

under heavy machine-gun fire, keeping the enemy back by an intelligent use of the fire of his men. By moving about regardless of danger he encouraged his men, so that they appreciably delayed the enemy's advance.

240073 Sjt. F. Weatherill, York and Lanc. Regt. (Rotherham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He took out a Lewis-gun team and prevented the enemy from surrounding his battalion. He inflicted severe casualties on the enemy, who outnumbered him by six to one. He did splendid service.

267241 Sjt. B. Weaver, North'd Fus. (Derby).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the only remaining officer had been wounded, he took charge of the company and led it in a counter-attack. Afterwards he skilfully withdrew it by small parties, avoiding many casualties.

2244 Sjt. J. Webb, R. War. R. (Rugby).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in handling his platoon. While trying to establish posts in a wood, he was twice surrounded, and it was only his courage and skill that enabled the platoon to fight their way back. Later, during an attack, he again displayed the greatest courage and ability, penetrating far into the enemy's position, and when forced to withdraw, bringing back prisoners.

7123 B.S.M. (T./R.S.M.) F. G. Webster, R.G.A. (Cromer).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When Brigade Headquarters was being heavily shelled and gassed, this warrant officer displayed wonderful coolness, and showed a fine example to all the men. With the utmost dispatch, he loaded up six lorries with men and material, and though casualties were severe, he went on with his work, regardless of the enemy's fire. By his prompt initiative, all available transport and horses were evacuated, and largely owing to his efforts, it was possible to send gun limbers and caterpillars to the battery positions and withdraw the guns.

200911 C.S.M. G. Webster, L'pool R. (Wallasey).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Throughout four days' fighting this warrant officer was with his company holding a village. He was constantly round the lines organising supplies of ammunition and cheering the men. He rendered the greatest assistance to his company commander, and showed a fine fighting spirit, which kept up the morale of the men, and materially helped the course of operations in that locality.

630032 Bdr. F. W. Webster, R.F.A. (Aberdeen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With the assistance of two other men he kept his guns continuously in action for twelve hours till all the ammunition was expended, though under heavy shell and enfilade machine-gun fire all the time. When

at last they had to withdraw, they put the guns out of action, taking away the sights, thus rendering them useless to the enemy.

12676 Sjt. S. Wedd, Linc. R. (Royston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a bombing block which entirely stopped the advance of the enemy. He held this block in spite of many casualties until relieved. Again, on his own initiative, he held a post of considerable tactical importance which delayed the enemy for twenty minutes, and enabled the rest of his battalion to withdraw unmolested to a new position. Later, he reorganised stragglers, incorporating them into his platoon.

352979 L./Cpl. A. Weir, M.M., R. Scots. (Larkhall).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a Lewis-gun section. After all the members of his team had become casualties, he carried the gun forward into action himself and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy. At another time, when units had become mixed, he reorganised a section and directed heavy fire on the enemy. Throughout he showed fine courage.

16589 A./Sjt. G. T. Welborn, M.M., Midd'x R. (York).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He led his section with great coolness through a heavy barrage in a counter-attack. Though wounded, he remained at duty and consolidated his position. He behaved with fine courage and determination.

MS/3793 Mech. S.M. H. Wellavise, A.S.C. (M.T.) (Southend-on-Sea).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The workshops, consisting of five shops, 100 men and about twelve broken-down vehicles, had to be evacuated after ten hours' bombardment. This warrant officer collected the men and supervised the evacuation of all vehicles, stores, etc., to the value of some thousands of pounds. The next day he fetched two store lorries which were ditched. With the aid of a N.C.O. and drivers, he unloaded them, pulled them out and loaded them up again, and got safely away with all the stores, despite the fact that he had to send the men away to cover four times, he himself remaining with the N.C.O.

15813 Sjt. B. Wells, R.G.A. (Corham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of the gun and wagon teams. Twice in attempting to rescue his guns he was driven back by intense and well-directed enemy bombardment, but eventually succeeded in getting away all his guns, one at a time, and all ammunition.

202247 C.S.M. R. H. Wells, M.M., R. Welsh Fus. (near Doncaster).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When intense machine-gun fire had caused heavy casualties among his company,