action again. Though again blown up and severely shaken, he remained at his post for two hours under continuous heavy shell fire. He gave a most magnificent example of determination and coolness to his section.

43351 Sjt. W. R. Pameter, R. Ir. Fus. (Wolthamstow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading the advance party during a raid, having skilfully got past the enemy outposts and up to the gap in his wire. Seeing a large party coming through the gap he immediately charged and himself shot and bayoneted no less than six of the enemy who offered a fierce resistance. Having cleared the gap he led his men into the trench, saw the party started in the right direction, and then established blocks.

201284 Sjt. H. B. Parkin, W. Yorks. Regt. (Knottingley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a very heavy bombardment of the line, followed by a raid of storm troops. Though wounded during the bombardment he refused to leave his post, and though all his men were eventually killed or wounded he succeeded in holding out single-handed and in killing an officer and two men who had penetrated the post. He was again severely wounded, and on arrival of reinforcements was found propped against the trench in a pool of blood. But for his courage the enemy would have succeeded in effecting a lodgment in our line.

651006 C.S.M. B. Parkinson, Lond. R. (Walworth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was of the greatest assistance in consolidating the captured ground and displayed admirable coolness and courage under most difficult conditions. He led a ration party through a heavy bombardment with very few casualties and set a splendid example to his men throughout.

31116 Sjt. J. Parsons, M.G.C. (Kendal).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took his machine guns forward across half a mile of ground swept by the enemy's fire and brought them into action against the enemy, who were threatening the right flank, remaining throughout in a most exposed position. Later, he was instrumental in breaking up an enemy counter-attack. He showed splendid courage and initiative.

295260 L./Sjt. W. Passmore, Som. L.I. (Newbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He led the leading rushes throughout the advance in a most courageous manner, and by his personal courage and example kept up a steady advance under very heavy fire. His coolness and determination were the greatest encouragement to all.

G/67538 Pte. J. Paterson, Lond. R. (Duns).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a relief a platoon of the relieving unit came under heavy shell fire and had several casualties. This man, who was one of the outgoing platoon, voluntarily went to the assistance of the wounded and remained for nine hours after his platoon had been relieved, bringing in and attending to the wounded. During the whole of this period he was in the open under continuous and frequently heavy shell fire, and on three occasions was blown off his feet. His fortitude and self-sacrificing spirit were most praiseworthy.

1416 C.S.M. R. Patrick, A.C.C. (Bradford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the enemy suddenly attacking and breaking the line at a point where this warrant officer was performing traffic control duties, he was of the greatest assistance to his officers in defending the guns, showing great gallantry and good leadership. Subsequently he rescued a severely wounded officer, saving him from falling into the hands of the enemy. His splendid conduct was worthy of the highest praise.

200466 C.S.M. W. J. Patrick, Notts. & Derby. R. (Burton-on-Trent).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a successful raid on the enemy's trenches. His party came under intense machine-gun fire at the first objective, but he rallied his men and led them to their final objective in the enemy's third line. He showed magnificent courage, and inspired his men by his splendid example.

14536 C.S.M. J. J. Patterson, R. Innis. Fus. (Newtonstewart).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The enemy attacked a trench which his company was holding. Although under very heavy rifle fire, he rushed to that part of the trench in which the enemy was gaining a footing, and with great courage led an attack which drove them out. It was mainly owing to his promptitude and fearlessness that the enemy attack was repulsed.

371575 Sjt. H. Payne, M.M., London R. (Icklingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon officer was killed, he took charge of the platoon, and handled it with great courage and skill, advancing his line during the night 300 yards without a single casualty.

R/35264 Rfn. G. Peat, K.R.R.C. (Ripley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Being the first in the rush on an enemy post, he was the first to follow his officer into the "pill-box," which was the main objective. On his officer being treacherously shot by one of the enemy, who fired from behind a man with his hands up, he then accounted for the three remaining men of the enemy garrison, and after the signal to withdraw had been given, he remained in a position outside the "pill-box," firing until the party had made good their withdrawal. His conduct throughout was worthy of the highest praise.

6192 Sjt. O. Pennicard, C. Gds. (Billinghurst).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of a section on the right of the line after the capture of the objective in an attack. He kept in touch with the unit next to him and beat off several counter-attacks, in one case following up the enemy with his Lewis gun and causing heavy casualties. He set a splendid example of leadership and initiative.

240628 Sjt. J. Pennington, York and Lan. R. (Barnsley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in attacking single-handed an enemy machine gun which was causing severe casualties. He wounded the gunner and captured the gun, and the remaining five of the team surrendered. He then reorganised his platoon and recaptured the objective.

4644 Sjt. W. J. Peoples, Welsh R. (Stansted).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a platoon. The battalion was ordered to advance and retake a position from which another unit had been driven back. During the advance under a heavy enemy barrage he kept his platoon well in hand, and, collecting detached men of other units, advanced through a village just in time to meet the advancing enemy. He drove back the advanced parties of the enemy and, under heavy rifle fire which caused many casualties in his platoon, succeeded in establishing a firing line on the far side of the village and held the enemy until reinforcements arrived, when a further

advance was made. His courage and good leading were instrumental in saving the village, and his gallantry and coolness were a most inspiring example to his men.

5619 C./S./M. A. G. Pettit, C. Gds. (Balham, S.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Throughout the attack he was in command of a platoon. He led his men with the greatest gallantry and skill, and on reaching his objective began at once to reorganise his platoon, which had suffered severe casualties. Observing that the enemy were massing for a counter-attack, he forestalled them by leading out a party and driving the enemy out of a dug-out position. He showed the finest example to all ranks, both of gallantry and bold initiative, in dealing with a difficult situation.

22938 Pte. A. J. Pharaoh, Bord. R. (Tooting).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He collected a few men and attacked an enemy strong point in conjunction with another party. They captured the position in spite of heavy fire from the enemy, taking three machine guns and over fifty prisoners. He showed splendid qualities of leadership and courage.

200088 Sjt. B. E. Phillips, R.W. Surr. R. (S. Croydon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Though some confusion had resulted from crossing a stream, he collected the men around him and successfully assaulted a position despite considerable opposition. He then led his men across a swamp, collecting others who had lost their way, and established a strong and well-sighted position with trenches 6 ft. deep. On relief he withdrew all his men through shell fire without a casualty.

13121 Sjt. H. T. Piper, E. Surrey R. (Putney, S.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon came under annihilating machine gun fire, he rallied his men into a house, which he prepared for defence with eight men and many wounded whom he took in for shelter. He was cut off for the whole day. At nightfall he successfully conducted the whole party and such of the wounded as could be moved to our out-post line.

23484 Pte. F. Plummer, S. Wales Bord. (New Tredegar).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When an advance was checked he went forward, cleared a strong point, and captured eight prisoners. Later, he was responsible for the capture of another strong point, five prisoners, and a machine gun. He discovered a strong point, which he himself silenced, and also took an officer and ten other ranks prisoners. He continued to show great dash until wounded.

633 Pte. (L./C.) V. B. Polden, M.G. Gds. (Brixton Deverill).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was, with a sub-section of

machine guns, advancing in support of the infantry attack, when his officer and serjeant were wounded. He thereupon took charge of the two guns, carrying out the final instructions given him by his officer faithfully, and sent back a valuable report to headquarters on the situation. Later, though he perceived some infantry parties withdrawing on his flank, he hung on to his position, thus protecting the brigade flank. The personal gallantry and skill with which he handled this sub-section gave evidence of exceptional qualities of leadership, and materially helped to save the withdrawal from becoming general.

G/10727 Sjt. J. Potts, M.M., Midd'x R. (Peterboro').

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Always to the fore in bombing attacks, he accounted for many of the enemy himself, and set a magnificent example to his men, especially after his company commander had become a casualty and the advance temporarily checked, when he voluntarily crossed the open under heavy fire in order to obtain touch with the company on the flank.

G/9715 Cpl. S. G. Powell, R. Fus. (New Denham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in command of the scouts leading a raiding party on an enemy machine gun post, he led the party most skilfully by the best route, although a machine gun opened fire on them at close range from the flank. During the struggle he and another N.C.O. overpowered one of the enemy and brought him in as a prisoner. His conduct contributed largely to the success of the operation, throughout which he showed great courage and resource.

16460 L./Cpl. A. Prescott, S. Wales Bord. (Newport).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading the line forward in a counter-attack until held up by two strong points. He organised his men six times, leading them forward, and finally consolidating on the farthest objective gained. He was mainly responsible for breaking up a strong enemy counter-attack. Although wounded, he remained throughout the operations.

7500 Cpl. J. Pridden, L'pool R. (Warrington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of parties carrying bombs and small-arm ammunition, although on more than one occasion all his men became casualties, he collected more men, organised fresh parties, and never failed to deliver the ammunition at battalion headquarters. He also fought with extreme gallantry at battalion headquarters, where he accounted for several of the enemy himself. His energy and courageous endurance for forty-eight hours were most outstanding.

S/14250 Pte. T. J. Pritchard, Rif. Bde. (Chiswick).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the enemy's trenches. When the officers and N.C.Os. became

casualties he and another man led the party forward, cleared the enemy front line, bombed several dug-outs, and captured two prisoners. Owing to his coolness and good leadership the whole of the allotted task was successfully carried out.

720121 C.S.M. F. M. Proud, Lond. R. (Crystal Palace Road, S.E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when acting as R.S.M. He was untiring in carrying out his duties under very difficult conditions, and it was largely due to his energy and initiative that supplies to the front line were maintained in spite of hostile barrages.

290 A./Bombr. P. A. Quiney, M.G.C. (Stratford-on-Avon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He stuck to his position when almost isolated by the enemy, and skilfully withdrew his gun single-handed when ordered to withdraw. Though wounded himself, he assisted a wounded man back, and rejoined his battery, remaining at duty for two more days. He showed the greatest coolness and courage.

242044 A./Cpl. C. Rae, R. War. R. (Pathead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He was in charge of a bombing block, which was repeatedly attacked. On two occasions all the garrison except himself were killed or wounded, but he remained at his post and kept the enemy back single-handed with the greatest courage and determination.

S/1192 C.S.M. G. E. Ramsdale, Rif. Bde. (Colchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the advance of his company, which was acting as advanced guard, was held up by machine-gun and sniping fire, he led a party against the machine-gun position and so enabled the advance to continue. During street fighting he kept the men in hand and enabled the mopping-up of snipers to be done quickly and with slight casualties.

G/3724 Sjt. H. E. Randall, R.W. Surr. R. (Swanley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On hearing cries for help coming from a detached post, he, heedless of the very heavy hostile shelling, went to the spot and found a N.C.O. and two men buried under some debris. Returning for assistance, he, with two men, who volunteered to aid him, succeeded in extricating the buried men under the most dangerous and difficult circumstances. This gallant act occupied an hour under heavy fire in the open, undoubtedly saved the lives of the three men.

740429 Sjt. (A./R.S.M.) S. W. S. Randall, R.F.A. (Gloster).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He carried out his duties under heavy shell fire with a coolness and skill which was an example to all his men.

267193 L./Cpl. B. Rands, Glouc. R. (Mimdford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The enemy having forced an entry into our sap, he took up a position on the parapet when the supply of bombs was exhausted, and got his Lewis gun into action, until finally the enemy were driven off. During an enemy advance he kept his gun in action and held them up while his company withdrew to another position.

5433 C.S.M. (A./R.S.M.) W. G. Rice, Midd'x R. (Finchley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in keeping the front line companies supplied with ammunition and grenades during two days' operations. He personally visited the forward positions under heavy fire to ascertain if they were in need of more supplies.

46048 Sjt. T. E. Riddle, R.G.A. (Mansfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the infantry had been driven back through the guns he displayed the greatest courage in supervising their fire, and when, owing to machine-gun and rifle fire, it became necessary to abandon the guns, he remained behind to extract the breeches from damaged ones, being all the time under close range rifle fire.

28781 L./Cpl. A. E. Rix, R.W. Fus. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. Becoming isolated with his Lewis gun team, he extricated the party by attacking the enemy, who had two machine guns, capturing both guns, an officer, and a number of prisoners.

