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WEDNESDAY, 30 OCTOBER, 1918.

War Office,
30th October, 1918.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of a Bar to the Distinguished Conduct Medal to the under-mentioned Officers and Men for gallantry and Distinguished Service in the field:—

9067 C.S.M. E. Burrell, D.C.M., M.M.,
Linc. R. (Bishops Waltham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. At a critical moment he led the whole personnel of battalion headquarters into the line, and commanded them with marked ability. When the battalion was compelled to withdraw, he successfully covered the withdrawal with the heavy and well-sustained fire of his party, and finally, under most difficult circumstances, extricated his own men and rejoined the battalion. He displayed courage, coolness, and initiative of a high order.

(D.C.M. gazetted 3rd September, 1918.)

8713 C.S.M. G. Crump, D.C.M., Worc. R.
(Worcester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. Observing a wounded man of another unit lying out in the open, he walked out under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire at close range and brought him in on his back. He then placed his command, consisting only of two Lewis guns and a dozen men, in the best defensive position and himself continued to work one gun until he was the only man left in the team. He set a splendid example of courage and determination, and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy.

(D.C.M. gazetted 1st January, 1918.)

40245 Pte. (A./Cpl.) B. H. Cuniffe,
D.C.M., K.O.S.B. (Long Eaton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack, when his platoon commander and most of his own section had become casualties from machine-gun fire, he worked forward alone and captured the gun,

killing all its detachment. He then rallied all the leaderless men he could find, and pushed on to the final objective. He displayed the utmost disregard of danger during the advance, and the cool judgment he exhibited in his work of consolidation showed him to be possessed of great capacity as a leader and organiser.

(D.C.M. gazetted 26th November, 1917.)

10773 R.S.M. G. Eastham, D.C.M., North'd Fus. (Choppington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On two separate occasions he left the trenches under the heaviest shell fire in order to observe and find out the situation; this he succeeded in doing, thereby enabling his commanding officer to appreciate the position.

(D.C.M. gazetted 3rd September, 1918.)

19066 Sjt. W. Ellis, D.C.M., M.M., Notts. and Derby. R. (S. Normanton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. showed pluck and daring of a very high order during an enemy attack, especially when going forward with his commanding officer to reconnoitre the situation. His C.O. was wounded and Sergeant Ellis, though wounded himself and with the enemy within a few yards, managed with the help of two others to bring him back under cover.

(D.C.M. gazetted 16th August, 1917.)

42972 Sjt. F. H. Fisher, D.C.M., M.G. Corps (Norwich).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of a section of machine guns. He controlled them with skill and inflicted severe losses on the enemy. He did not withdraw his guns until the enemy were within fifty yards, when, though severely wounded for the second time, he remained behind alone with one gun to cover the withdrawal, and succeeded in bringing his gun out of action when the enemy were almost on top of him. Thanks to his splendid courage and determination he was able to successfully cover the withdrawal of his comrades and kill a large number of the enemy.

(D.C.M. gazetted 3rd September, 1918.)

29955 Sjt. W. Fraser, D.C.M., M.M., L'pool R. (London).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the occasion of a raid. For two whole nights he crawled about "No Man's Land" reconnoitring ground. On the night of the raid, with his usual skill he guided the men, coolly cut the enemy's wire and crawled forward. As soon as the barrage lifted he dashed into the post, hurled a bomb at the first of the enemy, captured another, and wounded several as they fled.

(D.C.M. gazetted 26th June, 1918.)

2741 Rfn. J. P. Gilmore, D.C.M., R.I. Rifles (Ballyclare, Co. Antrim).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty for a fine display of pluck and determination on a night raid with a party of fifteen men. On coming in contact with an enemy post, the men detailed to cut the wire were all wounded and most of the party became casualties, including the officer in

charge. L.-Cpl. Gilmore killed two of the enemy himself and brought them in the officer, who was badly wounded. He remained in "No Man's Land" until all the thirteen wounded were safely back.

(D.C.M. gazetted 3rd September, 1918.)

19647 Sjt. E. T. Jones, D.C.M., R.W. Fus. (Ruabon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He made several journeys with rations to the companies under intense machine-gun fire. Later in the day he rallied stragglers and placed them in defence of a position, which he held for some considerable time. Later, again, he assisted in reorganising remnants of his battalion and in taking up a new defensive line. This N.C.O. has always set a fine example of courage, determination, and intelligent enterprise.

(D.C.M. gazetted 25th August, 1917.)

16825 C.S.M. W. Kerrigan, D.C.M., Midd'x R. (Birr).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This warrant officer displayed great coolness and disregard of danger, together with very skilful organisation and initiative, during an attack on the enemy trenches. While his company were bombing down the trenches, consolidating meanwhile as the attack progressed, he was organising the assignment of posts and the details of consolidation. A party of the enemy on the flank endeavoured to react, but in the midst of other duties he organised and dispatched two parties with instructions to surround and capture the enemy, which was successfully accomplished, a machine gun and eight prisoners being taken. His behaviour throughout was admirable.

(D.C.M. gazetted 3rd June, 1916.)

3/2072 C.S.M. (A./R.S.M.) O. Maltby, D.C.M., York. L.I. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. At a time when all the companies had been overwhelmed he was put in charge of an important piece of trench and a bomb block, which he defended most gallantly for twenty-four hours. Despite repeated attacks he kept his men in good order. He kept up the ammunition supply throughout the action, and it was chiefly due to his courage and initiative that so many of the enemy were killed by rifle and Lewis gun fire.

(D.C.M. gazetted 1st January, 1917.)

20891 C.S.M. T. Martin, D.C.M., Durh. L.I. (Scotswood).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He organised and led a party which successfully bombed some enemy snipers established close to his wire. He showed great coolness and determination, and set a splendid example to his men throughout the battle.

(D.C.M. gazetted 26th November, 1917)

55271 C.S.M. S. Phillips, D.C.M., Worc. R. (Drybrook).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. Seeing that his company were practically cut off, he collected a handful of men and took up a posi-

tion well in front of them, from which he was able to bring enfilade fire to bear on the advancing enemy. He remained in position keeping up a devastating fire until the attack was hung up owing to the casualties he caused. His company was thus enabled to withdraw to a fresh position in rear. Had it not been for his promptitude, courage, and initiative his company might have been annihilated.

(D.C.M. gazetted 4th June, 1917.)

14873 C.S.M. F. Rhodes, D.C.M., M.M., North'd Fus. (Granstown).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He showed remarkable coolness under the heavy preliminary bombardment, and later in the day when an enemy bombing party had gained a footing in an unoccupied part of the trench he led a bombing party across the open, bombed them, and cleared the trench with bayonets, during which he was shot through the neck. Nevertheless he followed the enemy into the open, sniping and killing many, and did not go to the aid post until ordered. By his courage and determination he inspired all around him.

(D.C.M. gazetted 19th November, 1917.)

6/17063 C.S.M. W. H. Ricketts, D.C.M., S.W. Bord. (Pontypool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when his company was fighting a rearguard action. All the officers became casualties, and this warrant officer took command and held the ground for over two hours, finally withdrawing in good order. Throughout the day he continually exposed himself to heavy fire to encourage his men.

(D.C.M. gazetted 1st January, 1918.)

63582 Sjt. (A./B.S.M.) H. Seller, D.C.M., R.F.A. (Bognor).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when his battery position was under intense gas and high explosive bombardment for several hours. He assisted materially in keeping up a continuous fire until all guns were knocked out, going round the emplacements and keeping the detachments cheery and in good heart. Four times under heavy fire he entered a badly smashed in emplacement, pulled out the detachment one by one, and led them to a gas-proof dug-out. He set a fine example of courage and determination.

(D.C.M. gazetted 3rd June, 1918.)

L/7811 C.S.M. T. R. Taylor, D.C.M., R.W. Kent R. (Swanscombe).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This warrant officer during an attack displayed the utmost dash and gallantry, greatly assisting his company commander to bring the company to its final objective. When this was reached he went forward and superintended the successful destruction of the bridges, which was accomplished under heavy fire. When all the officers but one had become casualties he greatly assisted in reorganising the company. His ability, cheerfulness, and complete disregard of danger were conspicuous.

(D.C.M. gazetted 26th November, 1917.)

19/833 Sjt. W. Wilson, D.C.M., Durh. L.I. (Gateshead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a raid on the enemy's line he distinguished himself by his gallantry and devotion to duty, which were an outstanding example to all ranks. He kept his party together with great skill throughout the operation, and inflicted severe casualties on the enemy, of whom he killed three himself with the bayonet. Although wounded he was the last of his party to leave the enemy trenches.

(D.C.M. gazetted 4th June, 1917.)

6360 C.S.M. T. E. Woodward, D.C.M., R. Sco. Fus. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he went forward alone under heavy machine-gun fire, and bombed an enemy machine-gun post which was holding up the advance of a platoon of his company. His prompt and gallant act enabled the platoon to advance and keep up with our barrage.

(D.C.M. gazetted 1st January, 1917.)

AUSTRALIAN FORCE.

1855 C.S.M. H. J. Fowles, D.C.M., M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He accompanied the company commander and went over with the first wave. On reaching the first objective he located an enemy machine gun which was holding up the advance to the second objective. He immediately rushed forward single-handed, killed one man, and captured the gun and remainder of the crew. Later, while in charge of a mopping-up party, he brought in fifty prisoners. He set a magnificent example of gallantry and initiative.

(D.C.M. gazetted 16th August, 1917.)

131 Sjt. J. Maguire, D.C.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and dash in an operation against an enemy position. When his platoon was subjected to heavy machine-gun fire from a flank, he organised a small party, and attacked the post with bombs, capturing the gun and two prisoners. Later he led a patrol forward, and with rifle fire and bombs dispersed an enemy party which was forming up to attack. Throughout the action he displayed brilliant courage and leadership.

(D.C.M. gazetted 18th June, 1917.)

1480 Sjt. W. Vickers, D.C.M., M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He led his section against an enemy machine gun which was coming into action, killed the crew, and captured the gun. During consolidation, after the capture of the final objective, he went out alone and brought in fifteen prisoners who were in shell holes in front of the line. Throughout the operations he set a splendid example of courage and leadership.

(D.C.M. gazetted 3rd September, 1918.)

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Distinguished Conduct Medal to the undermentioned Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, and Men, for gallantry and distinguished service in the field:—

61040 Pte. F. I. Abrahams, R.W. Surr. R. (Limehouse).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. Realising that no officers or N.C.O.'s were left in his vicinity, he took command of the men near him, and, with great courage and determination, led them to the assault. It was practically due to his fearless leadership that a strong enemy position was carried.

S/11095 Pte. T. Adams, Gord. Highrs. (Govan).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he, with four others, encountered a party of eighty of the enemy. He immediately attacked them with a Lewis gun, inflicting heavy loss and causing the remainder to surrender. With another man he ultimately brought down to battalion headquarters sixty-one prisoners, handed them over, and at once returned to the front line. His gallantry was magnificent, and he set a splendid example of courage and devotion to duty to all.

