

maintained communication between batteries and brigade amidst most heavy and accurate shell fire until both his lamps were destroyed. He then tapped in on the nearest cable line, and acted as intermediate linesman. Throughout this period his conduct was magnificent.

645179 Cpl. R. Currie, R.F.A. (W. Kiltbride).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of an ammunition dump that was four times set on fire by the enemy's shells. On each occasion he organised parties to extinguish the fires, and at a critical time, when every round was of the utmost value, by his personal efforts and disregard of danger he ensured the necessary supply to the guns.

88390 C.S.M. (A./R.S.M.) T. Curtis, R.E. (Worcester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was ordered to remove some howitzers, but, on advancing, he found that the railway and batteries in the vicinity were being heavily shelled and the line broken. He repaired the line, under heavy fire, until he came to a part which was destroyed beyond repair. After notifying the battery commander that it was impossible to get through, he collected wounded and organised their evacuation from the dressing station. He set a fine example of soldierly courage and disregard for personal danger.

21000 Pte. R. Cuthbertson, Durh. L.I. (Consett).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the progress of a counter-attack this man showed great courage and determination. He was one of a small party who reached the ultimate objective, and during village fighting, when men were wavering under heavy fire from the houses, he pushed on to the further end of the village, materially assisting in the success of its recapture.

20842 Serjt. W. Cuthbertson, M.M., Ches. R. (Dumbarton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He volunteered to patrol the company front, and obtained valuable information. Later during the night he again went out, and, though badly hit, succeeded in evading the enemy and crawling back with information which was urgently required. He set a splendid example.

13330 Pte. S. Dack, S. Gds. (Australia).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was one of a strong patrol which located and rushed an enemy post at night. He killed three of the enemy, fearlessly entering a dug-out on his own initiative. He displayed great courage and determination.

4868 C.S.M. E. E. Dale, N. Staffs R. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Throughout recent operations this warrant officer displayed great coolness and

devotion to duty. He took charge of a platoon when the officer had become a casualty, and handled it with great skill. He was at all times of the greatest assistance to his company commander.

7777 C.S.M. T. Dalton, Lan. Fus. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when sent up in charge of a platoon to fill a gap in the support line. The operation was a difficult one, as the country was open and the fire was very heavy, but he succeeded in getting his men in position and took charge of that part of the line until relieved. His conduct throughout was of great service.

16346 Pte. C. Darlow, C. Gds. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While acting as stretcher-bearer, though wounded in the hand and forearm by shell splinter, he continued to succour his comrades, remaining at duty another two days until wounded in the arm by a machine-gun bullet. He undoubtedly saved many lives.

30060 Sjt. (A./Sq./S.M.) E. Davies, Yeo. (Gt. Birstington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when he did much to assist in repelling an attack by rallying men of formations disorganised by heavy barrage fire, and fighting the enemy with them. By his initiative and disregard of personal danger he gave valuable assistance in saving a critical situation.

26083 A./Serjt. I. Davies, Welsh R. (Llantrisant).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He commanded his platoon with great skill and gallantry during a rearguard action, and tried his utmost to rescue his wounded officer when the enemy were within forty yards. His devotion to duty was great.

88193 C.S.M. J. Davies, R.E. (W. Norwood, S.E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He worked at repairing the railway with conspicuous energy, in order that some howitzers might be withdrawn, and in spite of heavy shell fire did not return until relieved.

22035 L./Sjt. R. Davies, L.N. Lanc. R. (Leigh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an enemy attack their advance had placed them in possession of a position of some importance. Serjt. Davies moved over the open with five men, under machine-gun fire at close range, and established a block that prevented the further advance of the enemy in that direction. A bombing party of one officer and nine men, to whom he then attached himself, were being checked by the fire of an enemy machine-gun, but he brought a Lewis gun into action and kept down the enemy fire, thus making the advance of the bombing party possible. Later in the day, with five men, he held an advanced post some 400 yards in front of our line, under heavy fire, to prevent surprise during the reorganisation