pulsed; he moved along the line under heavy machine-gun and artillery fire, reorganising his posts and cheering on his men. His very gallant conduct and able leadership inspired the greatest confidence to all ranks.

292377 C.S.M. R. A. M. Renwick, Gord. Highrs. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in lengthy operations. When the left flank was being withdrawn, he, with a handful of men, held on to his position until the operation was accomplished. Later, whilst in command of a half company, he displayed the greatest coolness, encouraging his men to stay at their posts till the last possible moment whilst covering the retirement of another division, and then successfully withdrawing them, under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire.

48307 Sjt. J. W. Rhodes, Rif. Bde. (Wakefield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While on patrol, he succeeded in killing or wounding the entire crew of an enemy machine gun. Later, through his efforts, on his battalion being relieved, all the wounded were evacuated over 1,000 yards of ground swept by enemy fire.

20786 Sjt. J. S. Richardson, M.G.C. (Evenwood).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action in charge of a machine gun. Three times he drove back a fierce hostile attack with very heavy casualties, and, when his officer was killed, he continued to fire his gun until practically surrounded. Finally, his gun being knocked out, for five hours he assisted to take up ammunition to a battery, across exposed ground, until ordered to retire. His gallantry and determination was quite exceptional.

290123 C.S.M. R. Richardson, North'd Fus. (Berwick-on-Tweed).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when his company was advancing in artillery formation, under heavy fire, he greatly assisted the platoon leaders; and, later, he dug two men out who had been buried, although heavy shelling was taking place at the time.

203031 Sjt. E. Richmond, R. Berks. R. (Leeds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. The enemy, having taken up a position enfilading a trench with a machine gun, he organised a party, attacked and drove them off with severe losses, and smashed the machine gun. Throughout the operation he displayed the greatest courage and resource, and his example was of a very high order.

26550 L./Cpl. (A./Cpl.) R. A. Richmond, G. Gds. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all his officers were casualties and the enemy, who had surrounded his party, had called on them to surrender, he led a charge through their lines, and, killing one of the enemy, fought his way back with his men, most of whom were killed. He displayed the greatest gallantry, and his behaviour all through two days' hard fighting was worthy of all praise.

305611 C.Q.M.S. A. Riding, Lanc. Fus. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during heavy enemy attacks lasting for several days. Absolutely regardless of personal danger, he continuously collected and issued ammunition to troops in advanced positions, and thus frequently prevented the necessity of withdrawals. His courage and vigorous personality inspired all who came in touch with him with confidence.

24437 L./Cpl. T. Rigby, R. Welsh Fus. (Wheelton, nr. Chorley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in repairing and maintaining signal communications under the most intense machine gun and high explosive barrage. Owing to his utter disregard for his own safety information of the greatest value continued to come through. Subsequently, he commanded small bodies of troops in counter-attacks on many occasions with the greatest audacity and skill.

56839 Gnr. T. Riley, R.F.A. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was wounded shortly before the zero hour of an infantry action, in support of which the battery were ordered to fire a barrage. Though ordered to leave the position, he asked to be allowed to remain, as the battery was short of layers. For an hour and a quarter, under intense pain, he took his turn as layer, while the battery was subjected to an intense fire. He collapsed shortly afterwards, and had to be carried to the dressing station.

40101 Sjt. R. Rimmer, R.E. (Nottingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when he took command of his company, held the men together, and by his example withdrew them as a fighting unit, at the same time showing much gallantry under fire when organising for defence.

58743 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) M. H. Ritchie, R.E. (Clapton, E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in establishing and maintaining communication under very heavy shell fire at a most critical period. Thereby he made it possible to transmit many important orders and reports.

23733 Sjt. J. S. Rivett, M.M., R. Lanc. R. (Burney).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. was in charge of three fighting patrols, whose objective lay beyond some 1,200 yards of open ground, which was heavily shelled and swept by severe machine-gun fire. He manœuvred his men forward with great skill and courage, and, in spite of heavy casualties, he reached the position, where he maintained himself until the retirement of troops on his flanks brought him under enfilade and reverse machine-gun fire. He then withdrew, covering the movement