300014 C.S.M. W. Admason, Durh. L.I. (Pelton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an enemy attack he walked continually up and down his company front under heavy fire, encouraging his men and directing their fire. When the attack broke down he went out into "No Man's Land" and brought in several unwounded and many wounded prisoners. Throughout the battle he set a splendid example of courage and determination to all.

D/635 Sqdn. S.M. S. Aldridge, Dn. Gds. (Netheravon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a mounted advance. When his squadron was heavily enfiladed by machine-gun and rifle fire, he displayed the greatest coolness in getting the horses handed over, and in organising the defence of a trench at a critical moment. His initiative undoubtedly saved many casualties in men and horses. Later, when some enemy were enfilading the trench with rifle fire at close range, he volunteered to go out and locate them, and succeeded in bringing in three prisoners.

25409 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) H. A. T. Alexander, R. Lanc. R. (Ipswich).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon with great dash and determination. When the front line had almost reached a village, he rushed forward some distance in front of his platoon under heavy fire, and captured about twenty of the enemy. The speed of this local advance enabled a Lewis gun to enfilade another party, thereby causing them to surrender. He did splendid service.

50053 Spr. J. Allen, R.E. (Blyth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid on a railway embankment. After he had expended his last charge in blowing up dug-outs he discovered an enemy bomb dump. He returned to the near side of the embankment for more explosive. Meantime the enemy put down a heavy barrage on the embankment, and the raiding party was withdrawn. In spite of this he took a mobile charge, returned alone through the barrage, and succeeded in destroying the dump.

16305 Sjt. S. Allen, M.G. Corps (Norfolk).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He assumed command of two machine guns and used them with great courage and skill in covering the withdrawal of the infantry, remaining till the enemy were within thirty yards and bombing his gun position. When his guns were knocked out, he organised his remaining men as an infantry section, and continued to delay the enemy's advance with rifle fire.

106558 Pte. F. Amos, M.G. Corps (St. Ebbs, Oxford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of a machine gun in the front line during an enemy attack. Though his position was discovered by the enemy and continually harassed by heavy artillery and machine-gun fire, he kept his gun in action and held up the enemy attack on his front. He was completely isolated but remained at his post, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. His splendid example of courage and coolness was of the greatest value in encouraging the men serving under him.

50290 L./Cpl. F. J. Anderson, R.E. (Bath).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in repairing lines and maintaining communication under heavy fire and also in volunteering to deliver messages to one of the company commanders whose location was supposed to be in enemy hands. He made his journey under shell fire, and eventually, with difficulty, found the position, which was vacated by our troops but not yet occupied by the enemy.

24803 Sjt. J. Anderson, M.M., Dur. L.I. (Wingate).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an enemy attack he handled his four Lewis guns with great skill and judgment. On one occasion he himself accounted for the entire team of an enemy machine gun. Later, he went out into "No Man's Land" and brought back several unwounded and wounded prisoners. Throughout the battle he set a splendid example of courage and cheerfulness to all.

134151 Sjt. J. Apps, R.F.A. (Croydon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack by our troops, the position occupied by a Newton 6-in. Trench Mortar, of which he was No. 1, was heavily

and continuously shelled by the enemy. After they had fired all the ammunition ordered, Sergeant Apps then sent the detachment away, but he himself went through a heavy barrage of shell and machine-gun fire to visit the other mortars of the battery. Finding one of the N.C.O.'s in charge of a mortar badly wounded, he took charge and fired the remainder of the ammunition, after which he took the wounded N.C.O. to the dressing station, passing through heavy machine-gun fire in doing so. He then returned to the position and helped to remove wounded men. The success with which the trench mortar programme was carried out was very largely due to his courage and high spirit of initiative.

300337 Sjt. J. Armstrong, M.M., Dur. L.I. (Barnsley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid on the enemy trenches. Having carried out several daring patrols prior to the raid, he led the party forward, bombed the enemy, and personally captured a prisoner. By his gallant act, carried out under heavy machine-gun and bomb fire, an important identification was secured.

19111 Pte. (L./Cpl.) A. Asher, Wilts. R. (Amesbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when the enemy were attacking in force. He observed a machine gun well in front of the line whose team had become casualties. He rushed out under heavy fire, manned the gun, and together with a corporal inflicted severe casualties on the advancing enemy. When a withdrawal became necessary, he took up another position with his gun and covered it effectually. His example of courage and initiative had an excellent effect on the men.

200866 Cpl. H. Ashton, Leic. R. (Leicester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. was in charge of a small reconnoitring patrol, which he handled with such skill and resource that he was able to penetrate, in daylight, to a point some 500 or 600 yards within the enemy lines. During the reconnaissance the sentry on an enemy post was surprised and shot, and a hand-to-hand fight with the garrison ensued. Corporal Ashton having accounted for several of the enemy withdrew his small party in the face of much superior numbers, bringing them safely, with a prisoner who had been captured, back to our lines some half a mile away, under heavy machine gun and rifle fire. His courage and leadership were admirable.

26493 Cpl. J. A. Ashton, E. Lan. R. ([E] Preston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. was in command of a section of his company during an attack by our troops. After passing the first objective, he saw an enemy machine gun post in a hedge in front; he worked up along another hedge at right angles, and getting within distance, he bombed the machine gun and put it out of action. He then led his sec-

tion forward and captured the post. Later, on finding that his platoon officer and sergeant had become casualties, he took command, led the platoon to its objective, and consolidated under very heavy shell-fire. Corporal Ashton displayed the greatest gallantry throughout the operations.

L/9017 C.S.M. S. Atfield, R.W. Surr. R. (Sittingbourne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After an attack he made six reconnaissances under heavy machine-gun fire, and during a hostile bombing attack he took up reinforcements on his own initiative and succeeded in driving the enemy back. When a box of ammunition caught fire he threw it over the parapet at great personal risk. Throughout the operations he showed great courage, remaining at duty after being badly wounded, until he fainted with exhaustion.

265606 Sjt. A. Auchterlonie, R. Highrs. (Auchterarder).

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership in an attack. With his platoon he captured four enemy machine guns and two trench mortars. His courage and ability were most marked throughout the fighting, and he rendered splendid service.

G/6884 Sjt. A. J. Ayres, E. Kent R. (Ottery St. Mary).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed great dash and courage during a raid. He was first over the parapet and dashed on ahead to the objective. He assisted his officer in getting five of the enemy out of a dug-out, killing one and capturing the rest. All this was done before the platoon had reached the post. Throughout the operation he set a splendid example to the men.

18843 Pte. (L./Cpl.) C. Bailey, D.C.L.I. (Stratford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Shortly after our advance had started his platoon officer and sergeant became casualties. He rallied the remainder of his platoon, which had suffered very heavily, and led them forward most gallantly, and with great initiative and boldness to the final objective, where he consolidated his position. He set a very fine example to his men.

9207 C./S./M. L. Bain, Sea. Highrs. (Dingwall).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the flank was held up in an advance this warrant officer gallantly led them forward to their objective, capturing a machine gun and team. During enemy bombardment on the captured position, lasting over 24 hours, he kept going round the company encouraging and cheering the men, to whom he set a splendid example of courage and coolness throughout the operations.

403156 Cpl. J. H. Barber, R.A.M.C. (Leeds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He volunteered to accompany an officer of the R.A.M.C. to assist in the dressing and removal of numerous wounded from

an allied field battery which was being heavily shelled, the ammunition dump also being on fire and exploding. He displayed the greatest devotion to duty and complete disregard for his own safety, setting a very fine example to all around him.

37492 Pte. W. H. Barber, York. L.I. (Bradford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a stretcher-bearer during a counter-attack by his battalion. Under heavy machine-gun fire he organised and went out several times with bearer parties to bring in wounded. In one case he crawled to within ten yards of an enemy machine gun to drag away a wounded man. Largely owing to him a considerable number of wounded men were saved from falling into the hands of the enemy.

310156 Sjt. J. Barclay, R. Highrs. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. As company serjeant-major he handled the men with the greatest coolness and resource, and was of the greatest assistance to his company commander. On one occasion, when the platoon commands had been wounded, he led the platoon forward to their objective, capturing an enemy machine gun and crew. Throughout he showed absolute fearlessness, and was a source of great inspiration to all ranks.

16396 Pte. H. W. Barker, Y. & L. Regt. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry under intense enemy barrage while working continuously on a main telephone line which had been cut to pieces. The two men assisting him were killed one after the other, but Private Barker stuck to his job and put the line through alone. Upon his return he immediately volunteered to go out through a barrage to mend another line, though he had had nothing to eat for 15 hours. His absolute disregard of danger and his devotion to duty were magnificent.

918 Sjt. W. Barker, Durh. L.I. (Darlington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. Under galling machine-gun fire he, with an officer, drew wounded men into a shell-hole for cover, and shot two enemy who called on them to surrender. Sixteen more enemy then rushed up and threw hand grenades, one of which fell by the side of the wounded men. Serjeant Barker promptly picked it up and threw it back, killing two of the enemy. He and the officer then killed seven more of the enemy with their rifles, and drove back the remainder. This N.C.O. by his splendid resolution and courage inspired all who saw him.

D/7135 Pte. A. C. Barnes, Dn. Gds. (Dorchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He was in charge of his section doing advance guard to his squadron, and rode unwaveringly through heavy machine-gun fire to his objective. Single-handed he attacked a small group of enemy non-commissioned officers who were

trying to organise the defence, and killed three and took three prisoners. He displayed splendid courage and dash throughout.

200205 Sjt. D. Barr, A. & S. Highrs. (Greenock).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his officers became casualties this non-commissioned officer took command of the company and handled it with great skill and determination. He achieved all the company's objectives, and by his untiring energy and personal disregard of danger set a fine example to his men.

11/22143 Pte. F. Bassett, S.W. Bord. (West Nash, Mon.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while watching an enemy post with three other snipers. Seven of the enemy armed with bombs emerged from the post, and when the leader made a sign to his men, two of whom rushed to his side, the snipers, judging they had been observed, fired, and the leader fell dead. The rest ran back. Pte. Bassett, in full view of the enemy, rushed to the body, made a thorough search, seized the revolver from the dead man's hand, and then made a dash for cover midst a hail of machine-gun bullets. It was largely owing to his skill that control of "No Man's Land" was secured.

5084 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) S. B. Bawden, M.M., R.A.M.C. (Woolwich).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. Though wounded in the neck early in the day he continued to lead his bearer squads up to the front line, across the open, and under heavy fire. Cut off for four hours from help, he displayed such resource during this period that the evacuation of the wounded proceeded without a hitch, when help arrived. His courage and leadership never failed him, and his splendid example gave confidence to all.

F/2153 Cpl. W. H. P. Bean, Midd'x R. (Wellington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid. When the officer in charge had been killed he took command, and though considerably outnumbered he led his men with great dash and determination against the enemy.

203773 Pte. H. Beetham, W. York. R. (Leeds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As company runner he constantly crossed ground that was heavily swept by machine-gun and artillery fire; many other runners were killed or wounded, but he never faltered in his devotion to duty. He volunteered to help bring in the wounded, working for several hours under heavy fire. He set a splendid example of courage and unwavering determination.