242192 Sjt. F. Roberts, Yorks. L.I. (Nr. Doncaster).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon, which was advancing without the aid of Tanks, was held up by an enemy strong point, held by 25 men and a machine gun, he left the platoon to engage it frontally, while he, with two men, walked round and bombed it from the rear, cutting off the retreat of the garrison, who were subsequently accounted for. He was himself responsible for killing or capturing a large number of the enemy, and though wounded remained with his platoon.

*10173 L./Cpl. H. Robertson, Sea. Highrs. (Dunkeld).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He did excellent work during the operations, and showed an utter disregard of danger during the several engagements in which he took part. He behaved with great courage and coolness also on previous occasions.

14136 Sjt. W. W. V. Robertson, Midd'x R. (Finsbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in helping to reorganise the company after his senior N.C.O.'s had become casualties. He also rescued three men from a burning Tank in our front line under heavy machine-gun fire.

305815 A./Sjt. B. Robinson, W. Rid. R. (Springhead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In answer to a Tank signal he led his platoon forward about 300 yards in spite of heavy fire, and then, getting in advance of the Tank, captured a machine-gun officer and twenty-one men.

14642 C.Q.M.S. J. Robinson, R. Ir. Fus. (Portadown).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when acting as company serjeant-major in an attack on a village. He took command when his officers were wounded, and displayed initiative and boldness in leading the advance, and in clearing the enemy from houses and cellars when the village was reached. He rendered valuable assistance in repelling an enemy counter-attack.

235290 Sjt. T. Robins, N. Lanc. R. (Kington-upon-Thames).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as platoon serjeant when in command of his platoon in an attack. Although wounded three times, he continued on duty until forced by exhaustion to go to the regimental aid post. On his way there he assisted three wounded men under heavy shell fire.

30315 C.S.M. J. M. Robson, W. Yorks. R. (Blyth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When troops on the flank of his company failed to come forward, he quickly reorganised the men on the flank of the company, took forward a party of ten men, attacked the enemy on the flank, drove him back 200 yards, and secured his own position.

5446 Pte. J. Roche, Ir. Gds. (New Ross).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Seeing an enemy machine gun firing on his company from a flank during an attack, he rushed and captured it single-handed, killing two of the team. His prompt and courageous action undoubtedly saved many lives.

41147 Cpl. H. Roe, R. Ir. Fus. (Harrow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon commander was wounded he took command of the left flank, and secured it against counter-attacks. He held up the enemy's advance with great determination, and was responsible for bringing into our lines several wounded men.

31265 B.S.M. G. Rogers, R.G.A. (Whitchurch).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On a premature burst occurring in the bore of one of the guns, which fired the charges in the gun-pit and caused two casualties, he, with two men, entered the pit, which was on fire, and carried out the wounded men, returning at once to extinguish the flames, which were fast approaching the high explosive and gas shells. His prompt and gallant action was in the highest

degree commendable, and was instrumental in preventing the destruction of a large amount of ammunition.

3/1824 C.S.M. A. E. Rome, York & Lanc. R. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. A strong enemy patrol attacked a covering party as it was passing through the wire. He at once left the trench with a few men, and led them in an attack on the enemy and drove them off. He showed splendid coolness and initiative.

84550 Pte. J. Roper, M.G.C. (Athlone).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although wounded, he remained at his gun throughout an attack. When it was temporarily put out of action by shell fire, he assisted the fire of another gun, and was again slightly wounded, and his comrade was severely wounded. After dressing the other man's wounds he brought him in and returned alone to his gun, and begged to be allowed to stay, though told to withdraw. Twice he volunteered to carry badly wounded men to the dressing station under heavy fire.

265918 C.S.M. H. G. Rosindale, W. Yorks. R. (Leeds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Just as a relief had been completed an enemy counter-attack developed, and in the confusion the rear half company became detached, and he took charge of it. The guide lost his way, and led them behind the enemy's outposts, but he engaged the enemy, covered the retreat of his party, and guided back his half company with very few casualties, all of whom were brought in.

201337 L./Sjt. A. Ross, Sea. High. (Portmahomack).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On a portion of the attack being held up by three hostile machine guns, he, together with two men, rushed forward and captured one of the guns. He afterwards led his platoon against the other two guns and drove them back, thus allowing the advance to continue. His bold initiative and gallant action undoubtedly contributed to the success of the operation.

6444 C./S./M. A. Ross, Essex R. (Ipswich).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of his company, which was forming the vanguard, when all the officers had been killed or wounded. Although himself wounded, he continued in command, and held a post, from which he gave good covering fire to the assaulting troops.

230096 Sjt. H. G. Rossiter, Wco. (Marnhull, Dorset).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed great courage and ability in capturing a portion of the enemy's position and two machine guns. Later, when on the right flank of the brigade, he drove the enemy from a hill and established a position there under heavy fire.

37253 Pte. N. E. Rumley, Som. L.I. (Gillingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. When a Lewis gun team advanced into an exposed position to cover the attack, and Nos. 1 and 2 of the team were both killed, he at once went forward to the gun with fresh magazines and worked it single-handed with great success. He showed splendid courage and initiative.

221961 Spr. G. Russell, R.E. (Motherwell).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an enemy attack, when ordered to carry back a badly wounded man, he was overtaken by the enemy and placed under the charge of a guard. However, eluding the guard, he succeeded in carrying his wounded comrade to a place of safety 1,200 yards distant. Though heavily fired upon, by his gallantry he reached our lines in an exhausted condition with his wounded comrade.

486858 Spr. D. Ratty, R.E. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the advance on the enemy two hostile machine guns were enfilading the flank. He, with two other sappers, attacked the machine-gun crews, killing both crews save one N.C.O., who was taken prisoner. The guns were captured, and the attack on the flank was thereby enabled to continue.

7181 C./S./M. C. W. Ryman, C. Gds. (Stoke Poges).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the attack, on the whole battalion coming under intense artillery and machine-gun fire, and when only one officer remained unwounded, he, realising the situation, immediately rushed to the head of his company, and took command of the leading line. Seeing that any further delay would add to the casualties, he charged the enemy position. It was entirely due to his fine judgment and great courage that many casualties were saved.

49539 L./C. A. S. Seal, M.G.C. (Sevenoaks).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a machine gun had been temporarily lost owing to all the crew being casualties, he at once went forward with his officer under heavy fire, recovered the gun, and later returned for the tripod. He showed splendid courage and coolness.

H/3636 Sjt. W. C. Sexton, Hussars (Lewisham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in collecting men together and helping to organise the defence under heavy fire after his squadron leader had been killed, thus enabling the position to be held against a strong hostile attack.

200068 Sjt. M. A. Shaw, Ches. R. (Birkenhead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He held an important position with his platoon under heavy shell fire, though without rations and water. He set a fine example of courage and initiative.

13087 Pte. P. W. Sheldon, R. War. R. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his section of the defence was very hard pressed by an enemy attack, he went across the open under heavy fire on his own initiative to attack the enemy, and materially assisted in driving them back. His gallant conduct was a splendid example to his comrades at a critical time.

201037 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) W. Shrives, Notts. & Derby R. (Ilkeston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In a raid on the enemy trenches he displayed a fine dash in leading his section, which was the first to reach the final objective. Being unable to get through the hostile wire he led his men through a communication trench, bombed several dug-outs and emplacements, and assisted in the capture of five prisoners and a machine-gun, subsequently bringing his section back under heavy fire. Throughout he showed absolute fearlessness, and led his men with the greatest possible gallantry.

18612 Pte. I. Sigsworth, C. Gds. (Helmsley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With another man he rushed an enemy strong point containing several machine-guns, capturing many of the enemy, and two of the guns. This prompt and courageous action enabled the advance to continue, and was a splendid example to the rest of his company.

21709 Pte. J. T. Simm, G. Gds. (Wigan).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As soon as his company had reached the objective he located a dug-out containing a considerable number of the enemy. By his prompt action in mounting guard on the entrance and bombing it from time to time he prevented his company from being attacked in the rear. During this advance he also cleared many cellars by his own exertions. His initiative and dash were worthy of the highest praise.

266011 Sjt. O. Simpson, Gord. Highrs. (Keith).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company was scattered by hostile shell fire at its position of assembly, he, with admirable coolness, collected and reformed the men in the assembly position. But for his enterprise and resource at this period the whole advance would have been seriously hampered. Later, when one platoon was held up by a machine gun, he, going forward alone without hesitation, bombed the team and captured the gun. His great courage and general conduct were worthy of the highest praise.

305618 Sjt. A. Smith, W. Yorks. R. (Wakefield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in going out with his Lewis gun to engage enemy machine guns in a wood. When rushed from a flank he remained behind with his officer, and helped to cover the re-

tirement, firing from behind trees at point blank range. Later he was one of a party of ten who, under the same officer, charged with the bayonet and dispersed a large body of the enemy.

G/36053 Pte. A. Smith, R. Fus. (Frontiersmen) (Heaton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Though the remainder of his team had all become casualties, and though he himself was severely wounded, he continued to fire his machine gun until it was put out of action by enemy fire. The courage and determination which he displayed in remaining with his unit to the end of the action were worthy of the highest praise.

21959 A./Bdr. G. Smith, R.F.A. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When performing the duties of mounted orderly at the battery his way to the wagon line lay through a village, in which he was sniped at, and on passing through which he saw his horse holder shot down and the horses break away. Though under heavy machine gun and rifle fire he went on until he came upon some infantry, with whom he took part in repelling the advancing enemy. Despite the fact that parties of the enemy were on all sides of him he succeeded in forcing his way through to the wagon line and delivered his message. His dogged determination and pluck were most praiseworthy.

C/Z 5603 P.O. H. Smith, R.N.V.R. (Govan).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Taking command when the senior Petty Officers had become casualties and gaining the objective, he personally superintended the selection of the site, and consolidated the gained ground.

17392 Pte. J. Smith, R. Ir. Fus. (Drumalee, Co. Cavan).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went forward from cover into the open under intense fire, and carried in a wounded officer. He showed great gallantry and self-sacrifice.

9764 Pte. (A./C.) R. B. Smith, Essex R. (Rotherhithe).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When almost surrounded by the enemy he rallied his men and kept them steady for seven hours under heavy shell fire, and against repeated hostile attacks. His fine spirit and soldierly behaviour greatly helped to inspire the men under his command.

201458 L./Sjt. W. H. Smith, W. Rid. R. (Halifax).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in going forward on his own initiative under heavy machine-gun fire and, single-handed, putting out of action an enemy machine gun which was hampering the advance of his platoon. He also shewed great ability in evacuating wounded from the fire-beaten zone.

92859 Pte. A. Snelgrove, Midd'x R. (Waltham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a strong enemy attack had driven back the company on the flank and when the enemy were endeavouring to work round to the rear of their own company, he, with another man, picked up a machine gun, rushed out with it across the open, and opened fire on the enemy on their flank and rear, remaining in this exposed position for two hours. This very gallant and courageous deed resulted in the enemy being driven back and the position restored.

260011 Cpl. E. Southern, R. War. R. (Bootle).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. By his skilful leadership he greatly assisted in repelling the attack. Later, he led forward a party under heavy fire, carrying bombs and ammunition which were urgently required.

345209 Pte. T. H. Spence, R. Highrs. (Kirkcaldy).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He rushed an enemy machine gun with a corporal and killed one of the enemy who was in the act of bayoneting the corporal, and immediately afterwards saved his serjeant by killing one of the enemy who was attacking him. He displayed splendid initiative and courage.

306265 Sjt. H. Speight, W. Yorks. R. (Leeds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of his company on reaching the objective, all the officers being casualties. Discovering a concrete emplacement and a series of dug-outs full of the enemy, in company with another N.C.O. he killed three of the enemy and sent orders for a bombing section to clear the dug-outs. Over twenty of the enemy were killed and three officers and sixty other ranks captured. During a strong enemy counter-attack he had a Lewis gun turned round to stop an enveloping movement, and kept up a vigorous offensive till the attack was repulsed.

201680 Sjt. J. R. Spetch, W. Rid. R. (Halifax).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon was held up by an enemy machine gun, he located the gun and then single-handed attacked and captured it and led his platoon forward to their objective.

