

his gun when it was most essential to do so, with great gallantry for some two hours after he was wounded, and his conduct throughout was a fine example of that devotion to duty which he has displayed on many occasions.

3/10029 A./R.S.M. J. Crissall, Suff. R. (Cambridge).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. With a party of battalion headquarters' details he held on to a position for nine hours under continual shell fire, and beat off repeated enemy attacks. When his Lewis gun had been knocked out, and he was practically surrounded by the enemy, he withdrew his men in good order. He showed fine courage and powers of leadership.

19967 C.S.M. J. Croll, N. Lanc. R. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. He conducted a party of reinforcements to the front line, where he found the situation serious, as the enemy had captured the commanding point of the hill. He immediately led a counter-attack and forced the enemy right back, showing great initiative and skill in the way he handled his men.

241741 Sjt. R. Cromarty, Sea. Highrs. (Kirkwall).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his officer had become a casualty he took charge of the platoon, and, establishing himself in a position, inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy, who were in greatly superior numbers. He withdrew only when in danger of being completely surrounded to a fresh position, where he fell shortly afterwards severely wounded. His courage and coolness throughout were worthy of the highest praise.

62318 Serjt. E. W. Crone, R.F.A. (Ballincolling).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a period of five hours, the battery, under a heavy bombardment of gas and other shells, were firing with box respirators on. Serjt. Crone kept his gun in action, in spite of casualties, during all the time, and though offered relief from the duties of gunlayer, which he was performing in addition to others, he refused, knowing that layers were badly needed for other guns in action. Finally, when the enemy appeared over a ridge about 500 yards off, he maintained a rapid fire over open sights, and covered the retirement of the remaining guns. The fine example set by this N.C.O. was of great value throughout a trying period.

238203 C.S.M. J. Cropper, M.M., W. Yorks. R. (Altofts).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an intense bombardment, followed by an enemy attack, this warrant officer showed great coolness and courage, and by his clever controlling of fire inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy.

397912 2nd Cpl. (A./Sjt.) R. E. Crosley, R.E. (Silksworth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a demolition party for the destruction of bridges. The electric leads having been cut by rifle fire, he crawled out along the bridge under heavy machine-gun fire at close range and repaired them. He then demolished the bridge with the enemy only 50 yards away.

40458 Pte. F. W. L. Cross, M.M., R.A.M.C. (Paddington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty with a party of stretcher-bearers during an enemy attack. When two bearers were hit he crawled out from behind a farmhouse and carried in one. Then, accompanied by a serjeant of Field Ambulance, he went out to bring in the other bearer, but the serjeant was hit. He dragged in the second bearer, and went out a third time and helped the serjeant to cover. His conduct throughout was magnificent.

149099 Bomdr. W. Cross, R.F.A. (Boston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His serjeant having been wounded and he himself gassed, he continued throughout seven days to command his gun with the greatest courage and skill, setting a fine example of energy and cheerfulness. On one occasion, when his detachment had been wounded, he manned his gun alone.

12/18926 R.Q.M.S. S. Cummins, R. Ir. Rif. (Ballymena).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took charge of a lorry bringing up rations, and with great difficulty distributed the rations among detached parties in the front line. It was due to his efforts that these men got rations. They did not belong to his battalion, and his work was entirely voluntary.

21399 Pte. (A./Cpl.) G. M. Cunliffe, L'pool R. (Wallasey).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an enemy attack he took over the work of platoon serjeant, performing the duties most efficiently at a most difficult time. Later, whilst the platoon was counter-attacking, he showed leadership of a high order.

25187 Pte. R. Cunningham, R. Scots (Edinburgh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He volunteered to go out and capture an enemy machine-gun which had been harassing our lines all the morning. He went out, and in spite of enemy snipers got round the flank and reached a point 50 yards in rear of the gun, which he then rushed and captured the crew of three. He returned with the gun and two of the crew, the third being too badly wounded to bring away. A very daring enterprise, and a fine example to all who witnessed it.

292305 Gnr. C. H. Currie, R.G.A. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty throughout three days of severe fighting when in charge of a visual station. He