45416 Cpl. Fitter J. T. Bell, R.F.A. (Coxhoe, Durham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Throughout a four hours' heavy bombardment he continually visited each

gun-pit, supervised the fitting of new springs under heavy fire, and examined the guns; and it was largely due to his untiring efforts that the guns of this battery were all kept in action. Later in the day, when ammunition was running short, he took charge of a party and carried ammunition for two hours along a heavily shelled track. He performed splendid service.

265104 C.S.M. R. Bell, R. Highrs. (Blairgowrie).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. After all officers had become casualties he took command of the remains of the company and captured his objective, and with other companies held the line. He displayed fine courage and leadership, and set a splendid example to his men.

2947 Sjt. E. Bellamy, The West India R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a patrol. He delayed the advance of the enemy, who were in greatly superior numbers, by the skilful handling of his men. He subsequently commanded a garrison which inflicted considerable loss on the enemy owing to the accurate and steady fire directed by him. He did very fine work.

41556 B./S./M. C. E. Dyer, R.F.A. (Ryde, I. of W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. He displayed great coolness and power of leadership in getting his battery away from a narrow track in a wood when caught in very heavy shell fire, which caused many casualties to horses. By his quickness and initiative he saved his battery from heavy casualties.

18849 Cpl. H. Bennett, York. L.I. (Tydewell).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a counter-attack he brought his Lewis gun into action at a critical period and killed five of an enemy attacking party of fifteen and took the rest prisoners. Subsequently he did great execution on the enemy approaching through the wire, though he was continuously under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire. He did splendid service.

44793 Sjt. T. M. Bentley, M.M., R.F.A. (East Ham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. He was No. 1 of a detachment, and throughout the action displayed marked coolness and courage. He fought his gun without ceasing until the close approach of the enemy, when it was run out of the pit and engaged the advancing enemy infantry, being eventually withdrawn under cover of the rifle fire of the remaining detachment.

36762 Sjt. R. H. Bickerdyke, W. York. R. (Harrogate).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the objective had been reached by the progress of our attack, he discovered a machine-gun manned by three of the enemy in a shell hole. Single-handed he worked towards the place, and in spite of being heavily bombed, he rushed the gun and cap-

tured the whole detachment. His prompt and gallant action saved his platoon from severe casualties.

L/8893 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) W. J. Bigg, E. Kent R. (Cheriton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, and great gallantry while in command of a bombing block during a hostile attack. Several times he got out of the trench and attacked the enemy single-handed with grenades. On each occasion as he drove them back he ordered a barricade to be built, covering the workers himself. He was constantly under bomb and machine-gun fire, his courage and determination setting a fine example to the men.

38007 Pte. (L./Cpl.) R. W. Biggs, Glouc. R. (Gt. Missenden, Bucks).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although wounded immediately before our advance began, this N.C.O. remained at duty and took charge of his platoon, as the senior N.C.O. had become a casualty. He led his platoon to the objective with great gallantry and determination, setting a fine example and encouraging his men greatly. He carried on until he was again wounded. During the whole operation his fearless behaviour, endurance and devotion to duty distinguished him in a remarkable manner.

14621 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) A. H. Bird, M.M., Glouc. R. (Cirencester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During our attack this N.C.O. led his men to their objective with great courage, showing a fine example of gallantry and determination. When the enemy counter-attacked he directed the Lewis-gun fire with much accuracy and effect, materially assisting in breaking up the enemy formations. Immediately afterwards he and another N.C.O. went out and captured an enemy machine-gun and its crew of five men, and later went out with the same N.C.O. and brought in ten more prisoners. He then took out two patrols and reconnoitred to the front, bringing back valuable information. He was untiring in his efforts.

31363 Pte. A. H. Bird, Lan. Fus. (New Cross, S.E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He attacked and captured an enemy machine-gun single-handed, killing the team. He then endeavoured to gain touch with the left and killed several of the enemy he met. He destroyed a trench mortar with a bomb, and all through the action he showed fine courage and determination, and was of the greatest assistance to his officers.

43103 L./Cpl. T. Blair, Durh. L.I. (Lev Spennymoor).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty and resource in an attack while in charge of the Lewis gun section with the mopping-up platoon. He assisted in the capture of a large number of prisoners and three machine-guns. Seeing that the assaulting wave had lost half its men, he took up his two Lewis guns to the front line and directed the consolidation in the vicinity. He then re-

turned through the barrage to report his action.

52067 L./C. W. H. Blake, Rifle Bde., posted Lond. R. (Folkestone).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a daylight raid this N.C.O. evacuated the wounded under heavy fire with great coolness and judgment. After the action he went out into "No Man's Land" under artillery and machine-gun fire, almost as far as the enemy wire, and searched for wounded, eventually getting stretcher-bearers and bringing in seven men. He set a splendid example of disregard of danger and untiring devotion to duty.

240817 (A./Sjt.) J. W. Blythe, S. Staff. R. (Wolverhampton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in seizing an enemy post by daylight with one N.C.O. and one private. Three prisoners were taken, but on the way back an enemy patrol of six were encountered, when the prisoners tried to escape and were immediately killed. Corporal Blythe then dispersed the patrol and brought back identification of the enemy regiment holding the line.

D/9440 Cpl. W. Bodman, Dn. Gds. (St. Luke's).

For conspicuous gallantry with a patrol. He penetrated behind the enemy line and entered a village, capturing many prisoners. Although under heavy machine-gun fire from the flanks practically the whole time, he pushed forward, using his sword, and obtained much valuable information. He did very fine work.

3/9475 Sjt. O. Bolland, York. R. (Northallerton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. He rendered his platoon commander great assistance in re-organising the right party, which had become scattered by heavy rifle and machine-gun fire. He then went on with his platoon commander and attacked and killed an enemy post of three men. He then joined the centre party, who were meeting with heavy resistance, and rendered great help. Throughout the raid he showed great courage and ability.

29539 L./Cpl. G. Bosomworth, E. York. R. (Skelton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. He took charge of a platoon, and his courage and leadership were splendid. He entered a dug-out full of the enemy and killed three, and bombed and set on fire another dug-out containing many of the enemy, none of whom escaped. His example of gallantry and disregard of danger was of a high order.

457183 Sjt. E. A. Bramley, M.M., R.E. (Newcastle).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in supervising the preparation for demolition of a group of five bridges. In addition to supervising the work of demolishing these five bridges, he succeeded in blowing up another bridge, delaying lighting the fuse until all our troops were over and the

enemy were within fifty yards. He then went back to the five bridges, four of which were successfully destroyed in the immediate presence of the enemy.

85393 Sjt. P. C. Branch, R.F.A. (York Road, N.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of an advanced section of his battery. Under heavy gas and high explosive shelling he kept his guns going till one was knocked out. He then increased the rate of fire with the remaining gun, and kept up rapid fire until practically surrounded by the enemy. He then put his gun out of action, and got his detachment away safely. He did fine service.

9063 Sjt. G. A. Bray, Wilts. R. (Devizes).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. When his company officers had become casualties he handled the company with great skill, held on to a position until practically surrounded, and then withdrew his men in a most capable manner. Later, he successfully brought ammunition from a dump in a village, part of which the enemy were occupying, through heavy rifle and machine-gun fire. He set a fine example of courage and cheerfulness.

58069 Sjt. J. G. R. Brewer, M.M., R.E. (Weston-super-Mare).

For great gallantry and devotion to duty during heavy enemy barrage. When a shell fell in the signal office, carrying away all the lines, he went out and sat for over an hour putting through the lines one by one. Later, he remained on duty for forty-eight hours without sleep, alternately maintaining lines and superintending work in the signal office. He behaved splendidly.

92867 Sjt. J. V. Brewer, Tank Corps (Gram-pound).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his Tank received a direct hit and was disabled, he extricated his crew and guns under very heavy machine-gun fire and engaged the enemy in the open, inflicting many casualties. Throughout the operations Sjt. Brewer handled his Tank with great initiative and determination, and displayed fine courage in many severe engagements.

S/8367 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) J. Brodie, R. Highrs. (Stirling).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. He led his platoon splendidly to the final objective, and then found that enemy snipers from a ridge in front greatly hampered consolidation. He at once organised a party and attacked this high ground, from which he drove the enemy. By his determined gallantry and initiative he saved many casualties, and greatly facilitated consolidation.

41157 Pte. A. Broomhead, York. L.I. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company was forced to retire from an attack, Private Broomhead, who was a signaller, stayed behind with five

of his comrades, who had been badly wounded. He remained with them for three days and three nights, attending to them as best he could, keeping them alive by collecting water bottles from casualties around, and taking water to each man in turn. The area was subjected to intense bombardments on three occasions, but he never left his comrades, and eventually, after the attack of our Allies had passed over them and gone forward, he got back some half a mile to company headquarters, and obtained a stretcher-party and brought in the wounded men, whose lives he had saved. His example of self-sacrificing gallantry and endurance was magnificent.

242637 L./C. (A./Cpl.) A. P. Brown, W. York. R. (Harrogate).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while one of a patrol of eight under an officer. The patrol captured a hostile post five strong 400 yards from the line in broad daylight. About fifteen other enemy attacked them from both flanks. The officer in charge was killed, and Cpl. Brown, assuming command, ordered three men to bring in the dead officer and two men to cover the withdrawal whilst he and another N.C.O. pursued the two remaining enemy (the other three having been killed) and brought them in safely, thus obtaining valuable identification.

200700 L./Cpl. T. H. Brown, W. York. R. (Starbeck).

For conspicuous gallantry and resource in an attack. His Lewis gun team were all casualties during the first 100 yards advance. He picked up the gun and detailed four other men to carry the magazines. On reaching the objective he pushed out to a point 200 yards in front, where he dug in and improved a shell hole. He then went forward again and made another position with an excellent field of fire.

513160 Pte. A. C. Bruce, Lond. R. (Camberwell).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when sent with a message to a platoon which lay out in front exposed to heavy machine gun and rifle fire. Immediately he showed himself he came under heavy rifle fire, but though he had a long distance to travel he successfully reached the platoon. He received a message to bring back, and again did the journey under fire all the way. He showed fine courage and determination.

350701 Pte. W. Bruce, R. Highrs. (Wick).

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He attacked a party of the enemy single-handed. He rushed the position and captured a machine gun and twenty men. He showed magnificent courage and enterprise, and rendered very valuable service.

22684 C.S.M. F. Brum, R.W. Fus. (Acton).

For remarkable gallantry during a battalion raid on the enemy's trenches. Three times he went to the assistance of sections

in difficulties, and succeeded in reorganising them in turn. Single-handed he killed eight of the enemy, and contributed largely to the success of the operation.

L/46996 Bomdr. F. W. Buckle, R.F.A. (East Ham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He was signaller at group night observation post, and showed utter disregard of danger while mending wires under intense shell fire. While working as linesman he saw the S.O.S. rocket go up, and immediately ran to the forward exchange and got the message through. Later on he opened visual communication between forward exchange and his battery, and maintained it until three men by him were killed and himself temporarily paralysed. He behaved splendidly.