2623 Sjt. W. Spicer, Ir. Gds. (Westport, Co. Mayo).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of pack-mules bringing forward stores, his party received several casualties, both amongst men and animals, from the very intense hostile barrage. Despite this, all the stores were safely brought up the line, failure to have delivered which would have been disastrous to the companies assaulting later in the day.

His splendid courage and gallant conduct were beyond all praise, and his complete disregard for personal safety was a fine example to all ranks.

13211 Sjt. A. Spowage, G. Gds. (Newark).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon commander was wounded early in an attack he took charge and led the platoon forward with great determination under heavy fire, capturing several machine guns and killing the teams. Seeing that the flank of the battalion was in the air, he led his platoon on his own initiative to fill the gap. He consolidated his position under heavy fire, and saved a critical situation by his courage and good leadership.

295293 L./C. C. Spratt, Som. L.I. (Taunton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of a Lewis-gun team during an attack, he moved his gun into a favourable position close to the enemy under very heavy fire, and by enfilade fire into the enemy's trench he silenced a machine gun which was causing many casualties, and assisted the attacking troops to advance. He set a splendid example of courage and determination.

70281 Sjt. H. Standing, R.F.A. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as acting serjeant-major during five days' operations. When the battery was heavily shelled whilst supporting an infantry attack, he took the place of casualties at the guns and dressed and evacuated the wounded.

25895 Dvr. W. Stanley, R.F.A. (Stoke-on-Trent).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the team in which he was driving coming under machine-gun fire several casualties were caused amongst men and horses. He displayed the greatest coolness in getting away the sound horses, leading them away under fire to a place of safety. Discovering that one wounded driver had not been brought in, he returned under extremely heavy fire and succeeded in carrying him to a place of safety, though the enemy were but one hundred yards away. His courage and gallantry were deserving of the greatest merit.

*14530 B.S.M. C. E. Steele, R.G.A. (Belfast).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He organized and commanded a party of men despite heavy shelling, and prevented a serious fire from spreading to an ammunition store. He then entered a shelter which was in flames and extracted a dead man, and searched for another who was missing. His conduct set an example to the men under him.

720767 L./Sjt. S. G. Stephens, M.M., Lond. R. (Camberwell).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He organised and guided to an ad-

vance position under heavy fire large convoys of pack animals carrying ammunition and stores. By his courage and tenacity he overcame all difficulties and delivered supplies which were most urgently required in the front line.

58398 A./Cpl. C. Stevens, Ches. R. (Hythe).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on a village in the enemy's lines. He led the first wave of his platoon and directed the bombing and searching of houses with great skill, capturing several prisoners. Though wounded, he refused to leave his men, and set them a magnificent example of courage and resource.

9384 A./C.S.M. P. Stevenson, K.O.S.B. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He collected a few men and attacked a house which was strongly held by enemy snipers. He succeeded in clearing them out and in pushing forward to the company's objective with great energy and initiative. His daring example was of the greatest assistance in the advance.

240991 Sjt. W. Stewart, R. Highrs. (Brechin).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a determined enemy attack. He succeeded in organising his men, composed chiefly of fresh drafts, so as to bring heavy fire to bear on the enemy. Hearing that the adjoining battalion had lost its officers and senior N.C.Os. he at once took command of it, and succeeded in repelling the attack.

40376 Cpl. W. H. Stickler, Tank Corps (Aberaman).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the Tank coming under heavy fire from a field battery at a range of 100 yards he continued to fire his gun, despite the fact that the Tank was in flames. He himself silenced one enemy gun with a direct hit, and throughout the whole of the operations he set a splendid example to the crew.

22798 Pte. J. H. Stockton, S. Wales Bord. (Whitchurch).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the unit on the right was held up he crawled forward under heavy fire and brought enfilade fire to bear on a strong point which was holding up the advance, and thus enabled the unit to make good the high ground. He once stood up so that the Lewis gun could be rested and fired from his hip. He was specially prominent in staying two counter-attacks.

16631 Sjt. E. Stokes, R. Berks. R. (W. Bromwich).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the preliminary advance all the officers and senior N.C.Os. becoming casualties, he found that he had reached the company's objective with but a handful of men. By his rapid action in working round to the right flank of the enemy front line he succeeded in deceiving the enemy as to his real strength, drove back superior forces and established a bombing block in the position

previously selected. Despite the frequent hostile attacks, he not only held this position, but eventually completely repulsed the enemy and consolidated the right flank of the division. His courage and fine leadership were beyond all praise.

B/Z 9067 A. Sea. W. J. Stringer, R.N.V.R. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as one of a party of one officer and eleven other ranks who successfully attacked a concrete dug-out and took an officer and eleven men prisoners. Although wounded, he continued his work of carrying messages for several hours, until again wounded so seriously that he was unable to move.

241477 Pte. (L./C.) D. Sullivan, War. R. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He held a bombing post under intense shell fire and against repeated attacks by the enemy. When forced to withdraw owing to being outflanked, he helped to repel further attacks, and finally advanced with a small party and forced the enemy to retire. He showed splendid leadership and courage.

75704 Gnr. A. D. Summers, Tank Corps (Ashington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the Tank's guns could not be brought to bear on three enemy machine guns he got out of the Tank with a machine gun and engaged the hostile guns at a range of fifty yards, putting them all out of action, and killing the crews as they ran. Throughout the whole of this period he was exposed to heavy rifle and machine-gun fire.

*105395 Sjt. E. J. H. Sygrave, Yeo. (Hemel Hempstead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He did excellent work during the operations, and showed splendid courage and initiative when in action.

345200 Sjt. W. Syme, R. Highrs. (Kippen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took over the duties of second-in-command of his company, and led the first wave of an attack with the greatest courage and determination.

S/8567 Pte. A. Taylor, R. Highrs. (Dundee).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his Lewis gun section were buried by shell-fire and the section commander became a casualty, he at once took charge, dug out the gun, reorganised the remaining men, and got the gun into action, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. He showed splendid initiative and resource.

154703 Gnr. T. Taylor, R.G.A. (Conisboro').

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the battery retired he stayed behind with another man to defend the quartermaster's stores, and held up the advancing infantry for some time. When surrounded by seven of the enemy they killed two and captured the remaining five. They fought

throughout the day, and advanced with the attacking troops in the evening.

13695 Sjt. F. Terrington, R. Welsh Fus. (Ogmore Vale).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in volunteering three times to go on patrol. He drove in a small enemy covering party and accurately located two machine-guns, though under heavy fire, in daylight. Later, he brought in many wounded, and though himself wounded, refused to withdraw until ordered to do so.

50255 Pte. (A./Cpl.) C. V. S. Tesseyman, Yeo. (Hull).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While on a reconnaissance with his section he came under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire at close range. He sent his men back from the only available cover, one man at a time, and remained out himself for over an hour, under heavy fire, trying to locate a missing man. His courage and coolness undoubtedly saved a number of his men.

99577 A./Cpl. C. E. Thomas, M.G.C. (Tooting).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of two machine-guns of a section in a forward position. Two guns were put out of action, and he was the only N.C.O. left with the section officer and five men. He went forward several times under fire to bring back wounded, and kept up the supply of S.A.A. for one gun, keeping it firing although isolated, with the result that the infantry regained their original position.

S/15655 Pte. J. Thomas, Rif. Bde. (Springfield-gardens, N.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While he was acting as guide to a platoon of the relieving unit, four men of the party sank to their waists in mud. He went to their assistance, and succeeded in dragging them all into safety. After having guided the platoon to its position in the line, he returned to the spot where another six more men had been left embedded in the mud, and unaided rescued these men also from what would have been certain death. His gallant action, carried out in utter darkness and under heavy fire, undoubtedly saved the lives of ten men, and also enabled the relief of the position to be successfully accomplished.

241103 Sjt. O. C. Thomas, Yorks. L.I. (Castleford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a strong point had to be captured before an advance could be started, and the Tank detailed for the duty was delayed, he led his platoon across the open and took the position. Going on to the objective with the survivors of his platoon, he captured a considerable section of the enemy trench, killing and capturing many of the enemy. He then, with a private, cleared the dug-outs in a strong point, capturing sixteen more prisoners here.

235154 Sjt. J. W. Thompson, York. R. (Middlesbrough).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He volunteered to carry out a daylight

reconnaissance, and at a point about 900 yards from our lines located a hostile post. Returning, he led his platoon commander and a small raiding party to the post, which was attacked, many of the enemy being killed and one captured. Our patrol was seriously outnumbered, but he exhibited the greatest courage and devotion throughout.

240460 L./Sjt. A. Thomson, Gord. Highrs. (Peterhead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On finding that the platoon on the flank was held up by machine-gun fire he crawled along the parapet, and, single-handed, rushed the machine-gun and captured it, killing the crew. His conduct during the whole operation was an inspiration to his men.

681795 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) E. J. Thornley, R.F.A. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The enemy attacked in great force, and advanced to within 400 yards of the battery position. He kept his section together, and continued firing his guns under intense fire. Though continually driven back from the guns by intense shell and machine-gun fire, he returned each time and got his guns into action again. He set a splendid example of devotion to duty and courage at a critical period.

M2/032351 Pte. (A./L./Cpl.) J. Thornley, A.S.C. (M.T.) (Bolton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When forced to abandon his gun lorry by enemy machine gun fire, he removed parts of the magneto. After taking cover, he returned, replaced the magneto, and alone drove the gun to a place of safety under continuous shell and machine gun fire. Thanks to his cool and courageous efforts, the gun was brought to the rear undamaged.

13595 R.Q.M.S. W. Thrift, R. Fus. (Vauxhall).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. For three nights he personally delivered rations to the companies in the line. He kept up the supply of ammunition and bombs, and for the greater part of three days he was in the front line organising supplies. His unceasing labours and gallant conduct were of the greatest value.

5635 Sjt. S. J. Thursfield, M.M., C. Gds. (Chelsea).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When commanding a platoon he handled it with great ability, and by his efficient fire control inflicted considerable casualties upon the hostile infantry. He led his platoon on to the final objective with the greatest dash, and on reaching it began the work of consolidation with great energy. At this point, on the enemy opening up an intense machine gun fire, he got his machine gun into action, and succeeded in silencing the hostile gun. The work of consolidation was thereby proceeded with at the cost of very few casualties. By his courage and coolness under harassing fire he set a fine example to his men.

300115 Pte. (L./C.) E. S. Timmins, Yeo. (West Bromwich, Staffs.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He brought in a wounded man under very heavy fire. To accomplish this he had to dismount in the open and drive off a party of the enemy. He showed great courage and self-sacrifice.

205014 Sjt. F. H. Timms, Yeo. (Aylesbury, Bucks.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After an attack he passed right through the enemy's lines, and by his daring and courage was instrumental in capturing a large number of the enemy.

24814 Pte. W. J. Todd, G. Gds. ("E." Mile End).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Volunteering to try and clear up a doubtful situation, together with an N.C.O. he went forward, discovering a hostile machine gun in action. He immediately shot one of the enemy gunners, thus covering the retirement of the N.C.O. He then crawled back under heavy fire and was wounded, but succeeded in killing another enemy gunner. It was not until he had been wounded three times that he finally withdrew. His personal example assisted in the retention of very difficult positions, and he was of the greatest assistance to his company commander.

PS/2170 Sjt. F. W. Tompkins, Midd'x R. (Yeovil).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his officer was wounded early in an attack he took command of his platoon, and with splendid courage and leadership captured and consolidated his objective under heavy fire.

405202 S./Sjt. J. W. Torr, R.A.M.C. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in organising stretcher-bearers and getting the stretcher cases under cover when the Advanced Dressing Station was shelled. His untiring efforts made it possible to evacuate 100 cases when the enemy had rendered the station untenable.

270252 Sjt. D. G. Turner, E. Kent R. (Rochester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When two other battalions were suffering heavy casualties he went forward from the reserve position under heavy fire and brought in three wounded men to safety. He went out again time after time to attend to the wounded, and brought in twelve wounded men in all. He saved several lives by his courage and gallantry.

201928 Pte. J. Tunstall, S. Staffs. R. (Sutton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy counter-attack in volunteering to take a message back from Bn. Hd.-Qrs., 800 yards, in broad daylight under intense shelling. When within 250 yards of their objective he and his companion were both wounded. His comrade died, but though seriously wounded in the leg he crawled the remainder of the distance and delivered his message before he collapsed,

with the result that effective artillery fire was brought to bear on the enemy.

