

636163 Bombr. A. Stark, R.F.A. (Dundee).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. was in charge of a gun in action in the open under very heavy artillery fire. All the rest of the detachment had become casualties. As soon as he had placed the wounded under cover, as far as possible, and dressed their wounds, he returned to his gun, which he continued to serve, single-handed, for three hours, until the enemy infantry had worked their way round to the rear of the battery. His behaviour was most gallant and he displayed marked devotion to duty.

46044 S.S.M. H. C. Steane, Hrs. (Coventry).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. At a period when the regiment was extremely short of officers, owing to heavy casualties, he showed the greatest coolness and courage in reorganising troops and covering a retirement of the regiment during a most critical period.

38707 S.M. W. B. Stedman, R.A.M.C. (Margate).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when, the advanced dressing station having been destroyed by fire, he carried out a careful search amongst the ruins for the wounded in spite of heavy shell fire.

13521 B.S.M. F. Steeden, R.H.A. (Tottenham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. When the battery wagon line was repeatedly shelled heavily, he displayed a complete disregard of personal danger, and by his coolness and initiative succeeded in keeping all ranks steady, and by slight moves saved many casualties. Throughout recent operations his courage and good work have been of the utmost value.

925409 Sjt. E. E. Steele, M.M., R.F.A. (Holloway, N.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a withdrawal. He worked his gun to the last possible moment, put an enemy machine gun out of action, and did much to check the enemy's advance.

S/2235 Pte. T. Stevens, R. Suss. R. (Hove).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in taking a message along the front-line posts under a raking shell and machine-gun fire. Later, he went out under fire to one of our tanks, which was lying in front of the line, set fire to it, and put it out of action. He showed wonderful coolness and rendered invaluable assistance throughout the action.

22217 Sjt. W. Stevenson, M.M., M.G.C. (Pollockshaws).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. handled the guns of which he was in charge with admirable skill, under a very heavy enemy barrage, in a strong point, working with unremitting energy and great devotion to duty. After heavy casualties had greatly reduced his de-

tachment he fired one of the guns himself, and set a very fine example to his men, inspiring them to their utmost effort. The situation at the time was critical, but the great execution done by these guns prevented the enemy from debouching to attack as he had intended.

265603 Cpl. C. Stewart, Gord. Highrs. (Midmar).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. One one occasion, when the enemy had penetrated our support line, this non-commissioned officer, at once grasping the situation, fearlessly advanced and held them until a block had been established, setting a fine example of initiative and disregard of personal safety to the men under his command. Subsequently he brought back valuable information to battalion headquarters, through heavy machine-gun fire, on two different occasions, and throughout the fighting he commanded his section with great gallantry and determination, offering a stubborn resistance to the advance of the enemy, on whom he inflicted heavy losses.

S/8649 Cpl. D. Stewart, R. Highrs. (Kirkcaldy).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty throughout a withdrawal, when his platoon and some details were ordered to act as rearguard to cover the withdrawal. He went from man to man in the line, fearlessly exposing himself, under intense machine-gun and rifle fire, to encourage them to hold on. When the order was given to retire, he was the last to cross the broken girder of a bridge.

3/9563 Sjt. J. F. Stiff, M.M., Suff. R. (Bury St. Edmunds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotior to duty. When the C.S.M. and most of the N.C.Os. of the company were killed or wounded, he cheered and encouraged the men to maintain their position, as well as maintaining communication with the next division, over the open. He also led a Lewis gun team to cover the flank which was turned.

65307 Sjt. G. E. St. Ledger, M.M., M.G.C. (Failsworth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of the battalion scouts. He rallied infantry under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, and held them to their ground. He carried out very valuable reconnaissances, commanded his scouts with great ability, and set a magnificent example to all ranks.

107435 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) G. W. Stockdale, M.M., R.E. (Huddersfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. was untiring in his exertions in maintaining communications throughout ten days' mobile operations. When shelled out of one station, he calmly selected another—this happened not once, but many times—and he was mainly responsible for maintaining touch between advanced signal posts and battalions.