33225 Cpl. G. H. Budd, Devon. R. (Brad-ninch).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy attempted to cross a bridge he took his Lewis gun forward from his post and opened fire. He had his knee shattered by a shell, but prevented the enemy from crossing, and eventually got his own gun to safety, after which he collapsed. He behaved splendidly.

613442 C.S.M. (A./R.S.M.) S. C. Budd, Lond. R. and K. Afr. Rif. (Aldershot).

For conspicuous gallantry and coolness under fire. He collected scattered boxes of ammunition under heavy fire, and distributed reserve ammunition to troops in the firing line. Later, he was wounded while in charge of reserve ammunition, but continued to supervise its distribution and control his carriers during an enemy attack in thick bush. Throughout he set a fine example to his men.

23299 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) D. Budge, M.G. Corps (Thurso).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Hearing that his section officer had been wounded, he at once went to him and carried him for a distance of 500 yards to an aid post, under very heavy rifle and machine-gun fire. He then returned and took charge of the section, and by his utter contempt of danger and splendid example kept his men together and enabled them to man their guns during a most trying period.

7058 C.S.M. C. C. Bull, Sco. Rif. (Pixton).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. In the advance, after his officers had become casualties, he took command and led the company clear of the enemy barrage. Much confusion existed at the time, and it was entirely due to this warrant officer's initiative and courageous leading that further casualties were avoided. Having got them clear of the barrage line, he reorganised them and led them on. He displayed great coolness, contempt for danger and ability throughout.

17027 L./Cpl. S. O. J. Bull, North'n R. (Long Buckby).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of a Lewis gun section after a successful attack. He reorganised his own section and another and led on to a position which was being heavily shelled. After establishing a post there he remained the whole of the following day and kept his gun in action during a hostile counter-attack, until the enemy were within a few yards.

240181 Sjt. R. A. Burton, Glouc. R. (Cirencester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. As signalling serjeant he remained to the last, removing his instruments and destroying what had to be left, killing one of the enemy in order to get away. He then tried twice at great personal risk to get communication by tapping into brigade lines, once nearly being captured. He subsequently took charge of a Lewis gun section and with great skill covered the exposed flank until touch was regained. Finally he went back to brigade, reported the situation, and with another man ran out 1,500 yards of line to re-establish communications. He did splendid service.

3654 Sjt. J. Butler, R. Ir. R. (Carlow).

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He took part in a successful attack on a machine-gun post, capturing the gun and one prisoner and killing eight of the enemy. Afterwards, with another N.C.O., he led a successful attack, capturing another machine gun and killing the crew.

7778 L./C. W. Butler, M.M., R. Fus. (Bow, E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and fine determination during a vigorous attempt by two parties of the enemy to raid the outpost line under cover of a heavy bombardment. By the skilful handling of his Lewis gun he inflicted many casualties and forced the enemy to scatter and retire. Afterwards, when another party forced its way between the posts, he at once redispersed the garrison, thus enabling his men to deal effectively with the attack.

15/131 Sjt. O. J. Butterfield, W. York. R. (Leeds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He personally attacked and captured an enemy machine gun and its detachment during our advance. He showed the greatest energy and determination when the final objective had been reached, in consolidating the position, cheering and encouraging his men under the intense shell fire of the enemy. During the whole day and the following night he was continually moving about from post to post quite regardless of his own safety, showing a fine example of tireless devotion to duty and conspicuous gallantry to his men.

6703 C.S.M. R. N. Button, North'd Fus. (Bishop Auckland).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the company billets were

heavily shelled with gas and high explosives he displayed great coolness and initiative in getting all the company under cover without incurring a casualty. Previously he had assisted the artillery in placing four guns in position on high slopes. It was entirely due to his energy and perseverance that the artillery were able to get the guns into action to commence firing that day.

T4/057478 Dvr. (A./L./Cpl.) J. Cairns, A.S.C. (Edinburgh).

For conspicuous gallantry while in charge of two G.S. wagons carrying engineer stores to the trenches. Under heavy fire, and over most difficult ground, he successfully got the wagon he was driving to its destination, and then returned and hooked his horses on to the other wagon, the horses of which had been killed. Whilst doing so a bursting shell knocked him over, but he stuck to it and got this other wagon up also. He showed great courage and devotion to duty.

40254 Sjt. G. H. Calverley, M.M., W. York. R. (Leeds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. was in command of a platoon in the leading wave of an attack. He displayed fine qualities of leadership, and by his courage and initiative enabled his platoon to capture an enemy machine gun and two trench mortars. On reaching the final objective he pursued the enemy across the stream, and inflicted severe casualties on him as he retreated. On his return he exercised excellent judgment in the measures he took to secure his position against a possible counter-attack. Up to the time he was severely wounded in the face, shoulder and hand by shrapnel, his indefatigable energy and exceptional coolness inspired his men with the greatest confidence.

38500 Sjt. J. M. Campbell, York. L.I. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a counter-attack he brought into action a captured machine gun and did great execution on the enemy while being fired at very heavily. He also controlled a Lewis gun which he arranged to fire in conjunction with his own. The success of the counter-attack was greatly assisted by his perfect handling of these guns and by his personal example of courage and resource.

238027 Sjt. R. W. Campbell, W. York. R. (Walker, nr. Newcastle-on-Tyne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in command of a platoon which he led with great skill and success during an attack. He forestalled a heavy enemy attack on his flank and routed them completely, taking 16 prisoners. Throughout the operations he displayed fine qualities of initiative and leadership, and set a splendid example of courage to all under his command.

11977 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) P. Carr, M.M., E. York. R. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. He led a platoon forward to the third objective with great skill

and gallantry. He was the first into the objective, and rushed an enemy trench mortar position, killing three enemy single-handed and blowing up the trench mortar. He then attacked to the right, and ably assisted troops to capture the objective. Throughout the whole operation his courage and coolness were splendid.

13725 C.S.M. C. H. Carter, Glouc. R. (Dursley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During our attack and the subsequent counter-attack by the enemy, he inspired the men with great confidence by his fine example of gallantry and determination. He rushed an enemy machine gun, killing three of the detachment, and when the objective was reached he rendered most valuable assistance in the work of consolidation and clearing up the situation. During the counter-attack, he was indefatigable in visiting the different posts, displaying the utmost fearlessness and disregard of danger under heavy fire.

266299 Sjt. D. Casey, Welsh R. (Cardiff).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On three consecutive mornings he volunteered for and carried out most difficult reconnaissances, each time bringing back information which was invaluable to his company commander, and which enabled the artillery to inflict heavy losses on the enemy. Later, he acted as a scout for a counter-attack over very difficult ground, and, thanks to his good work, his company was saved from an attempt on the part of the enemy to outflank them.

201148 A./Sjt. L. C. Cash, Gord. Highrs. (Cambridge).

For conspicuous gallantry in action. At a time of great difficulty, and under intense enemy fire, he rallied his men, reorganised them, and led them forward. His gallant example of courage, coolness and determination cheered his men and caused the enemy attack to be stemmed.

80647 S./Smith C. P. Chapman, Yeo. (Elmstead).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. Though badly wounded and alone, he brought in at the point of his sword three enemy officers who were all armed with revolvers, and handed them over. But for his splendid pluck and determination, these officers would have been collecting and organising scattered parties of the enemy.

12814 Sjt. G. W. Chapman, W. Rid. R. (Settle).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. He led his party with great skill and determination, capturing several prisoners, and killing at least six others. He displayed fine courage and leadership, and set a splendid example to his men.

61779 Sjt. P. Cherry, W. York. R. (Leicester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Shortly after our attack started his own platoon commander and the commander

of the next platoon became casualties. Sjt. Cherry immediately assumed command of both platoons, and led them forward. The advance at one moment was checked by the fire of a hostile machine-gun, but Sjt. Cherry organised a flank attack on the gun with great skill and captured it; the attack then progressed and reached the objective without serious casualties. During the whole operation his cheerfulness and disregard of danger did much to hearten his men, and the success of the enterprise was largely due to the gallant example he set.

10731 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) C. Clarke, Bedf. R. (Hemel Hempstead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was sent forward to take over the duties of an officer and platoon serjeant both of whom had just been killed. On the way he was blown up and buried by a shell, being wounded in two places and his helmet and rifle being destroyed. On being dug out, he procured another rifle, and took command of all available men near him. During the close fighting which followed, he set a magnificent example of courage, and cleared a considerable portion of an enemy trench.

305001 R.S.M. C. S. Clarke, R. War. R. (Aston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He collected battalion headquarters details and established them in a good defensive position. He then made a personal reconnaissance to ascertain the situation and dispositions of the enemy. During the attack he spared no effort throughout the day in organising and keeping going a continuous supply of ammunition to the front line, where it was greatly needed.

241021 Pte. H. Cole, Hamps. R. (Southampton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as stretcher-bearer during an attack. He moved about the line under heavy fire, at times within forty yards of enemy machine-guns, and dressed and helped wounded to cover. During the withdrawal he remained behind until dusk, when he continued his rescue work. He carried single-handed two officers and five men to cover, and fetched a bearer party to them. He showed great devotion to duty, and set a splendid example to his fellow-bearers.

26394 L./C. (A./Sjt.) M. Coleman, M.M., R.E. (Gillingham, Kent).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The section officer having been severely wounded, Serjt. Coleman took command of the second wave, and led it forward, after he had bandaged his officer and disposed him in a place of safety. On reaching the objective, he led continuous attacks for two hours against isolated machine guns, and did not withdraw until he was in danger of being surrounded by the enemy's counter-attack. On his way back he collected four prisoners of war and carried his wounded officer safely to the R.A.P. Throughout the operation Serjt. Coleman's behaviour was conspicuous for gallantry and ready resource.

200172 Sjt. S. A. Constable, R. Suss. R. (West Heathley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He collected and organised a company under heavy shell and machine-gun fire after all the officers in the neighbourhood had become casualties. By his utter disregard of danger and continued cheerfulness he set a splendid example to the men and inspired all with a feeling of confidence in the success of the advance.

20908 L./Cpl. B. A. Copping, Hamps. R. (South Hayling).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was with the first wave of an attack, which found itself under our own barrage as well as that of the enemy. The attack was beginning to waver, when he dashed to the front, and cheering them on, led the men forward and captured the objective. The success of the attack in this sector was due to the gallantry and splendid example of Corporal Copping.

549 L./C. G. E. Cowan, North'd Fus. (Newcastle-on-Tyne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He was with an officer on the front of the division on the left when the enemy captured a sector of the front line. The party he was with became surrounded, but he and the officer fought their way back through the enemy, capturing a machine gun and killing the gunners. Subsequently he took part in a counter-attack, and used the captured gun on the enemy, inflicting a number of casualties. He did splendid work.

18/1514 Pte. (L./Cpl.) H. Cowgill, W. York. R. (Glusburn, nr. Keighley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. displayed great gallantry and initiative during our attack. At one moment an enemy machine gun was about to open fire, when, with the utmost promptitude, he rushed the gun, killing the gunner and scattering the detachment, who were subsequently made prisoners. The advance then progressed. The next day, though very severely wounded by a shell in the chest and legs, he continued to command his section until he became unconscious. His cool courage and fine leadership contributed largely to the rapidity and success of the advance.