21297 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) C. H. Underwood, M.M., R.W. Fus. (Mansfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in penetrating, with a small party, into a part of a wood infested by snipers, and putting them out of action, thereby allowing the right centre to obtain touch with the right. On account of officer casualties he took command of the company and handled it with much initiative to the end.

14746 C.S.M. T. Vennard, R. Ir. Fus. (Portadown).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of a reserve platoon and led it into action under intense fire. He collected and reorganised scattered men of several units and led them forward, setting a splendid example of initiative and leadership throughout the action.

19147 Pte. W. G. Waite, K.O.S.B. (Islington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company was held up by machine-gun fire during an advance he went forward alone, under heavy fire, and put the gun out of action. His prompt and courageous act enabled the advance to continue.

36969 L./Cpl. W. Walker, R. Berks. R. (Boston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a squad of stretcher-bearers. When a man was wounded while carrying in a stretcher case he at once procured another bearer and brought in the two cases. Two of the bearers were, however, hit on the return journey and he and the remaining bearer carried in the case themselves, which, in the heavy state of the ground, was a magnificent performance. He immediately formed a new squad and searched the ground throughout the day under incessant fire.

295037 Cpl. G. Walrond, Som. L.I. (Pitney, nr. Langport).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He left the trench and went forward into the open under continuous fire from enemy machine guns and snipers to a wounded comrade. He bound up his wounds and carried him to safety. He showed great gallantry and self-sacrifice.

22969 Sjt. J. Walsh, R.G.A. (Rathfarnham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While he was taking a wounded man to the post where the stretchers were kept, a shell struck the post, blowing him and an officer and six men into the air. He was the first to recover, organised carrying parties under heavy fire, and then took command of the battery until relieved by an officer.

11005 C.S.M. (A./R.S.M.) S. Watkins, R. Welsh Fus. (Bridgend).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Prior to our counter-attack, on

account of heavy casualties amongst the officers, he was placed in command of part of the line. He advanced fearlessly under fire, kept his men well in hand, and regained the lost ground. He was of the utmost assistance throughout the sixty hours of fighting, carrying out all his orders with the greatest precision and efficiency under extremely critical conditions.

*81572 Cpl. F. Watts, R.F.A. (Barton Hill).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a long period while in charge of communications. He laid and mended lines frequently under heavy fire, and set a splendid example throughout to the men under him.

T.Z. 657 P.O. T. Watson, R.N.V.R. (Durham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in moving the men forward under a heavy barrage, collecting many who were stuck in the mud and unable to move. When in the shell holes and during the relief under heavy fire, he was invaluable in steadying a number of men who were very shaken.

27221 C.S.M. R. Webb, R. Berks. R. (Sidcup).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an advance. He kept the men in hand when held up by machine-gun fire. After dark he went from shell-hole to shell-hole organising the defence and rallying many men from other units.

M2/101863 Pte. W. Welcome, A.S.C. (M.T.) (Chichester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When an ambulance was urgently required he ran his car through a village which was held by the enemy and was exposed to heavy shell and rifle fire throughout the whole journey, his car being hit on two occasions. He set a splendid example of courage and determination.

250358 C.S.M. H. W. Welsh, Lond. R. (Notting Hill).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He visited the gaps and advanced posts in front of the line on several occasions during enemy barrages, cheering and encouraging the men, and set them a splendid example of devotion to duty throughout the operations.

720661 C.S.M. G. W. West, Lond. R. (Luton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Though seriously injured by gas he returned to his company in the front line, after having been sent to the aid post by his company commander, and remained with them until he collapsed. His cheerful demeanour under intense shell-fire was the greatest encouragement to his men.

R./2764 Sjt. W. West, K.R.R.C. (Whalley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company was held up by rifle and machine-gun fire he promptly

organised a section of rifle grenadiers who silenced the machine gun, and then led his men forward and captured the post. When the company was suddenly called on to support another battalion and had to advance through a heavy barrage, the company commander was killed, and this caused a slight wavering in the line, but he immediately took command and succeeded in pushing forward again.

-8006 Pte. K. White, Conn. Rangs. (Banagher).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack and an enemy counter-attack which followed. His portion of the trench was heavily bombed by the enemy, but he stationed himself as near to the enemy as possible and continually caught their bombs in mid-air and threw them back. His courage and daring during several very critical hours contributed materially to the final defeat of the enemy.

91955 Cpl. A. Whitehead, Tank Corps (Pendlebury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On his officer being severely wounded, he assumed command of his Tank and continued in command for five hours, though he himself was wounded early in the action. Despite the heavy fire brought to bear on his Tank, he patrolled in front of our line, keeping the enemy back till our infantry had consolidated. On one occasion he was responsible for the rounding up of a large number of prisoners and machine guns in conjunction with a bombing party of the infantry. Throughout the whole action he displayed the greatest gallantry, manœuvring his Tank with fine judgment and skill.

109630 C.S.M. (A.S.M.) C. J. Whitehead, R.E. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When, owing to heavy shelling, a construction train, with about 200 men, was cut off, the line being blown up, he immediately took an engine, the crew of which had taken cover, and with the help of a Corporal took three waggons of miners to the point of the break, thus permitting the track to be filled in and the train to be brought in.

205200 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) J. G. B. Whiting, Yeo. (Newport Pagnell, Bucks.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When without a troop leader he showed great gallantry in leading his men to the assault under heavy rifle and machine gun fire. He set a fine example of coolness and courage to his men.

230232 Cpl. F. L. Whittle, Yeo. (Sherborne, Dorset).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed great courage and initiative in approaching close up to an enemy machine gun and shooting the gunners.

203174 L./Sjt. R. P. Wilcox, W. Rid. R. (Oldham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in removing many wounded men from the fire-beaten zone at great personal risk. He greatly helped his Company Commander

to reform the Company under heavy fire and capture an enemy machine gun which was harassing our position. Though slightly wounded three times, he returned to duty after being dressed, each time taking wounded to the rear and bringing back ammunition and reinforcements.

M2/149393 Pte. A. R. Wilkes, A.S.C. (Llangyfi).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was wounded while driving an armoured car during a reconnaissance. In spite of considerable pain he remained at his post, and when the car was temporarily disabled and for twenty minutes was the target for very heavy and accurate close range fire, he assisted in getting the gun into action and helped to observe the fire. His coolness and pluck in a difficult situation deserve the highest praise.

345646 Pte. K. Wilkinson, R.W. Fus (Stoke-on-Trent).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as runner. He carried out his duties with great skill and entire disregard of danger. He volunteered to return over the enemy's wire through heavy fire to bring forward a Lewis gun. He showed splendid courage and determination.

14879 B.Q.M.S. P. Wilkinson, R.G.A. (Portsmouth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a train containing ammunition caught fire in a siding he volunteered to assist in separating the trucks, although the shells were bursting. He helped to remove seventy or eighty trucks, the shells in one of which burst after it had been removed.

11071 C.S.M. J. J. Williams, H.L.I. (Cork).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The enemy, having made a determined bombing attack, delivered regardless of heavy losses, entered our front trench. During the fighting all the bombs in his company's area having been expended, he, regardless of the heavy enemy barrage, collected bombs from both flanks. On his return, finding all the Company Officers had been wounded, he rallied the company, and it was owing to his magnificent example and leadership that the line was held intact.

13661 Sjt. J. H. Willson, Som. L.I. (Fulham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Though wounded early in an attack, he led his men forward after all his officers had become casualties. He reached and cleared the enemy trenches, and showed the greatest determination and coolness.

322011 Sjt. G. W. Wilson, Lond. R. (Kilburn, N.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a hostile attack. When the enemy broke through the front and support lines, the reserve company made an immediate counter-attack, during which all the company officers were killed. He took command, and owing to his great courage and skill was successful in stopping the enemy advance.

36489 L./Cpl. J. E. Wilson, E. Yorks. R. (Barnoldswick).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his section forward during a daylight raid. He inflicted many casualties on the retreating enemy, and though wounded rendered great assistance destroying dug-outs, and afterwards withdrew all his men safely.

388522 Pte. R. Wilson, R.A.M.C. (Durham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He formed part of a stretcher squad, and while bringing in a wounded stretcher case they were heavily shelled. In conjunction with the others he lowered the stretcher, and with an absolute disregard of danger to himself protected the wounded man with his body. Though wounded himself, he with great determination and pluck helped to carry the wounded man to safety.

12743 Q.M.S. (T./S.M.) T. R. Wilson, R.A.M.C. (Edgeworthstown).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy attacked he organised the clearing of a dressing station and saved a large number of wounded from falling into the enemy's hands. While the position was subjected to heavy shell and machine gun fire and the enemy were approaching from several directions, he remained at his post, searching for and removing the wounded. He was partly responsible for getting an ambulance train full of wounded away, and helped to save the personnel and transport of the dressing station. He showed magnificent coolness and initiative in a critical situation.

9123 C.S.M. J. Winsor, Devon. R. (Nr. South Molton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in directing and leading troops under heavy fire who had lost direction and were without an officer. When the attack had become disorganised he encouraged and urged on our advance, showing great courage and good leadership. While collecting stragglers he was wounded, but remained till the line was established.

421003 S./Sjt. (A./Q.M.S.) T. Wood, R.A.M.C. (Wolverhampton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He carried out the duties of Sergeant-Major with great ability under heavy shell fire. He exposed himself fearlessly to the enemy's fire, and saved many lives by his promptness in removing the wounded from a building which was being heavily shelled.

8090 Sjt. J. Woods, L'pool R. (Garstang).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy was threatening the flank and was bombing down a communication trench he bombed them back, and organised a block. The latter he held against repeated heavy attacks, and continued bombing the enemy until relieved on the following morning. It was largely due to his courage and determination that the hostile attacks were held up.

267899 Sjt. A. D. Young, R. Highrs. (Kirriemuir).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. A strong enemy post was holding out, which threatened to hold up the advance on the company front. He thereupon immediately organised an attack on this post. Placing his machine gun to sweep the road he personally led a bombing attack on the post, which was desperately defended by four machine guns. His bold initiative and splendid gallantry saved a very dangerous situation, and permitted the following wave to go forward to the final objective

100629 Pte. W. Young, R.A.M.C. (Maryport).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As medical orderly attached to a Tank battalion, though blown up and wounded he performed his duties with the utmost coolness, attending to infantry wounded cases as well as those of his own battalion. He accomplished fine work in helping to extinguish the burning clothing of two men. Throughout he displayed the greatest devotion to duty and an entire disregard of personal safety.

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418451 C./S./M. P. Ackerley, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed untiring energy and resource under intense shell and machine gun fire in organising and despatching stretcher parties and reinforcements. On his own initiative he went out into No Man's Land and organised a series of posts, remaining there until the end of the operation. He set a fine example of courage and devotion to duty.

91621 Gnr. W. A. Allan, F. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as signaller. He went forward through a heavy barrage, set up a signalling lamp, and remained on duty continuously. Later, he advanced again under heavy fire, and though blown up and stunned for several minutes, he remained at his work under machine-gun fire. He assisted in rescuing some wounded men from a "pill box" which was blown up by a shell, and showed the greatest courage and endurance throughout.

124496 Sjt. A. A. Anderson, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of his company after all his company officers had become casualties. He killed five enemy machine gunners by rifle fire, thus helping the advance of his company. Although wounded, he refused to leave his post when given permission to do so, and carried on until the battalion was relieved.

433064 Sjt. I. W. Anderson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O., under an intense fire, with great coolness and gallantry, assumed

the duties of company serjeant-major when he was the only N.C.O. of his rank left with the company. He displayed initiative and qualities of leadership of a very high order. He personally guided and organised ration and carrying parties to the advanced posts under a very heavy fire, and throughout the entire action maintained a spirit of aggressiveness that was of the greatest value to all ranks.

71451 C./S./M. C. B. Atkinson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After all the officers of the company had become casualties he showed great initiative in taking command, and displayed marked ability and coolness in controlling his men under an intense hostile fire. Thanks to his leadership the final objective was stormed. Though wounded early in the action, he remained with his company for thirty-six hours, supervising the consolidation of the captured position with untiring energy, and directing the efforts of his men under the most difficult and dangerous conditions.

