

fering from the effects of gas, he continued to organise the supply of ammunition, water and rations to the firing line during a critical time. He showed great determination and disregard of danger.

606 Sjt. A. Dray, M.M., R. Fus. (Forest Gate).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He, whilst acting as company serjeant-major, did conspicuously fine work throughout the action in organising his company and keeping them supplied with small arms ammunition. He repeatedly visited all the company posts throughout the day, and over the open under heavy fire. His cheerfulness, splendid spirit and fine courage materially assisted his battalion in averting a disaster.

15948 B.S.M. P. H. Dunn, R.F.A. (Exeter).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the limbers were ordered up to withdraw the guns, he took command of these, and proceeded towards the gun position. On the way he was informed by a Staff officer that it was useless to proceed further, as the enemy had broken through. Despite this he continued his attempts to reach the gun position, and eventually succeeded in doing so, rendering valuable assistance in withdrawing the guns.

290843 Pte. (A./L./C.) A. Dunning, Sco. Rif. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the flank of his company became exposed during the attack on the final objective he, on his own initiative, brought his gun into action in order to cover this exposed flank, and succeeded in dispersing a hostile concentration, thus enabling a counter-attack on the flank to be anticipated. He handled his gun team with great boldness and resource.

93304 Gnr. C. Edwards, R.F.A. (Sulgrave, nr. Banbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed marked courage and coolness in repairing telephone wires in the open under a heavy fire. It was due to his determination and energy that communications were successfully maintained throughout the day. He also assisted another battery by taking up wire to its observation post under an intense fire. His devotion to duty was most praiseworthy.

38703 Pte. W. E. Edwards, Glou. R. (Salop).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of the rear party during a raid, and seeing some of the enemy firing from a shelter, he at once dashed forward and accounted for all of them with bomb and bayonet. His leadership and determination cannot be too highly praised.

21479 1st Cl. A./M. S. W. Egan, R.F.C. (Catford, S.E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While engaged with his pilot on a photographic reconnaissance over the enemy's lines they were attacked in a most persistent manner by six enemy scouts. His

left thumb was shot off at the beginning of the fight, but he continued to engage the enemy with his Lewis gun, and when the gun jammed he succeeded in getting it into action again, and continued to fight until he became unconscious. It was undoubtedly due to his splendid pluck and determination that the pilot was enabled to bring his machine back safely to our lines.

200290 Cpl. (A./L./Sjt.) H. J. Emerton, Bedf. R. (Dunstable).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. Under rifle fire at point-blank range he cleared the enemy from a line of rifle-pits which would have enfiladed the main attack. Later, when his platoon serjeant became a casualty, he took command of the platoon at a critical moment. His gallantry and resource contributed largely to the success of the operation.

620209 B.S.M. E. Evans, R.H.A. (Stoke-under-Ham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the observation party having to retire on foot to the river, on the other side of which were the horses, he collected all the equipment and took it over himself in the boat, the remainder of the staff swimming across. Owing to machine gun and rifle fire it became necessary to move across the open singly, taking all available cover. He succeeded in getting the whole of the staff together with all the equipment back to the battery in safety. He proved himself a most able and efficient warrant officer.

266554 Pte. J. F. Fairbairn, Sco. Rif. (Dunbar).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. It being necessary to keep a detached post supplied with small arm ammunition and bombs over a very exposed piece of ground covered by enemy snipers at close range, he volunteered to make the journey, covering this distance many times. His keenness, courage and determination were most marked.

201087 Sjt. (A./Coy. S.M.) T. R. Fish, Essex R. (Sawbridgeworth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon most gallantly in the attack, and on reaching his objective reorganised his men and commenced and completed the task of consolidation with great skill and in a most efficient manner.

14238 Pte. G. Fletcher G. Gds. (Bunwell).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was No. 1 of a Lewis gun post, which was attacked by about forty of the enemy. Though surrounded and heavily bombed by the enemy, he mounted his gun on the parapet, inflicted casualties on the enemy, and caused a number of them to retire. After using his gun on all available targets in the open, he joined a party of bombers on his own initiative, and assisted in repelling an attack along a communication trench. He moved along the top of the trench in the open, bombing the enemy with the greatest courage and contempt of danger.