45332 Pte. R. W. Cowling, Durh. L.I. (Doncaster).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He and another man stalked a machine gun through the corn, shot two of the crew, and dismantled the gun. Their section being held up again, they went forward again, and successfully dealt with this second machine gun, killing three of the crew. The splendid courage and resource of these two men saved many casualties and greatly helped the advance.

39017 Pte. J. R. Coyne, L'pool R. (Newcastle-on-Tyne).

For exceptional gallantry while in charge of a Stokes gun supporting a raid. When his own gun had been put out of action and he saw the team on his right were in difficulties, he promptly climbed along the parapet and went to their assistance. He took charge, and continued to fire this gun until the raid was over. Also, he went twice through the heavy barrage with two of his comrades who had been severely wounded. He showed courage and devotion to duty of a very high order.

6207 L./Sjt. (T./R.S.M.) G. H. Cozens, C. Gds. and K. Afr. Rif. (Kentish Town, N.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry in action. When in charge of the battalion ammunition this warrant officer set a splendid example of courage and devotion to duty under very heavy fire in collecting his parties. Mainly as a result of his action the companies were kept well supplied with ammunition throughout the battle. On many previous occasions in action he has done fine work.

201572 Cpl. L. A. Cripps, O. & B. L.I. (Oxford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of two Stokes mortars covering the front line. On the enemy attacking he at once got his guns into action and fired continuously until cut off from all other troops. He then with two men succeeded in forcing his way back and joining a party of infantry. With these he counter-attacked and regained the front line, but was again forced back. Finally he regained possession of one of his guns and immediately restored its position. Throughout he displayed great courage, determination and skill.

240078 Sjt. B. Crocker, Som. L.I. (Chaff-combe Chard).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under direct machine-gun and rifle fire he crawled some three hundred yards to a shell-hole and rescued his company commander who was lying unable to move within a hundred yards of the enemy and carried him back to the line on his back. At dusk he carried him, under heavy shell fire, to the aid post, and then returned to the front line. He showed fine courage and devotion to duty.

11775 Sjt. E. Cross, M.M., Hamps. R. (Worcester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When three officers of his company had become casualties he took command of two platoons and led them forward through heavy machine-gun fire and captured his objective, where he consolidated. He displayed much initiative and fine gallantry throughout the operations, and his cheerful bearing greatly helped to maintain the spirits of his men.

4248 Pte. (A./Cpl.) F. Crossley, Lan. Fus. (Burnley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of a section of a raiding party. He led his men successfully against an enemy machine-gun post, killing three of the garrison himself and assisting in capturing a machine gun, which he brought back to his lines. Against strong enemy opposition he showed marked determination and powers of leadership.

142268 Sjt. R. Crouch, M.G. Corps (St. Helens).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of a section. During a counter-attack by the infantry he led his guns forward through a heavy barrage and placed them on the exposed flank of the required position. During a subsequent attack by the enemy on this position he covered the withdrawal of the infantry with his guns and killed many of the enemy, and when compelled to withdraw himself he skilfully withdrew his guns and at once got them into action again. He showed great courage and initiative.

S/17712 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) G. Currie, Cam. Highrs. (Motherwell).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a portion of his company were held up during an attack by machine-gun fire and barbed wire he rallied the men and led them forward and captured the position. During the work of consolidation he went forward and took an enemy machine gun which was causing casualties, accounting for the whole team. His coolness and fine example were of the utmost assistance to his company commander, who had lost two officers.

H/230089 L./Cpl. (A./Cpl.) P. Cutler, Yeo. (Witchampton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of the advanced section of the advance guard. His horse was shot under him, and in the fall his leg was fractured. He struggled back to the squadron, though repeatedly called on to surrender and fired at by an enemy officer at close range. On regaining his squadron he rendered great assistance in rallying the men, and totally disregarded his own injury. He behaved most pluckily.

9148 Pte. W. Dable, Hrs. (Stainton-in-the-Vale).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While in charge of an advanced patrol he sent back most valuable information as to the dispositions of the enemy. He kept in touch with the enemy and showed the greatest coolness in face of machine-gun fire. He was undoubtedly instrumental in assisting the squadron to reach its objective. Later in the day he did fine work patrolling. Throughout he showed fine courage and powers of leadership.

241168 Pte. W. Dale, Y. & L. Regt. (Rotherham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all his section except himself

were casualties he observed some enemy machine guns which were holding up our advance. In company with a private from another battalion under intense machine-gun fire he worked round the machine-gun nest and captured an officer and two privates and two machine guns. His gallant action materially assisted our further progress.

18437 Pte. W. Dalrymple, M.G. Corps (Annan).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on finding that a party of the enemy were in rear of his gun position. He crawled back under cover with his gun, brought it into action against the enemy, and killed all but one of the party. He then went forward and took up his original position, firing belt after belt on the advancing enemy and causing heavy casualties. He did splendid service and showed courage and initiative of a high order.

66099 2nd Cpl. (A./Cpl.) D. H. Davies, R.E. (Stonehouse).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He was the last to leave brigade headquarters in charge of a party of signallers carrying valuable telephone and signalling stores, and under heavy machine-gun fire got all safely away. Next day, when headquarters had to be moved again on account of heavy shelling, he sent away all his signallers and remained alone at the telephone. He thus maintained communication until new brigade headquarters were established. Throughout the operations his personal example and gallantry were an inspiration to all the men in the brigade section.

572724 L./C. J. G. Davies, Lond. R. (Lever Street, E.C.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his section during a daylight raid and captured the objective. Though wounded in the shoulder he attacked a party of ten of the enemy single handed, and with the assistance of his section accounted for them all. He set a splendid example of courage and determined endurance.

L/8505 Sjt. B. Davis, M.M., R.W. Kent R. (Poplar, E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of the battalion signalling arrangements, which he carried out with excellent judgment and complete disregard of danger. Under machine-gun and artillery fire of the heaviest description, he distinguished himself by his courage and the resourceful way in which, with entire devotion to duty, he repaired the broken lines. His example inspired and stimulated his men to similar efforts, and it was largely owing to his work that communications were so successfully maintained.

9194 C.S.M. W. E. Davis, M.M., Linc. R. (Shoreditch).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He was largely instrumental in reorganising his company after its withdrawal; and in face of heavy machine-gun fire checked and organised men of various units. Next day, when the flank of his company became exposed, he

rushed forward and formed a sound defensive flank, saving his company from being surrounded. During the whole of the action he showed great coolness and initiative, and set a fine example to the men.

TZ/9039 Ldg. Sea. C. H. Day, M.M., R.N.V.R. (Heckmondwike).

For conspicuous courage and initiative during a raid, when he rushed an enemy machine-gun position. He engaged the crew in a desperate hand-to-hand fight, and succeeded in killing them all and capturing the gun. Later, he was largely instrumental in securing several prisoners. His fearless fighting spirit contributed greatly in the success of the operation.

11051 Sjt. H. E. Denton, W. Rid. R. (Pool).

For good leadership and setting a fine example to those under him, while in command of the right half of the first wave of a daylight raiding party, when twenty-eight prisoners were taken and many casualties inflicted on the enemy. The posts were most successfully dealt with by this N.C.O., and the surviving garrisons taken prisoner. He showed great coolness throughout, and with two men captured the post containing four of the enemy.

S/40340 Sjt. A. Dickson, R. Highrs. (Blairgowrie).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon was held up by a machine gun he went on alone up a road swept by fire, and by his own fire forced the gun crew to scatter and leave their gun. He then returned and brought forward his platoon. During the attack he did invaluable work, and by his coolness and courage in the face of heavy fire set a grand example to his men.

160530 Cpl. D. Dickson, R.F.A. (Walton, Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while No. 1 in charge of a mortar. He kept up so rapid a rate of fire that his gun developed intense heat, thereby rendering its working extremely difficult. Under continuous heavy enemy barrage on his position, which was almost unprotected, he maintained the fire of his mortar with complete efficiency until the operation was completed. His courage and determination were most marked.

84559 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) F. Dinnage, M.M., M.G. Corps (Hurstwickham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of two gun teams during an enemy attack. He fought his guns with fine courage and determination, repulsing three determined enemy attacks with the assistance of a small party of infantry whom he had collected and organised. Later, he showed great initiative in the selection of new gun positions, and finally brought both his guns out safely, having considerably delayed the enemy's advance at a critical period.

37849 Pte. F. B. Dixon, E. Lan. R. (Clayton-le-Moors).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack this man, who was carrying Lewis gun ammunition, saw the No. 1 of a team become a casualty. He immediately picked up the gun and carried it forward. Eventually he was the only one of his team who was not a casualty, but in spite of the heavy load of eight pans of ammunition and his own rifle, he carried the Lewis gun through very heavy hostile machine-gun fire up to the objective, where he established it in a favourable position. He opened a flanking fire on a party of the enemy, who still resisted, and caused them many casualties, and the post was captured. It was a fine example of resolution and gallant devotion to duty.

24225 Sjt. J. Dobbs, R.G.A. ([E] Grimsby).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under continuous enemy bombardment of high-explosive and gas shells this N.C.O., who was No. 1 of the detachment, kept his gun in action throughout, notwithstanding the fact that both dial sight and clinometer were destroyed. He set a splendid example of coolness and determination to his detachment. He has previously done fine work.

7375 C.S.M. B. Dolan, Durh. L.I. (Thornaby-on-Tees).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Before our advance he personally supervised, under very severe machine-gun fire, the distribution of rations to the posts, ensuring by his devotion to duty that all men were properly fed before moving to the attack. When the objective was finally reached he volunteered to guide the ammunition carrying parties, under a severe enemy barrage, to the front lines, as the men were new to the country and might have missed the way. He was entirely successful in his arrangements, and the supply of ammunition was amply provided, he himself making two journeys in full daylight under heavy fire. His courage, determination and high soldierly qualities have always distinguished him in the most marked manner.

66334 Pte. J. Donaghy, M.G. Corps (Dunannon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as runner between machine-gun company headquarters and advanced gun positions. Under heavy enemy bombardment, and across ground continually swept by machine-gun and rifle fire, he never failed to deliver promptly all messages entrusted to him. Later, he carried a wounded comrade half a mile under machine-gun fire to a place of safety. He displayed great courage and devotion to duty.

9371 C.Q.M.S. E. D. Donovan, R. Ir. R. (Cambridge).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the enemy's front line system. He led his men with great dash on their first objective. His company commander and second in command then becoming casualties, he assumed command, and against intense enemy opposition eventually

reached his final objective with a handful of men. He set a splendid example of courage and fine leadership.

10384 Cpl. J. Downey, R. Ir. R. (Ros-trevor).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went out with an officer and entered the enemy lines. Meeting some of the enemy, he accounted for several himself. The two then temporarily withdrew owing to intense machine-gun fire, keeping up a running fight and killing more of the enemy; but returned again to the enemy trenches and obtained an identification. He showed splendid courage and determination, and did grand work.