775962 Pte. A. R. Bandy, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a stretcher-bearer. Although buried by shell-fire three times, he insisted on carrying on, going out in the open many times under heavy fire to help the wounded. His condition became such that his platoon commander ordered him in, but he pointed out the number of wounded and shortage of bearers, and remained at work till the battalion was relieved. Even then he went out to the areas held by other companies, and helped with their wounded.

460465 Cpl. C. G. Barnes, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his company in an attack when the officers and senior N.C.O.'s became casualties, and captured and consolidated the objective. He showed splendid courage and disregard of danger.

234288 C./S./M. D. J. F. Beatty, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O., although badly wounded, collected men of all units, led them forward, gained the objective assigned, and before proceeding to the rear to have his wounds dressed he explained the duties to the men whom he left in charge of the several posts. This is a case of persistent effort and most gallant action in the face of extreme danger.

314154 Sjt. G. W. Beck, F. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He established communication between the battery and the observation post. After four hours' work under heavy fire he returned to the battery and found the lines were broken. He went out again, and, working the whole night, established communication in time for the attack. His determination and courage were the means of establishing most important communications.

466627 Pte. W. H. Beggs, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was shot through the leg while carrying a message, but completed his journey under heavy fire, and delivered the message. He then went out with his company commander on a reconnaissance. They were caught by machine-gun fire from an enemy post, and became separated. After reporting to company headquarters he went out again to search the position for his officer. He showed splendid initiative and determination.

15086 Sjt. J. A. Bernas, Cav.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as one of a squadron that galloped through the enemy's lines. When his horse was shot, he collected all other dismounted men and defended his position against attacks from all sides until after dark, when his squadron joined him and brought his party back.

91670 A./Bomdr. W. Berry, F. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in keeping his gun in action during an S.O.S. call, in spite of heavy shelling and the loss of two gunners. When the duty officer was seriously wounded he took charge and carried on until another officer came.

85255 B.S.M. S. C. Black, F. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the battery moved into a forward position he took charge of the teams, reversed them on a six-foot road, although heavily shelled, and conducted them to the rear with the lightest casualties by means of his good judgment and leadership. The road was blocked in places by derelict vehicles, and destroyed in others by shells. He has on two previous occasions shown conspicuous gallantry in awkward situations.

107121 Sjt. A. Blaikie, M.M., M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of four machine guns, his officer and other N.C.O.'s being casualties. Under very heavy shelling in the open he repaired slightly damaged guns and kept them in action, and helped and dressed wounded.

6894 Sjt. M. Le M. Blondel, M.M., M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he displayed the greatest courage and coolness whilst leading his two machine-gun detachments to a most advanced position under very heavy shell fire, assuming the command of the section after the officer was badly wounded.

8184 C.S.M. J. H. Bradley, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This warrant officer was in command of a platoon which, in the assembly area, was very heavily shelled. He displayed great initiative in advancing the platoon to a position affording better cover, without losing

touch with the other assaulting troops. He gave the greatest assistance to the company commander in deploying the company and successfully led the platoon to the final objective, his work there during the period of consolidation being of the highest order.

217119 Sjt. D. M. Brain, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in command of a platoon proceeding to the assembly position when it was heavily shelled, and became somewhat disorganised. With fine coolness and disregard for his own safety he collected the men together and led them forward, thereby getting them into position ready for the attack. Later, during the assault, when an enemy machine gun had temporarily delayed the advance, he, with two other men, succeeded in rushing the post, capturing the gun and dispersing the crew. He displayed splendid courage, and was a fine example to his men.

18475 Sjt. S. Bruce, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the officer of his platoon becoming a casualty, whilst leading the platoon up through an intense barrage to support, he at once took charge, and led his men on through the barrage in such a cool and capable manner that he immediately gained their confidence. He did not allow the severe wound which he had received to be dressed until he had established his platoon in the required position and refused to be evacuated until the termination of the action. He has at all times given proof of wonderful courage and endurance.

754070 Cpl. J. J. Bussineau, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack and in assisting to repel a strong counter-attack. At night, when in charge of an outpost, he noticed three enemy scouts in front of his position, and with a serjeant and private worked out towards them, killing one and capturing the other two. Then, noticing a strong hostile patrol approaching, he again advanced, outflanked them, and captured one officer and ten other ranks, with a machine gun, which was afterwards effectively used by us. This enemy patrol was specially equipped with revolvers and daggers.

57119 C.S.M. D. Calder, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in influencing the men of his company to stand fast under most trying conditions and severe shelling, which rendered the position almost untenable. He organised defence and working parties from a company that had suffered 50 per cent. of casualties, and by skilful fire drove off a counter-attack and inflicted severe casualties on the enemy. He has on several occasions done notably good work in action.

460539 Sjt. A. Carmichael, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went out with an officer to reconnoitre during an attack. The officer was killed almost immediately, but he carried out

alone a most daring reconnaissance over the whole of the forward positions and returned with a very accurate report on a critical situation. Later, he twice carried messages to the forward area under intense fire. His courageous and determined reconnaissance was a considerable factor in the success of the operation.

439382 Sgt. F. A. Caza, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his platoon and helping to hold the line until only he and three others were left. When the attack was launched he led his three men to a position where they could snipe the enemy in a pill-box from which a destructive machine gun fire had proceeded. After silencing this fire they rushed the position from the rear, capturing a large number of prisoners and five machine guns, and held the pill-box until the whole of the company moved up.

61221 Sgt. E. Chamberland, M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of his section of three Vickers machine guns, after his officer became a casualty. He established his men in their positions under very heavy fire and sent in a report by runner within fifteen minutes after arriving. When two of his guns were buried he dug them out, dressed and evacuated the wounded, and moved the guns to new positions, under a destructive barrage.

A/11013 Sgt. H. F. Christie, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He made a daring reconnaissance of an enemy pill-box which led to its capture. During the attack, when his officer was wounded, he took command of his platoon and led it to the objective. He showed splendid courage and leadership.

883634 Cpl. E. J. Clarke, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His officer became a casualty while the platoon was going forward in support of an attack. He at once took command and consolidated on the line laid down as their position. Later, he again advanced and secured a position of great tactical value. He showed great initiative and resource.

636784 L./Cpl. R. J. Clarke, Mt. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as stretcher-bearer. Many wounded men were left in front of the position, and it was impossible to rescue them owing to violent machine gun and rifle fire. He made several journeys forward, attending to the wounded men, dressing their wounds where they lay. On the following day he repeatedly guided stretcher parties into No Man's Land. His example of courage and devotion to duty was undoubtedly responsible for saving many lives.

69140 Cpl. E. Comeau, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After gaining the objective he took

charge of a platoon and directed the consolidation under very heavy shell fire. Later, on the enemy counter-attacking, he displayed the greatest courage and coolness in steadying his men, and rendered great assistance in repelling the attack. Throughout the operations, by his fearlessness and reliability, he proved a splendid example and inspiration to his comrades.

2082 Sgt. S. Cook, Light Horse R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when attached to a M.M.G. battery. On arriving at the position he found the machine guns buried through shell fire and most of the crew casualties. He organised a salvage party, dug up the guns and tripods, took them to fresh positions, and dressed and evacuated the wounded.

452587 Pte. F. W. Cormack, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the enemy's trenches. He led his party through a gap in the enemy's wire and rushed a post, killing six of the enemy. He reached an enemy dug-out, captured some prisoners and killed six of the enemy who refused to come out. He showed magnificent courage and initiative.

21321 Sgt. (A./C.S.M.) G. Coulton, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Though wounded during the advance, he went forward with his platoon and rendered valuable assistance in consolidating the captured position. Afterwards he proceeded single-handed into an enemy post and captured two machine guns, killing the majority of the crews and bringing back two unwounded prisoners.

172031 Gnr. J. A. Craig, Fld. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Immediately after an attack he started out with a party in order to establish a wireless station. He guided this party, carrying heavy wireless equipment for a long distance under exceptionally heavy shell fire, and successfully established the station. Though the aerial was repeatedly blown away, he maintained communication until relieved two days later. To his courage and untiring efforts were due the extraordinary results that were obtained.

40157 Arm./S./Sgt. A. E. Davis, Ord. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his battery was heavily shelled and five guns were put out of action, after some hours' work under fire he succeeded in getting four of these guns into action. During this time the officer and four men were wounded and two men killed.

311362 Bdr. A. Dawe, Fld. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion during operations on many occasions, and notably when the battery position was being heavily bombarded. Ten gunners were killed or wounded shortly after the battery commenced firing. He immediately took charge of a gun whose crew had become casualties,

and kept it in action until it was knocked out. He then attended to the wounded. He showed a supreme contempt of danger, and set a splendid example to the battery.

761213 Pte. C. S. Dorais, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company were consolidating the captured ground they were fired on by two enemy machine guns in a "pill box." He crept forward alone with a Lewis gun and silenced both the machine guns, and when four separate parties of the enemy attempted to reach the guns he shot them all down. Later he formed one of a party that rushed and captured a "pill box." He displayed splendid initiative and courage.

192207 Cp. J. Dow, Rail. Troops.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When it was found necessary to build a loop round a derailed tractor, in order to allow two trains to proceed to safety, he, by his conduct, gallantly seconded the efforts of his officer, which finally, despite the most trying circumstances, proved successful. Later, during the same night, these trains were further obstructed on their journey by the wreckage of another train, but he rendered great assistance in clearing the track and in getting the trains outside the zone of observation before dawn. He has on many previous occasions shown great coolness and devotion to duty whilst engaged in his work in forward areas.

136335 C.S.M. W. Farnell, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of half a company, and continually exposed himself to heavy fire in the performance of his duties. He went into the open three times to bring in wounded, and inspired his men during heavy shelling by his courage and fearless example.

405261 Sjt. R. W. Fenton, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the attack, his platoon being held up by a machine gun, he rushed the emplacement, after bombing it with rifle grenades, and captured the gun with its crew of seven. Establishing his own gun in this emplacement, he accounted for a number of the enemy who were in flight, and, although exposed to heavy machine gun and shell fire, he maintained it until relieved. At all times he has displayed remarkable coolness and cheerfulness under the most adverse conditions.

183223 Pte. J. Ferguson, Infy

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the stretcher-bearers of his company became casualties, he took over their duties and worked unceasingly throughout the operations, attending to the wounded under very heavy fire. He crawled out in front of the line several times and brought in wounded in spite of hostile fire. Later, he helped to carry wounded men to the dressing station along a heavily

shelled road. He saved many lives by his courage and determination.

875201 Pte. G. G. French, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Two hostile machine guns in a strong point opened fire and held up the flank of the company. He immediately organised a party, which worked its way round to a flank and rushed the strong point from the rear, capturing the two guns and a large amount of ammunition. His devotion to duty aroused the admiration of his comrades, and his resourcefulness and courage prevented what might have been a dangerous delay in the attack.

429014 Pte. (A./Cpl.) W. Frost, M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. After all the members of his gun crew had become casualties, he kept his gun in action for two whole days, making several trips across heavily shelled ground for ammunition. He held his position, with great courage, until the brigade was relieved.

448097 Pte. T. Gallagher, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When two Lewis guns were urgently required in the front line during an attack he was sent forward with another runner to carry the guns up. His companion was seriously wounded, and he went forward alone and carried both guns and a bag of spare parts through intense shell-fire to the front line. He then returned and assisted the wounded man to the aid post. His action was a splendid example of courage and devotion to duty.

727269 Pte. W. E. G. Game, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He, alone with a wounded comrade, held an advanced post for seven hours under heavy shell and machine-gun fire until a party of the enemy surrendered. He then compelled four prisoners to carry back his wounded comrade, and remained in the captured position until relief arrived.

628954 Cpl. C. Gibson, M.M. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a patrol sent to establish contact with the left Division. He had to travel nearly a mile over unknown country under heavy shelling, and cross a swamp that was considered impassable. He brought back valuable information, and in addition did good work on protective patrols and in guiding in reinforcements

446160 Sjt. G. Giles, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon commander and several N.C.O's became casualties before the attack he reorganised the platoon and led them forward. When they were held up by an enemy "pill-box" he rushed it with a small party and captured it, together with eighteen prisoners and four machine guns. He then took over the

duties of company serjeant-major and supervised the consolidation. He inspired all ranks by his splendid courage and confidence.

