

mand of the remnant of his company, and, in face of very heavy fire, led his men with great skill and gallantry, and at a critical time inspired his men to a show of force which deceived the enemy as to the continuity of the line until such was restored. He also assisted the battalion on his left to capture a pill-box.

103244 Sjt. S. G. Moore, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of the signalling section. He kept intact wire communications with the companies, and, under heavy shell fire, personally supervised the repair of breakages. His command of the section under him has been excellent.

454740 C.S.M. T. C. Morrison, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in consolidating a difficult position captured. His leadership and control of the men during the heavy counter-attack which followed were largely responsible for retaining the position. Throughout his work has been of a high order.

504932 Sjt. H. J. Mortimer, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This non-commissioned officer has on several occasions gone out under heavy shell fire to repair telephones. The cheerful alacrity with which he has undertaken such tasks, under dangerous and difficult conditions, his coolness under fire, and his unremitting devotion to duty have been a very fine example to his men.

59684 C.S.M. J. P. Murphy, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He and a stretcher-bearer went out into "No Man's Land" to recover a wounded man. They searched for an hour though subjected to heavy machine-gun fire, and finally found and brought him in, saving his life by early evacuation. Throughout operations this warrant officer showed great gallantry and disregard for personal safety.

282252 Cpl. R. S. Murphy, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. When half-way to the objective his Lewis gun was put out of action, but he led his men to the objective successfully and found and put in position, with all the ammunition he could collect, another gun. After carrying a wounded officer through heavy barrage, he returned to this new gun post, where later enemy fire buried him and three others. He extricated himself, however, and dug out his comrades. Throughout he showed courage and determination of a high order.

6105 Sjt. B. Nelson, Fd. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the period under review, this N.C.O. has shown great courage and devotion to duty on many occasions, especially when during an offensive he delivered many hundreds of rounds of ammunition across an area swept by an intense enemy shell fire to batteries in the line. The plank road having become impassable from concentrated fire, and it being imperative that ammunition should reach the batteries, he never relaxed his efforts, displaying great gallantry and excellent judgment, until he succeeded in re-

pairing the road and delivering the ammunition to the guns.

1684 Sjt. C. Norris, C.L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while acting as company serjeant-major during an attack. At a critical moment in the advance, when the left flank became exposed, he reconnoitred the situation at great personal risk and obtained valuable information for his company commander. Throughout he set a fine example of gallantry and determination.

453101 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) W. Nye, M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As a section serjeant he has always performed his duties with the utmost zeal, and in a most exemplary manner, and the example of his cool courage under the most severe bombardment, and his devotion to duty, have been of the greatest value to the men under him.

214323 Sjt. W. Older, Mtd. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He went forward under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire to a position from which, with his rifle, he could command an enemy pillbox which was causing casualties. For five hours he sniped this pillbox and rendered material assistance to the assault. He has ever set a fine example to his men.

809 Sjt. C. Olmstead, Dns.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty both as troop leader and S.S.M., especially during two months' heavy fighting.

419055 R.S.M. J. Page, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Throughout this warrant officer's services have been of an outstanding character, and his example of courage and devotion to duty has proved a most valuable influence to the battalion. His services have been invaluable.

86876 B.S.M. F. A. Palmer, Fd. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during recent operations. He managed the organisation for ammunition supply and discipline of the men at the wagon lines with the greatest efficiency. His work at gun positions was equally good.

189994 Pte. B. Pay, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a company runner. He has taken messages on many occasions in the front line through heavy enemy barrages. He displayed fine determination and courage, and set at all times a splendid example to his comrades.

81697 R.Q.M.S. R. McN. Pearson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This warrant officer, by his intelligent understanding of his work and the devotion to duty with which he has performed it in very severe actions, has rendered valuable services to his battalion. He has on several occasions performed the duties of quartermaster with great credit and has greatly conduced to the efficiency of his branch.