18562 Pte. (L./Cpl.) H. Duffell, M.M., R. Ir. Regt. (Horsham).

For conspicuous gallantry and determination during a raid. He was in charge of a Lewis gun section forming a right defensive flank after the first objective had been gained. Owing to an enemy machine gun opening fire from the other flank, one Lewis gun was despatched to silence this. The No. 1 was wounded and Lance-Corporal Duffell brought the gun on alone and brought it into action. The fire from the enemy machine gun at once ceased, and four dead enemy were found by the gun. He did splendid service.

241140 Pte. J. H. Dukes, York. R. (Bever-ley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a stretcher-bearer. He went out repeatedly under heavy shell fire and brought in wounded. He was continuously in action for over three weeks, and throughout this period showed consistent courage and devotion to duty in the care of the wounded.

295734 Pte. R. Duncan, R. Sco. Fus. (Torthorwald).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He rushed a machine-gun post, shooting one gunner while the other two ran off leaving their gun. His fine courage and initiative inspired his comrades and greatly facilitated their advance.

14395 Cpl. E. Dyson, Y. & L. Regt. (Rotherham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. was in charge of a party specially detailed to destroy the foot bridges over a stream during a night attack. When the objective of the attack was reached, several of the enemy were observed escaping over the bridges. Corpl. Dyson at once charged forward with his party and threw some of the enemy into the river, where they were afterwards made prisoners, bayonetting others, and capturing a machine-gun. By his splendid dash and determination he prevented the escape of several of the enemy and the withdrawal of the machine-gun.

200871 C./S./M. J. J. Eddie. Gord. Highrs. (Aberdeen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed brilliant leadership and initiative in action. When the situation was very obscure, by his great gallantry he rallied

his men and reorganised the position, setting a splendid example of coolness and devotion to duty.

50345 Sjt. D. Edgar, M.M., R.F.A. (Thorn-liebank, Renfrewshire).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He fought his gun until the enemy was practically in the emplacement. Holding them off as best he could, he destroyed his gun, removed his sights and breech block, and got away the survivors of his detachment. In a trying, difficult and isolated position this N.C.O. displayed leadership and devotion to duty of a very high quality.

31559 Sjt. O. R. Elliott, E. Lan. R. (Port-land).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On one occasion during an attack he personally rushed an enemy post and bayoneted three of the enemy. He rendered great assistance to the platoons on both his flanks by his able co-operation and the skilful manner he directed fire to cover their advance, and his initiative and good leadership enabled his own men to inflict heavy casualties on the enemy. He was subsequently wounded, but declined to leave his platoon until forced to do so, exhausted by loss of blood. He set a very fine example of courage and fortitude to all around him.

19558 Sjt. G. Ellis, R.W. Fus. (Chew-magna).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in command of a platoon which held a front line of outposts. Under repeated enemy attacks with a heavy machine-gun and artillery barrage these posts were lost, but with great gallantry and dash this non-commissioned officer led successful counter-attacks which fully restored the position. He then displayed splendid skill in reorganising the defences and garrisons under fire from enemy machine guns.

482140 Sjt. H. Ellis, M.M., R.E. (Rother-ham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In spite of a heavy enemy barrage he repeatedly went across the open to assist in the repair of lines that were cut by the enemy shelling. Throughout ten days' fighting he set a brilliant example of courage and devotion to duty, and it was largely due to him that communications were maintained between battalions and brigade advanced report centre.

9421 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) E. England, M.M., Dorset. R. (Bournemouth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid by his battalion. He took a Lewis-gun team down the slope of a ravine and killed a number of the enemy coming out of their dug-outs. Later, although unarmed, he attacked one of the enemy and killed him with his fists. Throughout the raid he displayed a fine fighting spirit, setting a splendid example to all about him.

201658 Sjt. H. Falvey, Tank Corps (St. Mary Cray).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He assisted to salve a damaged tank when, owing to the severe gassing, the work had to be carried out in gas masks. Of the party of one officer and eleven other ranks only he and another remained at work on the second day, the others being overcome by the gas. On the third day the repairs were completed and the tank was brought safely back. The work was carried on under heavy shelling and many other disadvantages, and Sjt. Falvey displayed a determination and devotion to duty which was worthy of very high praise.

4707 Pte. (A./L./C.) W. Fenwick, M.G. Corps (Spennymoor).

For conspicuous gallantry and ability in action while No. 1 of a machine gun during an enemy attack. Under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire he brought his gun into action with great rapidity, and served it continuously throughout the day, knocking out two enemy machine guns, which were subsequently captured, and greatly assisting in preventing the advance of the enemy's infantry. Towards afternoon, though his position was located by enemy snipers, he kept his gun in action, in spite of very accurate shooting against him. Throughout he showed a splendid example of courage and skilful marksmanship.

11290 L./Cpl. R. A. Finlayson, M.M., R.W. Surr. R. (Brixton Hill, S.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his section officer was attacked and wounded by two of the enemy during a raid he bayoneted them both, and then took command of the section and led them forward with great determination through the enemy's wire to the second line, inflicting heavy casualties. His gallantry and daring were conspicuous, and his fine example greatly contributed to the success of the raid.

13/341 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) H. Fisher, Y. and L. Regt. (Barnsley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the left platoon of his company lost its commander and serjeant, who were severely wounded, he greatly assisted the company commander in rallying it and steadying the men. An enemy machine gun held up the advance of the platoon a little later, and he promptly took command, and working round a flank attacked the gun from the rear, personally leading the rush which captured the gun and its whole detachment. His gallantry and prompt initiative and action undoubtedly secured the left flank of the objective.

35473 Cpl. W. Fletcher, R.W. Fus. (Cable St., London, E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a battalion night raid he was in charge of a rifle grenade section, which he led with the greatest courage, capturing a machine gun and killing all the team. When held up by machine-gun fire he directed a salvo of rifle grenades, then, rushing in front of his section, he led them to

close range, where, with hand grenades, the gun was silenced and the post rushed. He set a magnificent example to all ranks.

27007 Pte. (L./Cpl.) J. Foden, E. Lan. R. (Rawtenstall).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This non-commissioned officer was in command of a Lewis-gun section. During the advance the enemy opened fire with a machine gun and hit five of his section. Corpl. Foden immediately retaliated and shot the enemy gunner, and also each succeeding man as they tried one after another to man the gun. The remainder of the platoon then rushed and captured the gun, and the retreating enemy suffered important casualties. Throughout the operations Corpl. Foden's behaviour was distinguished by great gallantry, and he largely contributed to the success with which the final objective was secured.

D/8199 Sjt. A. Ford, Dn. Gds. (Winchfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and enterprise while in charge of a patrol during an attack. He kept close touch with the advancing infantry, and sent back valuable information. Later, he pushed forward through the infantry, using his sword with great determination, regardless of machine-gun fire, and co-operated with an officer commanding another patrol and captured seventy prisoners. He did splendidly.

301286 Pte. W. S. Forrest, R.A.M.C. (Aberdeen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst stretcher-bearing he was wounded, but continued to work all the morning. Some nights later, while leading his squad through heavy barrage to a regimental aid post, he was gassed, but continued to carry wounded under heavy shell fire throughout the night. He showed great gallantry and devotion to duty.

200800 Pte. (A./L./Cpl.) W. Foulds, M.M., W. Rid. R. (Halifax).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his platoon when the officer and serjeant had been wounded, and led the men forward under heavy machine-gun fire to attack a farm from which the enemy were holding up our advance. He captured the strong point in spite of casualties, and enabled the line to advance. He displayed qualities of a high order of ability and leadership, and his example of courage and coolness under fire inspired the men he was leading.

43227 Sjt. F. Fowler, W. York. R. (Bradford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid. Through his excellent patrol work beforehand he was chiefly responsible for the correct posting of the covering party and the unperceived assembly of the raiders. In the raid he led his ten men with great dash and gallantry, and materially assisted in the capture of many prisoners, and in bringing back all the parties safely and in perfect order after the raid.

351055 Sjt. J. Fraser, R. Scots (Edinburgh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. showed great gallantry and resource during an attack. When all the company officers and the company serjeant-major had become casualties, he assumed command of the company, reorganised them under heavy machine-gun fire, and sent in a written report of his position and remaining numbers to battalion headquarters. He acted with great coolness and ability throughout.

18642 Sjt. E. Froggatt, D.C.L.I. (Accrington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed great presence of mind and initiative during an engagement, when his company commander was a casualty and the company serjeant-major had been killed. He at once took command of the left of the company, and handling them with great gallantry under heavy fire led them forward to the final objective, where he proceeded with the work of consolidation, which he superintended throughout the day. His fine leadership and personal example largely contributed to the success of the operation.

22531 Sjt. J. Fulton, M.M., M.G. Corps (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and skill in a critical situation. He got two machine-guns forward, and after inflicting heavy casualties on two strong parties of the enemy, tried to hold his ground, but was badly wounded and then captured. After a desperate struggle, in which he disposed of two of his captors, he escaped and got back to his guns. He showed fine courage and resource throughout.

335038 Sjt. J. Gall, R. Scots (Innerleithen).

For conspicuous gallantry and resource during an attack. Along with his officer he led his platoon brilliantly through intense barrage, and when the advance was held up by machine-gun fire he gathered a few men and rushed one of the guns, killing the team and capturing the gun. He behaved magnificently.

S/14411 Cpl. D. G. Geekie, Arg. & Suth'd Highrs. (Lugar-by-Cumnock).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack, when heavy enemy barrage prevented the right flank from being brought round to conform with the situation, Corporal Geekie with fine initiative promptly set to work reorganising the men and getting them forward to better positions. All day his men were exposed to heavy fire, but he had them finally so well in hand that they were ready for any further necessary advance. His example throughout was splendid, and his courage, cheerfulness and fine leadership inspired the greatest confidence in the men in a very difficult situation.

3/18273 Pte. C. Gibson, W. York. R. (S. Shields).

For conspicuous gallantry in an attack on enemy trenches. He brought back a message under very heavy machine-gun fire, and later guided up reinforcements. On entering the enemy trench he personally killed several of

the enemy, and throughout the operation he displayed splendid courage, ability and devotion to duty.

201286 Sjt. A. Gilchrist, Sea. Highrs. (Ard-rishaig).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Seeing the left flank of his company checked by machine-gun fire, he rushed the post, shot one and killed the other two of the crew with his bayonet, and continued to lead his platoon forward until severely wounded. His splendid courage and determination and his example to his men were of the greatest value.

325637 Cpl. E. Gill, M.M., Durh. L.I. (Winston, Co. Durham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the officer commanding his platoon and the senior N.C.O.'s had become casualties he took command and led his men in an attack and reached the objective. He subsequently carried out the duties of company serjeant-major as well as commanding a platoon owing to heavy casualties among the N.C.O.'s. During eight days' hard fighting he displayed qualities of leadership of a high order, and his personal gallantry under heavy fire and devotion to duty were a conspicuous example to his men.

1304 Sjt. H. Goldsborough, Durh. L.I. (Bishop Auckland).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Immediately after he had captured the objective during a successful advance he took his Lewis gun team across a stream and moved up under cover of standing corn to within a short distance of a group of enemy light machine guns. He rushed the post in a most determined fashion, and captured the guns and accounted for the teams. His prompt and gallant action and skilful leadership undoubtedly saved casualties during the consolidation, which was then carried on without hindrance.