159688 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) A. E. Griffin, M.M., Mt. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company became disorganised owing to the loss of their officers he rallied the men and led them to the objective. He directed the consolidation of his part of the line, and it was largely due to his courage and skilful handling of a critical situation that the line was held.

15131 Sjt. J. A. Hagland, M.G. Sqdn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his machine guns during an attack when his officer was killed, and handled them with great skill and determination, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy. He captured an enemy machine gun when his own ammunition ran out, and used it with great effect on the retreating enemy, few of whom escaped. He showed the greatest courage and initiative.

622548 Cpl. J. A. Hainstock, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the attack had reached its most advanced point, finding himself the senior survivor of his company, he organised a sniping defence and maintained this for two days, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy assembling for a counter-attack, and bringing out fourteen other ranks, the balance of his company, on relief.

411078 Cpl. T. Hampson, M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. Taking charge of the machine guns accompanying the infantry when his officer was killed and over 50 per cent. of the crews were casualties, he located the battalion on the left which had been held up, and moved his guns to commanding ground to cover their exposed flank.

410346 C./S./M. H. Handyside, M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the whole attack he showed the highest courage. There being only one officer unwounded, he immediately assumed command of part of the assault, successfully directing it and leading his men through to the final objective. During the period of consolidation he showed an inspiring example to his men, and by his indefatigable energy and personal disregard of danger was largely instrumental in securing the captured position.

220090 Pte. J. H. Hannah, Mt. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as runner during an attack. When his company commander and two others were badly wounded by snipers during the advance, he crept forward, shot the foremost sniper, captured the remaining four,

and compelled them to carry his wounded officer back to our line. He then rejoined his company and assisted in consolidating the captured position. He set a splendid example of courage and initiative.

109135 Sjt. L. Harding, Mt. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. When his officer was killed early in the action he took charge of his platoon and led them to their objective in spite of severe resistance. His flank became exposed, and he had to withdraw; he skilfully conducted the operation, and established a defensive line in touch with the unit on his flank. He assisted in breaking up an enemy counter-attack, and at once led a patrol into No Man's Land and captured two prisoners. He set a splendid example of courage and devotion to duty.

432957 J. D. Harrison, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O., during and following the attack, displayed magnificent courage and coolness. He went forward with the medical officer to establish an advanced aid post, carrying up medical supplies through a very heavy fire, and was untiring in his efforts to dress the wounded and supervise their evacuation. For two nights he went without sleep, and was instrumental in saving the lives of many of the wounded by dressing them in the open.

15133 Sjt. F. Hart, M.G. Sqdn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He was in charge of a machine gun and brought it into action time after time on the enemy's flank, inflicting heavy casualties, and on one occasion got his gun forward and opened fire with great effect at a critical moment. He showed great courage and initiative under continuous fire from the enemy.

267128 Pte. A. Hoadley, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He saw two wounded men lying in an exposed position in front of the advanced posts. He crawled out in broad daylight under heavy shell fire and brought them into our lines. He showed splendid courage and self-sacrifice.

461229 L./C. J. Holden (Jr.), Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On his section meeting with stiff resistance at the first objective, he rallied them repeatedly, and made a most determined attack on an enemy "pill-box," in which a large number of the enemy were killed, the remainder surrendering. Continuing the advance, he brought his section with great success to the final objective. During the consolidation his untiring energy and utter contempt for danger were of the greatest assistance in securing the position.

907091 Pte. W. R. Howland, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While his company was being heavily

shelled he went out into the open to dress the wounded, and made four journeys to the dressing station with seriously wounded men under heavy shell fire. He showed great courage and self-sacrifice.

81420 Sjt. C. Hudson, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as signalling serjeant during an attack. He followed up the attacking companies, laying a line under heavy fire. When the line was destroyed by the shelling, he established a lamp station near the front line. He located a party of enemy snipers and killed three of them, and made a most valuable reconnaissance report. Though wounded, he remained at duty with the greatest courage and determination until incapacitated by another wound.

835650 Pte. D. Huyck, Mt. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. When the advance was held up by rifle and machine gun fire from a "pill-box," he climbed on to the top of the "pill-box," threw a bomb through an opening in the roof and took the garrison prisoners. He remained on the top of the pill-box sniping at the enemy. He showed the greatest courage and initiative

472148 L./C. S. Irwin, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he saw three enemy machine guns preparing to open enfilade fire on a company on his left. He at once crept round behind them on his own initiative with a Lewis gun and put the whole of the three teams out of action. By his initiative and courage he undoubtedly saved the situation and prevented many casualties.

135761 Pte. H. W. Keene, M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. His machine gun was blown up, and he was buried, and the only man with him was killed. He at once repaired and cleared his gun, and continued firing unaided. Later, he was wounded, but remained with his gun until he was ordered by an officer to go to the aid post. He set a splendid example of courage and devotion to duty.

412336 Sjt. F. Le Palm, M.M., Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon commander became a casualty, this N.C.O. took charge, and during the advance, through his good leadership, succeeded in putting out of action an enemy machine gun, capturing both crew and gun. He then led his men on to the objective, which he consolidated under the heaviest shell fire. Though wounded later, he remained on duty until forced to leave the position on account of his wounds. During the whole operation the coolness and courage of this N.C.O. was a splendid inspiration to his men.

41272 Sjt. H. Lowe, F. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy got a direct hit on a gun-pit and killing one man and wounding the remainder of the crew and setting fire to the charges, he went through the heavy fire, with another man, and succeeded in rescuing the wounded men from the flames, though some were unconscious, and getting them to a place of safety. They then returned and put out the fire, thus preventing an explosion.

440448 Sjt. J. MacCullie, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of a platoon on the right flank of the company during an attack against pill-boxes. He was responsible for, and succeeded under heavy fire in connecting our right flank with the adjoining troops. He also reconnoitred the enemy position under continuous rifle and machine-gun fire. When the final attack was launched, he led his men forward, and in spite of a barrage beat off a counter-attack. Though exhausted by his efforts in the mud, he spent the night strengthening his position.

223224 Sjt. A. D. McDonald, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in remaining with his platoon though wounded in the arm. He was again wounded in the shoulder by shrapnel when going over the top, but assumed command of his platoon when his platoon commander fell, and carried them through to their objective. While establishing the line he was wounded for the third time, and had to be carried back.

886050 Sjt. M. D. H. McKenzie, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took charge of two platoons during an attack, rallied and reorganised them, and led them forward to form a defensive flank under heavy fire. He was twice buried by enemy shells, but remained with his men cheering and encouraging them by his example and good leadership. During the night he led three patrols and obtained valuable information as to the enemy's position.

1001074 Pte. T. C. McKinnon, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in dressing a large number of wounded men under very deadly sniping and machine-gun fire and during a heavy barrage.

438727 Cpl. D. McLennan, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in going forward under a deadly fire of snipers and machine-guns to reconnoitre. The information he obtained enabled the pill-boxes to be taken without heavy losses. He afterwards consolidated the ground gained and attended to a large number of wounded during heavy shelling.

438285 Pte. P. McVicar, M.M., Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack against enemy "pill-

boxes." When acting as a scout in front of his company he came under fire from two enemy snipers, but advanced against them and killed them both. He was one of those who crawled in close to one of the "pill-boxes" and attracted the enemy's fire, thus permitting an attack upon it in strength.

187632 Pte. M. Magnusson, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This man, single-handed, captured a machine-gun, killing four of the crew, and immediately put the gun into position, where it was used to great advantage. His courage and coolness were wonderfully marked and of an outstanding nature.

5417 Cpl. G. W. Marr, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion while engaged in light railway construction. His party was many times dispersed by shell fire, but he remained resolutely at work, repeatedly collecting the men and continuing the work. He showed great courage and tenacity of purpose throughout the whole tour of duty.

138633 Pte. F. Marsh, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The attack being held up by heavy machine-gun fire from a strong point, he led his section round to a flank, bombed the strong point before the enemy were aware of his presence, killing every one of them in it, and captured the gun. This man's great courage and quick initiative were undoubtedly responsible for the clearing up of a critical situation, his behaviour on this occasion being quite in keeping with his gallant conduct throughout the operations.

147892 L./Sjt. G. G. Martell, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his platoon to the final objective. Although severely wounded, he refused to leave, but after his wound was dressed carried on for five hours until so exhausted that he had to give in.

222403 C.S.M. H. Metcalfe, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when the enemy attacked during a relief. He took command of his company when all the officers became casualties, and led a counter-attack under heavy fire. He drove the enemy back and re-established and strengthened the position, visiting all the posts and attending to the wounded under heavy shell fire. He set a magnificent example of courage and determination.

A/10399 Sjt. J. Millerwood, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The advance being held up by machine-gun fire, he at once attacked the hostile gun, killing some of the crew and taking the remainder prisoners. When his officer became a casualty, he led his platoon successfully to the assault on the final objective. His great courage undoubtedly saved the line from being indefinitely held up, and

his conduct throughout the engagement was of a very high order and an inspiration to his men.

292143 Pte. S. S. Milton, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the platoon commander and senior N.C.Os. becoming casualties, he reconnoitred in the endeavour to locate the enemy position, whence heavy machine-gun fire was proceeding. Taking a party to a flank, he, after several attempts, succeeded in capturing two "pill-boxes" and putting their garrisons out of action, which resulted in the hostile resistance coming to an end in this quarter.

443446 L./C. J. F. Mitchell, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of a section he made a vigorous attack on an enemy "pill-box," which, though stubbornly defended, was finally overcome, he himself accounting for four of the enemy. During the consolidation he displayed great coolness, and his conduct throughout was of an exceptionally gallant nature.

291427 Pte. T. Morgan, Mtd. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He attended to the wounded under heavy machine-gun fire, making several journeys into "No Man's Land" and carrying in cases who were lying in the shell-holes. He carried on this work throughout the day under heavy shell fire when the rest of his party had become casualties, and set a magnificent example of courage and self-sacrifice.

117082 Pte. W. A. Morrall, Cav.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, as one of a squadron that galloped through the enemy's lines, in volunteering to carry a message back after the squadron was cut off. His horse was shot, but he succeeded in delivering the message on foot. He then volunteered to take a message back, and again had his horse shot, and while endeavouring to proceed on foot was himself wounded.

696523 Pte. L. Morrill, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as stretcher-bearer during an attack. He went forward dressing and attending to the wounded throughout the day under heavy shell and machine-gun fire. Though wounded, he remained in "No Man's Land" during the night searching for and bringing in wounded. His example of fearlessness and devotion to duty was an inspiration to all ranks.

91469 Sjt. W. Mortimer, F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. A "pill-box" near which he was standing was blown up by a shell, killing and wounding several men, and upsetting large blocks of concrete on the wounded. Though he was thrown down and bruised by the explosion, he climbed through a small opening

under heavy fire, removed the concrete blocks, and pulled the wounded out. He then bandaged them up and got them under cover. He saved several lives by his courage and disregard of danger.

153002 C.S.M. D. Mowat, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading three other men in an attack against a pill-box, shooting an officer and two men and capturing the "pill-box." He was wounded prior to this attack, but refused to withdraw. He did valuable work dressing wounded under fire.

71196 Sjt. W. Murray, M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While advancing in an attack he captured a machine gun single-handed, and under heavy shell fire got it into action against parties of the enemy and against enemy aeroplanes with good effect. By his cheerfulness and devotion to his wounded gunners he set a splendid example.

302426 Gnr. W. McL. Mustard, F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was one of an O.P. party which went forward with the attack. He established his signalling lamp and sent through a report almost as soon as the objective was captured. He continued to send messages under very heavy fire, and it was largely due to his determined and efficient work that communication was kept up throughout the operations.

111392 Sjt. N. Nicholas, Mtd. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. When his company became disorganised through loss of officers, he collected a party and led them in an attack on a "pill-box," from which a machine gun was firing on the company. Almost all the party were put out of action, and he personally accounted for five of the enemy. His example so encouraged the remaining men, that the position was successfully captured. He set a magnificent example of courage and initiative.

