

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