

his men for defence with much ability, and neglected no means of keeping Battalion Headquarters continually informed as to the needs of the situation.

H/270032 S.S.M. E. Nicholson, Yeo. (Mirfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of some Hotchkiss guns which he fought with the highest courage and coolness, doing great execution, though the flanks were turned, and he was severely wounded. All the guns were eventually damaged, but he kept the teams firing with their rifles until the last possible moment.

9619 Cpl. F. S. Nix, Leic. R. (Leicester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He mounted five Lewis guns and one Vickers gun and maintained them in action, causing the enemy heavy losses. He erected a block and held it, enabling our troops to withdraw. He was wounded, but had his wounds dressed and returned to help his men get away the guns successfully. He showed great endurance and courage.

11370 Cpl. J. Noblett, M.G.C. (Darwen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of a signal station amongst the front posts. When the posts were driven in and his station surrounded, he signalled the situation under very heavy fire, and reported himself with his two signallers to the nearest machine-gun commander. He and his two men then helped with the guns until all ammunition was expended, and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy. He saved his gun from capture by shooting enemy with his revolver, and behaved with great gallantry.

SE/13428 Farr. S./Sjt. W. J. Norman, A.V.C. (Workington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of ammunition wagons refilling at a dump, when enemy shell-fire set the dump on fire. He set to work and extinguished the flames, and saved the ammunition. He was under fire all the time.

14875 Sjt. C. Norris, M.G.C. (Holloway).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He remained in a trench alone and held up the enemy for an hour, after the infantry had evacuated it. He thus enabled the infantry to construct a strong defensive position in rear, and held the enemy. His gallant act was of great service.

S/31529 Pte. (L./Cpl.) F. Norsworthy, Rif. Bde. (Coventry).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He handled his Lewis gun with gallantry and initiative, pushing it up into gaps, and covering the withdrawal of troops. A daylight reconnaissance which he made with an officer resulted in the capture of three enemy machine-guns.

660 C.S.M. E. A. North, Lanc. Fus. (Netherfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a hostile attack. When the enemy repeatedly tried to force a passage through our block, he showed great skill and organisation in keeping a constant supply of bombs and grenades. He displayed great courage, and set a fine example to all the men around him.

87281 Cpl. A. F. Norton, R.F.A. ("E" E. Ham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a retirement. The whole control of the ammunition supply to the battery was placed in his hands, owing to casualties to officers and N.C.O.'s. He showed untiring energy and courage in collecting ammunition and bringing it to the battery, often under intense fire, and often with no one to assist him. He had his horse shot under him twice, but he rose superior to all difficulties, and the battery never ran short of ammunition.

11345 Cpl. A. Ockwell, Wilts. R. (Purton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy made a determined flanking attack, and the battery presented a most conspicuous target, undaunted by casualties, he brought his gun into action with the utmost coolness and courage. Later, the battery remained in action to cover the withdrawal of the infantry, and, when all ammunition was expended, and the enemy were close upon him, he blew up his gun.

20767 L./Sjt. P. O'Connor, M.M., Ches. R. (Middlesbrough).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O., in charge of a Lewis gun, attached to Company Headquarters, hearing that his company commander had been killed, rushed to the front, and, rallying the men, led them to attack a strong point. All his men becoming casualties, he went out and recovered the body of his officer, which was lying about forty yards from an enemy machine gun in action. He showed great gallantry.

10890 Sjt. Frank Odell, Hamps. R. (Newport, I. of W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the flank of his unit was almost enveloped, on his own initiative he seized a Lewis gun and poured a heavy fire into a large ammunition dump, which immediately blew up, killing many of the enemy and causing the remainder to withdraw. This courageous act, performed well in advance of our line and under heavy machine-gun fire, undoubtedly saved the company from being surrounded, and inspired fresh vigour into all ranks.

9488 Sjt. J. R. Ogden, W. Rid. R. (Halifax).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in temporary command of a platoon. The troops on his flank were held up by heavy barrage, and he was under machine-gun fire from a house, but he nevertheless led his platoon straight for their