225858 Pte. J. N. Nokes, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This man, by his courageous and cheerful behaviour, was an inspiration to all round him. He was the foremost in the assault on an enemy "nest" of snipers, rushing the position and bayoneting the occupants. Later, he volunteered to guide a ration party along a path constantly under heavy shell fire. Though himself wounded, he showed wonderful endurance in assisting to bring in other wounded cases.

180701 L./Sjt. H. M. Patterson, Mtd. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Seeing some wounded men stuck in a swamp, he went to their assistance, though continually fired at, bound up their wounds and carried them to safety. Later,

he went out to a shell-hole in front of the line and captured two prisoners. He showed great initiative and devotion to duty.

502680 Sjt. C. C. Polkinghorne, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He remained for a long period in an advanced area maintaining and repairing telephone wires. His work was carried out continually under shell fire, and he showed the greatest courage and initiative in keeping the lines repaired. On one occasion, when a buried cable was broken in several places just before an attack, he worked continuously for twelve hours under intense fire until the whole line was repaired. It was due to his energy and resource that communication was maintained.

144214 Cpl. J. A. Post, Mt. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. When his company was held up by rifle and machine gun fire from the vicinity of a "pill-box" he crept forward under a shower of enemy hand grenades and assisted a man on to the roof of the pill-box, which was then bombed and the garrison were captured. When all the officers had become casualties and the line was in danger of being driven in, with great coolness he held on to the ground gained and sent back valuable information on his own initiative. He set a magnificent example of courage and resource.

625073 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) C. Rattray, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the line in advance of his position was falling back in face of superior enemy numbers he went forward, steadied the men, and led them back to the trenches. He later succeeded in taking them forward to a still more advanced position, which he consolidated and held. Previous to this action he constantly kept going from post to post at great personal risk, cheering and steadying the men. His work was outstanding, and his example and influence on all ranks were important factors in the success of the operations.

17273 L./C. G. Reber, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He carried messages under heavy fire during an engagement. When he was shot in the legs he continued to crawl forward with great courage and determination, and delivered a message in the front line.

874301 Sjt. J. M. Richmond, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although wounded in three places during the advance he continued to lead his men and refused to leave until the line was established. While moving up and down the line he was again wounded, but refused to leave until ordered.

69831 C./S./M. W. D. Robinson, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the officers in his com-

pany, save one, had become casualties, though twice wounded himself, he remained with his men. His courage and coolness under rifle, machine gun and shell fire set a splendid example to the men of the company. He was largely instrumental in bringing the company to its objective and consolidating there.

814382 L./C. W. H. Roe, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took charge of his platoon early in the attack, when the other N.C.O.'s became casualties, and led them to their objective. When the objective had been captured he worked untiringly, consolidating the position. He eventually took command of the company, rallied and reorganised them, and by his determination and personal example assisted materially in breaking up an enemy counter-attack.

114090 Pte. A. Rutherford, Cav.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He rushed an enemy trench with a serjeant under heavy fire, and caused about seventy-five of the enemy to retire. He also assisted in the capture of several prisoners and showed splendid courage and initiative.

553063 Pte. J. P. Ryan, M.G. Sqdn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in volunteering to carry a message though shot through the shoulder. Though bleeding heavily he mounted a riderless horse and passed through the enemy's lines under heavy fire, delivered his message, and, finding a badly wounded man, brought him back to our lines.

109169 C.S.M. R. H. Sanders, Mt. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. When all his officers became casualties he took command of the company and led it with great courage and skill to the objective. He directed the consolidation of his frontage under heavy fire, and maintained his position until relieved. His example of courage and resource was solely responsible for holding the company together under the most difficult conditions.

204250 Cpl. R. Scarth, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in the handling of his grenade section during an attack. He led a party that captured a "pill-box," and then, with a few others, advanced 300 yards in front of our line and captured an enemy machine gun with its crew of five men. During a counter-attack he did splendid work, and personally accounted for many of the enemy.

648801 Sjt. P. J. Seeley, Mt. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led a patrol into No Man's Land to reconnoitre the assembly position for an attack. In doing so he encountered an enemy patrol and very skilfully captured a prisoner. When all his officers became casualties in the attack, he took command of his platoon and successfully led them to their objective,

which he consolidated and held under heavy fire. He set a splendid example of courage and initiative.

13149 L./Cpl. J. Sharples, M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. Early in the day he was left alone with his gun, the remainder of his crew becoming casualties. He mounted it in a commanding position, and kept it in action throughout two whole days, and until he himself became a casualty, and was removed suffering from concussion.

13281 C.S.M. R. Sheffield, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His company went forward to form a defensive flank on the left of the battalion, and having assisted in getting them into position, he went to battalion headquarters and made a valuable report on the situation. Though wounded he refused to leave the line, and by his determination and courage set a splendid example to his men.

437404 Sjt. H. W. Shove, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack, when all the officers and other N.C.Os. had become casualties, he assumed command of the company, took up a temporary position, and reported the situation to the officer commanding the flank company. Later in the day, he went out with one man and captured two of the enemy in a shell hole in front of the forward posts. His conduct throughout afforded a fine example to his men.

721950 L./Corpl. W. Sillers, M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of two Vickers guns. He maintained the fire of his guns during the whole operations, though suffering 50 per cent. of casualties. During a heavy barrage he had two men killed and two buried in a shell hole, but went out unassisted, dug them out, used artificial respiration for fifteen minutes, and saved their lives.

213055 Sjt. J. Slattery, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he led a flanking party which rushed an enemy "pill-box." He personally shot eight of the defenders, and succeeded in cutting off a party of the enemy who were retreating. The success of the enterprise was largely due to him.

104527 Pte. G. A. MacL. C. Smales, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When returning from a patrol with five men in No Man's Land he encountered an enemy patrol in superior numbers concealed in shell holes. The enemy opened fire, severely wounding him and four others, and proceeded to carry one of the wounded to their lines. Whereupon he pursued them, regardless of his wounds, killing one and dispersing the rest, and rescued his comrade,

whom he succeeded in bringing to our lines in safety.

624400 C.Q.M.S. L. T. Smith, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the launching of an attack on the enemy line his company was held up by intense machine gun fire. He, in broad daylight, stood up and waved and encouraged his men to go forward, thereby allowing his company to make a further advance and causing the enemy to retire. Later, having collected a party, he led them on to attack a machine gun emplacement, which he destroyed, killing the entire crew. Throughout the day he displayed the most gallant qualities of leadership and initiative until seriously wounded.

430337 L./Sjt. G. H. Soles, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack, when the left flank was held up by some strong posts, he led his men to the right and worked round to within bombing distance. He knocked over a machine gun with a bomb, killing eight of the enemy and taking the remainder, eighteen in number, prisoners.

112297 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) J. J. Spilsbury, Mt. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. When all his officers and senior N.C.Os. were casualties, and his platoon became disorganised, he took command and, rallying his men, led them to their objective in the face of severe opposition, and consolidated and held the position. On the next day he led a daylight patrol into No Man's Land and captured an enemy N.C.O. and a private who had been causing casualties by sniping. His example of courage and coolness materially assisted in saving a critical situation.

117548 Cpl. A. J. Stark, Mt. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Single-handed he engaged ten of the enemy who were approaching his post, killed four and drove off the remainder. He also carried out valuable reconnaissances, and showed splendid courage and resource.

186250 L./Sjt. H. Stoddard, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led the first wave of his platoon in the assault, and with great courage and dash stormed the enemy's position, capturing a machine gun and killing the garrison. Though many casualties were caused, by his magnificent example he was able to lead his men to the assault and the capture of the position. This gallant action was an inspiration to his men, and encouraged them to further efforts.

116045 Cpl. A. O. Swanby, Mtd. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his bombing squad into the enemy trench, working it with fine judgment

right up to the edge of our barrage. At one point he himself entered a concrete shelter with three of the enemy in it, killed two of them, and took the third prisoner. Prior to the raid he had shown great skill and daring in reconnoitring the enemy wire.

192830 Pte. (L./C.) W. J. Taylor, M.M., Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of a Lewis gun team which took part in the capture of an enemy strong point. He kept his gun in action with great success, and beat off determined counter-attacks by the enemy. He showed splendid courage and determination.

827096 Cpl. G. W. Thompson, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he saw an enemy machine gun open fire. He at once rushed forward through our barrage, killed the crew and captured the gun single-handed. His courage and initiative undoubtedly saved many casualties, and were a magnificent example to all.

460196 Pte. P. Thompson, M.M., Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During three days and nights of incessant bombardment, in addition to carrying out his duties as runner, guiding in numerous ration and water parties and taking out wounded, he was continually digging out buried men and tending wounded under heavy shelling. In a scattered position of unconnected shell holes he was of the greatest assistance to his company commander.

1402 S.M. G. J. Townsend, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took charge of the stretcher-bearers and parties carrying water, and owing to his determined efforts kept the line supplied with water and evacuated the wounded from the dressing-station. He contributed materially to the success of the operations by his excellent work.

71748 Sjt. C. Wilkins, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. displayed great coolness and courage in the attack, and accounted for six of the enemy single-handed. He also assisted in the capture of a machine gun, helping to kill the whole crew of eight men. His conduct throughout the whole operations was characterised by the utmost coolness and outstanding gallantry, serving to inspire his men in the highest degree.

53631 C.S.M. G. H. Williams, M.M., Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in organising a new line after the trench had been destroyed by an enemy barrage. During a heavy bombardment he succeeded in establishing communication with the company on his right. He was untiring in his efforts in getting rations up to the front line and guiding stretcher parties.

148486 Sjt. F. Wilson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in taking command of two platoons whose leaders had been wounded and leading them to their final objective. During the advance he was severely wounded, but refused to leave, and directed the consolidation of the line under heavy shelling.

45226 Sjt. T. W. Woolley, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while working on a plank road. His section officer was wounded, and the working party dispersed after suffering severe casualties. With great coolness and courage he remained at the work, collected the wounded, and reorganised the working party. He gave a splendid example to all with him.

70047 Cpl. L. R. Wylie, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After the objective in an attack had been captured, he went forward and single-handed captured an enemy machine gun which was interfering with the consolidation, killing all the crew except one, whom he took prisoner, and then turned the gun on the enemy. Later, when all the rest of his Lewis gun team were put out of action during an enemy counter-attack, he worked his gun single-handed until the enemy were driven off. His courage and determination were an inspiration to his men.

AUSTRALIAN FORCE.

2087 Tpr. W. I. Black, I.C.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He rushed his machine gun into position and repelled an enemy counter-attack under very heavy fire. He assisted in holding a most important position, and by his courage and resource saved a critical situation.

340 Sjt. W. N. J. Bowman, L.H.R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When no stretcher-bearers were available he went out and carried in two wounded men under very heavy fire. He showed great courage and self-sacrifice.

2343 Pte. F. Bush, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy captured one of our wounded men, two men arranged to rescue him, but were immediately covered by enemy snipers. He jumped out in front, and succeeding in drawing the fire of the snipers, thus enabling the wounded man to be rescued.

2334 Sjt. J. Charville, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. A post on his right was successfully raided by the enemy, and five prisoners were captured. He went out, under heavy machine gun fire, and in broad daylight, to

cut the enemy party off, with the result that he rescued three of the captured men and took five prisoners, including two officers, and accounted for several of the enemy. This success was mainly due to his personal courage and initiative.

1680 C.S.M. A. J. Cooket, L.R. Oper. Coy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a convoy of trains conveying ammunition. When the railway was heavily shelled he made six separate efforts to get through, and after assisting the break-down gang to repair the track, succeeded in delivering his ammunition and withdrew his trains. On another occasion when in charge of a train, finding the line broken by shell fire, he collected the train crew and effected temporary repairs, thus enabling guns that were exposed to be conveyed away by train before daylight.

1936 Cpl. A. Dale, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of an isolated front line post, which was blown in by hostile shell fire three times during the course of the day. On each occasion he mustered his men, re-dug and consolidated the position, setting a stirring example to those under him. The post was a most important one, and it was due to the courage and determination of this N.C.O. that the garrison were able to hold on.

2451 L.Cpl. A. O. H. Footner, I.C.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He rushed his machine gun into position and repelled an enemy counter-attack under very heavy fire. He assisted in holding a most important position, and by his courage and resource saved a critical situation.