D/14171 L./Cpl. E. Gooder, Dns. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of a flank patrol. He rushed a small enemy post, and with three men succeeded in killing one of the garrison and taking two prisoners. He showed fine courage and resource.

20200 Cpl. W. A. Goodlife, Glouc. R. (Bristol).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was N.C.O. in charge of two gun teams detailed to assist in taking an enemy position. He displayed exceptional dash and initiative in selecting positions for the guns to support the attacking infantry, and personally arranged and supervised the supply of ammunition. When his officer was wounded he took entire command of the two guns, and moving them forward some 200 yards, brought them rapidly into action against favourable targets. He displayed the utmost coolness under fire, and his power of seizing passing opportunities of inflicting casualties on the enemy enabled him to render valuable service and materially assist in the success of the operation.

17442 Pte. A. Goodliff, M.M., Bedf. R. (Ramsay, Herts.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a runner. He took several messages across the open under heavy machine-gun fire and brought back supplies of ammunition on his own initiative. When his company was being relieved he acted as guide, and by his skilful leading and intimate knowledge of the ground many casualties were saved. His conduct throughout was a fine example to all ranks.

D/4191 Sjt. H. Gough, Dns. (New Southgate).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. He led the advance troop with the greatest dash under very heavy machine-gun fire. The same evening he led a party to search for an officer who had been wounded in the mounted attack. Next morning, while attending to a wounded man, he was lifted into the air by a shell, but continued afterwards to dress his wounds. Throughout he set a fine example to his men of gallantry and devotion to duty.

240532 A./Cpl. J. S. Grant, K.O.S.B. (Langholm).

For remarkable initiative and gallantry. When his only officer and all senior N.C.O.'s of his company became casualties early in the action, he took command, and by his personality rallied the men under heavy shell and machine-gun fire. He then fought his way to the objective, where he consolidated, reorganised the company and carried on for eight hours until an officer took over command.

S/18257 Pte. (A./Cpl.) A. Gray, R. Highrs. (Dundee).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O., singlehanded, rushed a machine-gun post, killing a number of the team and capturing the remainder before the gun could open fire, thus saving his platoon from many casualties. His prompt and gallant action was worthy of high praise.

5920 Cpl. P. C. Greeff, S. Afr. Mtd. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. When a native had carelessly extracted the safety pins from a shell, thus igniting the fuse, and thrown the shell on the ground near the gun crew and ammunition, he ran and picked up the shell and threw it behind an anthill where it exploded. His prompt courage saved the gun crew and ammunition from being blown up.

33172 Sjt. C. Greenslade, M.M., Devon. R. (Morchard Road).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went forward and held a heavily shelled position with his Lewis gun, covering the retirement of troops until all his ammunition was exhausted. He then collected more ammunition and covered the retirement from another position. He did similar work on the following day until relieved. His daring and skill with his gun caused the enemy severe losses, and materially assisted the defence.

250310 Cpl. J. Greenwood, M.M., Durh. L.I. (near Crook).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a section of the battery during an enemy attack. He so encouraged his men, by his fine example of coolness under very heavy bombardment that they fired every round of their ammunition, and on retiring carried their gun through the barraged and heavily gassed area to the battery rear headquarters.

630250 Gnr. C. J. Greig, R.F.A. (Newcastle-on-Tyne).

For conspicuous gallantry whilst acting as runner to the battalion liaison officer. He frequently volunteered to take messages, and for four hours was the only runner to get messages through the very heavy enemy machine-gun and shell fire. Though several times blown over, he succeeded every time in getting his messages through, and displayed the greatest courage throughout the day.

202607 Pte. H. F. Groom, Notts. & Derby. R. (Clay Cross).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This man with another volunteered to accompany his commanding officer to reconnoitre the enemy's dispositions within our line. He showed the greatest determination and courage throughout the reconnaissance, and when his C.O. and the serjeant that formed the party had both been wounded actually on the parapet of the trench occupied by the enemy, this man with Pte. Springall brought back their commanding officer, who was unable to move, into safety. He behaved magnificently.

42259 Bomdr. W. G. Hales, R.F.A. (Upper Holloway, N.).

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. For five hours under incessant enemy bombardment of 4.2 in. and gas he with three gunners kept his gun in action under the greatest difficulties. They had to replace the springs of the gun, which got broken, and the side of the gun pit was hit four times. Nevertheless, he managed to keep the gun shooting all the time, thus setting a magnificent example to the remainder of the battery.

12275 C./S./M. K. Handby, W. Rid. R. (Halifax).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon in isolated hard fighting with great courage and determination to the attack successively of two enemy strong points, which were captured, with many prisoners and machine-guns. Though he was badly wounded, he declined to retire until he was assured the operations were successful. He set a splendid example of devotion to duty and endurance to his men.

457698 Spr. (A./2nd/Cpl.) F. Hanson, R.E. (Sunderland).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a crew of three men detailed to prepare a bridge for demolition. On the way a gas shell fell among the party, passing him and two others, and wounding the other. Nevertheless he got to the bridge.

with the two sappers and blew it up when the enemy were within fifty yards, after being under machine-gun fire for some time.

630312 Sgt. J. M. Hardie, R.F.A. (Aberdeen).

For conspicuous gallantry when he brought gun teams and ammunition wagons through violent enemy shell fire. By his coolness and efficiency in handling the teams he enabled the battery to come into action without loss of time, steadying the men at a critical moment when casualties had been incurred.

52090 Pte. A. Hardy, Rif. Bde., posted Lond. R. (King's Lynn).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In a daylight raid on enemy trenches he showed magnificent courage and determination in rushing an enemy machine-gun post single-handed, capturing the gun and six of the crew, and killing another.

19/685 Pte. W. Harper, Durh. L.I. (Spennymoor).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He and another man stalked a machine-gun through the corn, shot two of the crew and dismantled the gun. Their section being held up again, they went forward again and successfully dealt with this second machine-gun, killing three of the crew. The splendid courage and resource of these two men saved many casualties and greatly helped the advance.

49374 Sgt. J. Harrison, Ches. R. (Sandbach).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack by our troops, Serjeant Harrison displayed coolness and courage of the highest order, and showed powers of leadership of remarkable distinction. When the platoon on his flank had lost all its officers and N.C.O.s, Serjeant Harrison took command, and with great dash captured a machine gun, that was immediately turned on the retreating enemy. When the officer commanding the operation was killed, Serjeant Harrison took command of the whole line, handling his men with great ability, and, as often in past actions, showed the finest example to all ranks.

S/21358 C./S./M. R. Harvey, Gord. Highrs. (Falkirk).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the officers of his company had become casualties he rallied the men and led them through a heavy enemy barrage. Though wounded he continued to lead the company until their objective had been captured. The success of the operation was largely due to his splendid gallantry, resource and determination.

200076 C.S.M. W. Harvey, R. War. R. (Little Coggeshall).

For conspicuous coolness and initiative. When the enemy appeared on a ridge in front of the company sector, he immediately organised company headquarters and caused heavy casualties to the enemy. During the attack he succeeded with great difficulty in keeping the company supplied with ammunition. His services were invaluable.

D/21010 Sgt. A. Haste, Dns. (Chatham).

For conspicuous gallantry in a mounted attack on some machine guns. His troop officer becoming a casualty, he assumed command and continued to advance until all the horses, including his own, were shot down. He then rallied the remaining men and got them under cover. He behaved with the greatest coolness under very difficult conditions.

11256 Sgt. S. Hawkes, S. Staff. R. (Tipton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while commanding a platoon detailed to repair wire in the front line. They came under heavy shell fire, but he got all through but two, when suddenly enemy barrage was opened and other troops asked his assistance against the attacking enemy. After helping to successfully repel the enemy attack, he went and repaired the front line wire. Throughout he set a splendid example to his men.

42623 Sgt. W. Hazell, M.G. Corps (New Malden).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He made a series of valuable reconnaissances under heavy shell and machine-gun fire and cleared up obscure situations. When his section officer became a casualty he took command and occupied advanced positions which he selected with great skill. He remained in command for three days. During the whole period of the operations he showed a splendid example of coolness and cheerful courage under intense fire, and greatly helped to maintain the spirits of his men.

280993 Pte. G. Heardley, M.M., Lan. Fus. (Longsight, Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack by our troops, when the leader of his section was severely wounded, he carried him under point-blank machine-gun fire to a place of cover, and then returned and took command of his section and fought the enemy under heavy machine-gun fire and bombing. Two days later he commanded a section in a daylight raid, and though wounded before leaving our lines, he carried on with admirable courage and endurance, attacking a party of 40 of the enemy in their trenches and killing several. His gallant conduct and devotion to duty and endurance were admirable.

51308 B.S.M. A. Heaton, M.M., R.F.A. (Bradford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when his wagon lines were shelled. He got horses and men away to a place of safety, remaining to the last to see all clear. When a man was found to be sniping he returned under heavy shelling to search for him. Twice during the night the shelling was renewed, and his example of coolness prevented heavier casualties to men and horses and set a good example to his men.

2825 L./Cpl. F. Hemington, M.M., R. Fus. (Winchmore Hill).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid. He early assumed command of the raiding party and led them

successfully to the first objective and then to the second and final objective. He set a fine example of courage and good leadership.

20004 C.S.M. (A./R.S.M.) W. Henderson, North'd Fus. (Darlington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. When the enemy had penetrated the line of the division on the left, and were working round his left flank, he collected a party of men and formed a defensive flank, successfully driving them back. Later, he went out and located the right post of the battalion on the left, bringing back information which enabled contact to be restored. Throughout the day he set a fine example to all ranks.

205492 Sjt. E. T. Hepper, Devon. R. (Newton Abbot).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With an officer and three other men he attacked three hostile machine-gun posts. The officer and two men were killed and the other man was wounded. Nevertheless, he dashed forward with fine courage and complete disregard of his own safety and rushed the posts single-handed. He killed three of the enemy and chased the remainder out of action. He then returned with three prisoners and took charge of the company as all the officers had become casualties. His gallant action disengaged the flank of the battalion which had suffered severely from the enfilade fire of the machine-gun posts he routed.

75276 Sjt. H. Ribbert, Tank Corps (Kempstone).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although wounded in the neck by a bullet, and in the face, thighs and arms and groin by splinters, he continued to command his tank, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. He only left his tank when ordered to do so by his section commander. His courage and fortitude were a splendid example to the remainder of the crew.

S/24415 Pte. P. Higgins, R. Highrs. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was sent to battalion headquarters with an important message. On his way he ran into an enemy post of two machine guns and four men. By magnificent courage and resource he captured the post single-handed, marching the prisoners back and delivering his message at the same time.

13363 Cpl. R. Hill, W. Rid. R. (Folkestone).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid. He led his party with great dash and ability to their objective, although slightly wounded shortly after the start. After the withdrawal, hearing an officer was lying badly wounded near the enemy wire, he returned through the enemy barrage and helped to get him back. He set a fine example of courage and devotion to duty.

630565 C.S.M. J. T. Hills, Lond. R. (Sydenham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He was wounded,

but got his wound dressed, returned to the firing line, and reorganised a number of men under extremely heavy shell fire. He evacuated the wounded with great skill, and held the position. He set a splendid example of coolness and energy to his men.

