

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,