9661 Pte. J. W. Francis, A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in going out and carrying wounded to positions of safety when the battery was subjected to heavy shell fire. When his dug-out was struck and destroyed by a shell, killing two and wounding twelve of the party, although receiving a severe shock himself, he dressed the wounded under fire and refused to take cover until ordered to do so. Although gassed he voluntarily remained at the battery position.

2027 A./Bombr. J. Hobley, Fld. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While his battery was in action a box of bombs close to one of his gun pits was set on fire by an enemy shell. He at once left his gun pit under heavy enemy shell fire and with the assistance of one man carried four burning boxes of bombs away from the position. He showed total disregard of danger and great courage and initiative.

228 Sjt. A. E. James, L.H.R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On an officer being dangerously

wounded by rifle fire on an isolated ridge, he carried him back across the fire-swept area for forty yards under very heavy fire and under the most difficult circumstances. This prompt and gallant action undoubtedly saved the officer's life, as there was every probability of his bleeding to death if not attended to at once.

669 T./Sjt. H. C. Long, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the enemy's trenches. He forced his way through the enemy's wire and cleared the trench with his bombing party. He dealt with several dug-outs, entering them with total disregard of danger. His determination and offensive spirit were a splendid example to his men, and his work throughout the operation was invaluable.

965 S.S.M. (now 2nd Lt.) D. J. Mason, L.H.R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed great dash and gallantry in the charge on the final objective, after reaching which he was especially conspicuous in capturing a large number of prisoners and in aiding in the capture of a battery of guns. His conduct throughout is worthy of the highest praise.

1050 Cpl. K. L. Morris, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of a front line post, which was subjected to a continuous heavy barrage. When it was blown in, he immediately re-dug and consolidated it. Soon afterwards a liquid fire shell burst on the parapet, and he at once leaped out of the trench with a shovel and succeeded in putting the flames out, though under intense artillery fire. He held the post for three days under the heaviest barrage.

2624 Pte. E. H. Scott, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a runner. During an enemy attack he was sent with another runner to get in touch with posts on the right that were being hard pressed. One post turned out to be occupied by the enemy, who surrounded the runners. He however bombed his way out and got in touch with the other post. Though again surrounded on his way back, he got through and delivered his message to the company commander.

4285 Pte. J. B. Skinner, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was wounded in five places and left unconscious. When he came to and was making his way to the rear he met a carrying party who had lost direction. He at once took charge of them and guided them to the front line and then returned, but fainted on reaching the support line.

617 Pte. E. Victor, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the enemy's trenches. He was sent forward to find a gap in the enemy's wire and to return and act as guide to the raiding party. He found the gap, but was wounded in the knee on the way back, and was unable to move. He remained in

"No Man's Land" during the barrage, and, when the party advanced, refused to be moved until he had seen them through the gap. His splendid courage and devotion to duty were a magnificent example to his comrades.

3565 Sjt. F. Viney, Fld. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While he was firing his gun in support of an attack several boxes of bombs close to his position were set on fire by a shell. He at once left the shelter of his gun-pit, carried the burning bombs away, and dropped them into a shell-hole. His prompt and courageous action prevented many casualties in his detachment, and set a fine example to his men.

NEW ZEALAND FORCE.

9/2049 Pte. H. Boreham, Otago R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a number of the enemy were seen outside our parapet, he went out with a patrol, engaged the enemy with bombs and dispersed them. He pursued them as they retired and captured a prisoner. By his initiative, pluck, and gallant conduct he obtained valuable information, and set a splendid example to his comrades.

6/2960 L./Cpl. K. B. Burns, Canterbury Regt.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a section leader. When a machine-gun with a strong crew threatened to hold up the advance of his company he moved to a flank and reached a position from which he rushed in with two men, capturing the gun and killing the crew, ten in number.

13/791 Cpl. A. G. de Lautour, Auckland Mtd. Rif. Regt.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a heavy enemy attack. He collected a few men and met the attack, and by his gallantry and initiative greatly assisted in driving back superior forces of the enemy at a critical time.

13/178 Sjt. T. D. S. Donaldson, Auck. Mtd. Rif. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the attack he displayed great gallantry by the manner in which he conveyed the wounded across a river during the retirement. He, with another man, under heavy fire, went out and brought back the whole of the wounded, swimming with them across the river. His gallantry and disregard of danger were most marked.

11/1255 L./C. B. Draper, Wellington Mtd. Rif. Rgt.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an enemy counter-attack he rushed forward with his machine-gun, though wounded, and took up a position from which he was able to inflict severe losses on the enemy. He was again wounded, and his gun was put out of action, but he repaired it and continued to fire until he was wounded a third time. He set a magnificent example of courage and initiative.

13/795 Sjt. S. L. Emmerson, Mt. Mach. G Sqdn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On his officer becoming a casualty during the attack on an outpost, he took charge of his section and withdrew it to the main infantry position, after all his gunners had become casualties and one gun had been put out of action. Through his energetic and courageous efforts he kept all the other guns in action until all the troops had been withdrawn from the ridge.

2/488 Sjt. A. Gapes, F. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as one of a forward observation party. While going forward they were caught in a barrage, one man being killed and the officer and remaining man badly wounded. Although himself badly wounded in two places and slightly in several others, he crawled through the barrage and succeeded eventually in getting the wounded away on stretchers. He then returned to his post and endeavoured to send a report through.

6/1031 C.S.M. J. A. Godfrey, M.M., Canterbury R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of his company after all the officers had become casualties. He got the men disposed in safe positions, then organised rescue parties for men who had been buried by shell fire, and directed their work under very heavy fire.

13/2559 L./C. (T./Cpl.) F. H. Hardy, Auckland Mtd. Rif. Rgt.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed great skill and resource in handling his troop when heavily pressed by the enemy. He led forward his few remaining men to an exposed position, and greatly assisted in repelling an attack by superior numbers of the enemy.

8/2614 Sjt. G. Hayton, M.M., Otago R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the attack he followed the advancing troops through a severe machine-gun barrage and laid a telephone wire forward. On the N.C.O. in charge of the forward signal station becoming a casualty, he immediately took command of all the battalion signal communications, and when his forward post had been severely damaged by shell fire he established communication over an area continually swept by heavy shell fire. For two days he maintained all his lines as well as a visual station at brigade headquarters, and by his thorough organisation of the means of communication at his disposal he displayed high powers of leadership and resource.

11/1338 Sjt. M. P. Malone, Mtd. M.G. Sqdn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his officer was wounded early in the attack he took command of his section and pushed forward and covered the advance with his fire. When the enemy counter-attacked he rushed his gun forward to a ridge under intense fire, and completely broke up the leading waves of the attack and

inflicted heavy casualties on the remainder as they retired. He set a splendid example of courage and initiative.

23/1861 Sjt. W. R. Walker, Canterbury R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a platoon in an isolated trench when a party of the enemy about 50 strong attempted a raid. He showed great tactical ability in bringing a Lewis gun to bear on the threatened flank, covering it with a section of bombers, and caught the raiders with enfilade fire and decimated them. He had previously shown marked courage and devotion to duty.

13/483 Sjt. C. N. White, Auck. Mt. Rif. Reg.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led a party forward and carried out a reconnaissance with great skill and gallantry. He drove in an enemy post and established himself in their position to cover the advance of his squadron.

SOUTH AFRICAN FORCE.

16047 Sjt. J. H. Botha, S. Af. Infy. and Nig. R., W.A.F.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Remaining in action throughout the day, he used his machine gun with great effect and set a splendid example of courage and determination to his men. It was owing to his skill and initiative that his section was extricated from a difficult and dangerous situation.

16092 Sjt. W. J. Boyd, S. Af. Infy. and Nig. R., W.A.F.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On one occasion during the action he left the trench, and rushing forward with his machine gun fired it through the fork of a tree with telling effect upon the enemy. Throughout the great gallantry and coolness which he displayed were most meritorious.

152 C./S./M. C. Calvert, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company commander and two other officers had become casualties, he rendered valuable service in helping to re-organise the firing line, and in bringing up ammunition under concentrated machine gun fire. His fearlessness and bold initiative were only equalled by his energetic efforts under conditions of great danger and difficulty.

689 Cpl. R. L. Chapman, R.G.A., S.A.H.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When one of the battery dugouts was blown in and three men were buried, under heavy shell fire he cleared the debris and rescued the three men. When a man was severely wounded in the legs, after dressing his wounds under heavy shell fire he organised a stretcher party, and eventually, in spite of casualties, got him to a dressing-station $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles away.

7701 Pte. A. V. Cock, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When acting as one of the escort to a motor convoy, he assisted in driving back a superior enemy force armed with machine guns. He subsequently mounted a loose horse, and with one companion rode through the enemy to the camp to obtain reinforcements. He displayed dash and initiative of a high order.

1465 Sjt. H. P. Diamond, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under heavy machine gun and rifle fire he rendered great assistance in placing his men, and in controlling the fire in the most effective manner. On this occasion he displayed marked resource and initiative, and on all previous occasions his fine soldierly spirit and example have proved a great incentive to his men.

5852 Sjt. W. K. Gibson, S. Af. Infy., K. Af. Rif. (Paisley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On one of his machine gun crew becoming a casualty, he took his place and remained firing the gun, though himself wounded, with the most telling effect upon the enemy, who were charging. At all times when in action his courage, contempt of danger and endurance have been most marked, and prove him to be an N.C.O. of the highest merit.

94 Sjt. A. E. McNevin, Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In the face of heavy enemy fire he handled his gun with great coolness and remained himself in action with it after the majority of his team had become casualties. His courageous determination was most praiseworthy.

I.D.1445 Pte. Masumbuko Bin Nganga, Intell. Department.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was one of a party under a N.C.O. sent to obtain water, which was urgently needed, from a post held by the enemy. Though the rest of the party failed to procure any water, he, by the skilful use which he made of the local natives, succeeded in obtaining it. On the following day, when in charge of an outpost station, he handled his men with great judgment on the approach of an enemy patrol. He also skilfully disarmed two native soldiers of the enemy who had approached his post. On all occasions he has shown courage and ability of the highest order.

C.M.118 Sjt. D. N. Olive, S. Af. M.G.C. and K. Af. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He fired his machine gun with great effect under a very heavy fire, showing an utter disregard for danger, and was largely instrumental in repelling the hostile attacks. Later, he took charge of two guns, and firing them alternatively, did great execution in the enemy ranks. He finally withdrew his teams in good order, and saved his guns from imminent danger of being captured. His courage, coolness and resource cannot be too highly praised.

15756 Pte. M. F. Venter, S.A. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When acting as one of the escort to a motor convoy, he assisted in driving back a superior enemy force armed with machine guns. He subsequently mounted a loose horse, and with one companion rode through the enemy to the camp to obtain reinforcements. He displayed dash and initiative of a high order.

The following are the correct descriptions of Non-commissioned Officers and Men upon whom the Distinguished Conduct Medal has recently been conferred:—

(London Gazette, 30th June, 1915.)

6754 Pte. J. Rowlinson, R. Lanc. R.

(London Gazette, 4th March, 1918.)

120 Sjt. (now 2nd Lt.) J. W. Gratton, Aust. Inf.

674 Cpl. D. C. Robertson, Aust. Inf.

(London Gazette, 22nd October, 1917.)

37552 Pte. A. Piggott, Manch. R.

(London Gazette, 26th November, 1917.)

L/6435 A./Cpl. F. T. Pillans, R.F.A.

The award of the Distinguished Conduct Medal to No. 10274 Pte. A. G. Hall, Linc. R., announced in the London Gazette dated 26th November, 1917, is cancelled, it having previously appeared in the London Gazette dated 22nd October, 1917.

The award of the Distinguished Conduct Medal to No. 200432 L./Cpl. J. W. Elliott, North'd Fus., announced in the London Gazette dated 1st January, 1918, is cancelled, and the following substituted:—
No. 200334 L./Cpl. F. Elliot, North'd Fus.

The award of the Distinguished Conduct Medal to No. 3/1626 L./Cpl. H. Sykes, K.O.Y.L.I., which appeared in the London Gazette dated 1st January, 1918, is cancelled.

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