

551037 Cpl. S. Pearson, L. Strath. H.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as Hotchkiss gunner on many occasions, and especially on one critical occasion at a river crossing.

126325 Pte. H. Puddle, M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a Vickers-gun crew during an attack. His gun being in a most exposed position, owing to the nature of the ground, his crew became casualties and the gun was hit and damaged; but he kept it firing continuously under very heavy shell fire in support of the infantry. His work throughout was characterised by great coolness and courage.

638 C.S.M. E. H. Rashley, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company were engaged on the construction of an important plank road, tramline and infantry duckboard walk, this warrant officer was untiring in his efforts and rendered valuable assistance to his commanding officer, thus enabling the work, which had to be conducted under heavy shell fire, and in full view of the enemy, to be completed rapidly and successfully. The example of his cheerful endurance and entire disregard for his own safety were a very fine example to the junior N.C.Os. and sappers of his company.

85565 B.Q.M.S. J. F. Reed, Fd. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while conveying ammunition and rations to gun-pit positions. When a shell landed in the middle of his convoy killing two men and wounding others, his fine example of coolness steadied his men and prevented any confusion. The wounded were sent to the nearest dressing station and the convoy made its way to the battery position.

117515 Sjt. (Sig.) P. Rogers, Mtd. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as signaller. He went forward repeatedly through heavy shell fire and repaired lines, thus enabling communication to be kept up during the action, which was at the time of vital importance.

453131 R.S.M. A. C. Simpson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed great gallantry and fine qualities of organisation and leadership in a successful raid against an enemy advanced post, and since then he has taken part with distinction in all the severe actions in which the battalion has fought for the last year and a half. Under most adverse circumstances his cool disregard of danger and his devotion to duty have been admirable, and his example has inspired the confidence of all ranks.

O.N. 219 Cpl. E. J. Simpson, Raily. Con. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of men of his unit employed building gun positions and observation posts. He and another corporal were responsible for work in connection with the mounting of 7.5 guns in an area continually subjected to heavy bombardment. He displayed great courage during an arduous time,

and although slightly gassed on several occasions, remained at work with his unit, and worthily upheld the fine traditions established by the overseas troops.

460371 Sjt. F. B. Smith, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During two and a half years' active service in France this N.C.O. has given many proofs of gallantry and devotion to duty in the severe actions in which the battalion has taken part. He has set a high example of courage to the men of his company.

124738 Pte. F. Stevens, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the N.C.O. in charge of his section became a casualty he assumed command and maintained his Lewis gun in its position in good working order under continuous and heavy shell fire. By his coolness he set a fine example to the men of his platoon.

19919 Sjt. H. C. Stone, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During three and a half years' active service at the front, this N.C.O. has on many occasions displayed great gallantry and unremitting devotion to duty. His determination as a leader has been conspicuous in trying circumstances and under heavy fire. He has rendered most valuable service in evacuating wounded men from the forward area without casualties under hazardous conditions, and this successful result has been due to his judgment and ability. His example of hard work both in and out of the trenches has been worthy of the highest praise.

1039428 A./Sjt. J. E. Walsh, Rail. Troops.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in maintaining light railways. On one occasion when 200 feet of track was blown out by shell fire and it was necessary to get it repaired at once to allow ammunition trains to proceed forward, he volunteered to take a party to do the work, and although it was three times driven from the track by gas and high-explosive shell fire, he succeeded in getting it in running order in an incredibly short space of time.

45024 C.S.M. C. Ward, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the three and a half years this warrant officer has served in France, he has rendered valuable services to the company, to whom his courageous leadership in action, his devotion to duty, and all those qualities which are characteristic of a good soldier have been a fine example.

302465 Sjt. A. Westlake, Fd. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On one occasion, when in charge of the work necessary to render the plank road in rear of his battery practicable for moving the guns, he showed the greatest energy and devotion to duty in overcoming difficulties of weather conditions and mud, and his cool courage under the heavy shell fire of the enemy was conspicuous. During the period under review these qualities have been very marked features in the conduct of this