G/2073 Sjt. H. J. Hirschfield, R.W. Kent R. (Kennington, S.E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He distinguished himself by the courage and resolute skill he displayed in leading his men forward in an attack. Rushing to the front, he attacked groups of the enemy, inflicting severe casualties. When the final objective was reached he at once went forward to give covering fire, and assist in destroying the bridges, which was successfully accomplished in spite of heavy fire from enemy snipers and machine guns. During the whole operations his fine example and cheerful bearing did much to maintain the spirit and ardour of his men.

401178 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) E. Hirst, M.M., R.A.M.C. (Barnsley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During ten days' hard fighting this N.C.O. in charge of bearers was untiring in his devotion to duty. He was quite regardless of his own safety, and the rapid evacuation of the wounded was greatly assisted by his excellent arrangements and untiring efforts. He was continuously at work, with very little rest, and he set a splendid example of determined and unselfish courage and endurance.

6403 C./S./M. E. Hodgson, K.R.R.C. (Cheltenham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company commander and both the other officers were killed during a heavy enemy attack he took command. He displayed great gallantry and initiative, going about from post to post with complete disregard for his own safety, encouraging his hardly pressed men. The valuable information he sent back caused reinforcements to be hurried up, and the line was maintained and the enemy completely defeated. Although wounded, he continued at duty. He set a splendid example throughout.

13992 Pte. J. R. Hodgson, North'd Fus. (Blyth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He carried on his duties as cook under intense bombardment of gas and other shell fire. His assistants were killed, and the top of his cook-house blown away. Nevertheless, working with his respirator on, he served the company with their dinners, showing great coolness and indifference to danger.

S/14869 Pte. I. Hoggarth, Arg. & Suth'd Highrs. (Tillicoultry).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the company outpost line had been temporarily driven in, he conducted several harassing patrols against the enemy, and it was largely due to his gallantry and dash that the company was able to establish their position before nightfall. Later, he assumed command of his section, and by his

splendid example did much to keep the attack going.

16/282 Sjt. E. Holmes, W. York. R. (Thornton).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative in an attack. When the officer was killed he led the platoon forward and broke down the resistance of the enemy, who were holding up part of the assaulting company. Later he reorganised the assaulting company after all the officers and most of the N.C.O.s were casualties.

9672 R.S.M. W. E. Holmes, Durh. L.I. (Barnard Castle).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when sent back for ammunition for a party without any. He went to a dump under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire and obtained it. The horses of the limber were killed on the return to the line, but he succeeded in getting the ammunition into the trench. The conduct of this war-rant officer during the whole battle was exemplary.

2527 Sjt. J. P. F. Hooper, R.F.A. (Bermondsey).

For conspicuous gallantry and presence of mind when an enemy shell hit a gas dump. He rushed out and single-handed picked out the shells which had cracked from the heat, and then, standing on the dump, threw off the boxes which were on fire. A charge blew up, severely burning him in the face and blinding him temporarily in one eye, but he continued the work until the fire was extinguished and all danger over. He was then carried to hospital.

306966 Sjt. J. F. Horner, M.M., W. York. R. (Leeds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack, when all the officers became casualties, he took command of the company and, collecting the few men around, he led them forward and captured the objective, where he consolidated. Throughout the operations Serjt. Horner's behaviour was splendid, and he set an admirable example of courage and leadership to all under his command until towards the end of the fighting he was badly wounded in the face.

242411 A./C.S.M. J. Housley, York. L.I. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon forward under heavy machine-gun fire which at first had held them up, displaying fine qualities of leadership and ability. In the final assault he captured four enemy machine guns and their commanding officer, and accounted for the whole of the teams. His gallantry and dash relieved a critical situation, as the attack in that sector had been checked and might have been held up for some time.

10683 Pte. H. Howell, D.C.L.I. (Peckham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After a raid he went back alone under heavy fire to look for his platoon officer whom he heard had been left behind badly

wounded. He found the officer, who was unable to move, and having bandaged his wounds carried him back over most difficult ground to our lines, where he arrived completely exhausted. His action was a magnificent example of gallant self-sacrifice and devotion to duty, and the officer's life was saved thereby.

200805 Pte H. Hughes, R.W. Fus. (Rhos-tyllen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a stretcher-bearer. He twice assisted in bringing in wounded men under heavy fire over 800 yards of open plain. On another occasion he brought in a man on his shoulders as no stretcher was available. Throughout the action he displayed great courage and devotion to duty.

41761 Pte. E. Hullah, E. York. R. (Bradford).

For conspicuous gallantry and resource as a Lewis gunner. When the team became casualties he took charge of the gun and pushed forward to a position of advantage. His prompt action checked enemy patrols who were trying to outflank his platoon. Although his position was heavily swept by fire he stubbornly held on until reinforced.

C/6394 Sjt. W. H. F. Humphrey, K.R.R.C. (Highgate).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led thirteen of his men in a charge against thirty of the enemy in order to disengage one of our posts which had been surrounded. In spite of a heavy fire of all descriptions he routed the enemy, many of whom were killed with the bayonet. He was severely wounded himself, but the post was saved and he prevented the line from being turned. His dashing leadership and example of personal gallantry were splendid.

5/40865 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) R. Hunter, Sea. Highrs. (Alloa).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon in an attack with the greatest gallantry, won his objective, and though wounded remained and assisted in consolidating the position. When this was accomplished he volunteered and took back a message to battalion headquarters. He showed the greatest pluck and devotion to duty.

107401 Spr. W. Hurst, M.M., R.E. (Shepherd's Bush).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. After half the section had become casualties he succeeded in keeping communication with divisional headquarters by continually repairing lines which were repeatedly broken by exceptionally heavy enemy barrage. For three days he continued to work as a linesman until his seniors were killed or missing, after which he assumed command of the section and maintained with only two or three men the communications which were vital to the success of the operations. He showed fine courage and determination.

57599 Pte. F. J. S. Hutchings, Worc. R. (Totnes).

For conspicuous gallantry in a raid to secure prisoners. He carried out his task well, which was to approach an enemy pill-box independently from the rear and bomb it from a flank. After the pill-box had been entered, he tried to capture a machine-gun post, but got cut off from his companions. After eighteen hours in "No Man's Land" he got back to his company.

15347 L./Cpl. A. Hutton, M.M., Durh. L.I. (Crook).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in rushing and capturing a post containing six of the enemy, thus allowing the company to continue its advance. Later, with his company commander, two machine guns in action were located. They worked round and rushed them, the gunners surrendering.

M2/120576 Sjt. S. Ibbeson, A.S.C. (M.T.), (Wakefield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of two caterpillars which had taken a heavy gun to a position 1,000 yards from the front line for a special operation. Heavy enemy shell fire developing, orders were given for its withdrawal, whereupon he successfully accomplished the difficult task of manœuvring the gun from the pit and taking it along a track under heavy shell fire. This action saved the gun, as the platform was almost immediately afterwards destroyed by a direct hit.

S/13186 Sjt. J. C. Iveson, Gord. Highrs. (Clayton, Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon was held up in an attack by an enemy strong point in the open, he led his men up to it very skilfully in spite of heavy casualties. Although wounded, he charged the garrison with his platoon and killed or captured them all. He was again wounded very badly, but refused to leave his men until the objective was reached and consolidation was commenced. He showed courage, ability, and endurance of a very high order, and his splendid example inspired his men to such efforts as were undoubtedly responsible for the success of the advance.

240002 C./S./M. T. Jackson, N. Lan. R. (Bolton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy counter-attack. When all the officers of his company had been put out of action, he assumed command and held on to a forward position under heavy shell and machine-gun fire until all Lewis gun ammunition was exhausted. He then withdrew the company and reorganised.

17140 L./Sjt. W. Jackson, M.G. Corps (New Cumnock).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when commanding two gun teams during an enemy attack. His example of coolness and determination under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire encouraged his men in keeping his guns in action until the last moment.

He subsequently extricated his guns, and took up new positions after personal reconnaissance. The excellent work done by his guns was entirely due to his gallant conduct.

9511 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) G. W. Jenkins, R. Berks. R. (Porchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid. With supreme contempt of his own personal safety, he led his men with great dash, and was largely responsible for taking the first objective. After withdrawal he returned 400 yards into the enemy lines under heavy fire and brought back a sniping man. He did splendid work.

34741 Pte. J. M. Jobe, North'd Fus. (Newcastle-on-Tyne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He took command of a Lewis gun team after the N.C.O. had become a casualty, and under heavy shell fire maintained his position throughout the day, causing many casualties among the enemy and greatly assisting to readjust a critical situation. He did splendid service.

S/41229 Pte. J. Kennedy, Sea. Highrs. (Airdrie).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his section commander was killed by a sniper, he at once took command of the section, and, going forward alone, rushed the post and killed the sniper. He then led his section forward. Both on this occasion and throughout the operations he showed the greatest gallantry and contempt for danger, and set a splendid example to his comrades.

17672 Pte. (L./Cpl.) W. Kennell, M.M., Herts. R. (Thrapston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in repelling, after a heavy bombardment, two vigorous hostile attacks against his post. He was seriously wounded, but kept his men well in hand and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy, who withdrew leaving a wounded prisoner behind.

83854 Pte. (L./Cpl.) V. Kibble, M.G. Corps (Rawtenstall).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an advance he was in charge of a machine-gun and team. He went forward, as close to the barrage as possible, looking for positions from which he could assist the infantry. While doing so he came upon an enemy light machine-gun that was inflicting losses on our infantry. He killed two of the detachment, and turned the captured gun on the remainder, who were retiring. Our infantry were then able to advance. His coolness, initiative and devotion to duty under heavy and continuous fire of all descriptions were very conspicuous.

751495 B.S.M. R. P. Kirkup, R.F.A. (Newcastle-on-Tyne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. While his section was being heavily shelled and also engaged by five low-flying enemy planes, he behaved with great gallantry and coolness,

and it was largely owing to his efforts that the loss of personnel and equipment was small.

46489 Sjt. T. Knapton, R.G.A. (Withernwick).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. When enemy shelling had knocked out all his detachment but two men he organised a stretcher party for the killed and wounded, and then with his two remaining men continued with great coolness to fire his gun in support of the infantry.

208051 C./S./M. J. W. Knight, R.W. Surr. R. (Eastbourne).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative during an attack. When his officers had become casualties he assumed command and led the remnants of his company on to a strong enemy position. After taking his objective, he sent back accurate information as to the situation, although suffering badly from gas, and refused to leave his post until the position had been completely reorganised. He behaved splendidly.

6493 Pte. U. Knight, West India R.

For conspicuous gallantry and cool courage under fire at a critical time. Later, he volunteered to take a message ordering a gun to retire. This he did under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire. He behaved with consistent gallantry throughout.

CZ/5422 Able Seaman W. Knox, R.N.V.R. (Inverkeithing).

For remarkable determination in a raid, when he rendered great assistance by bayoneting three of the enemy who refused to surrender and continued to fire. He killed another, and took prisoner a fifth. He took also a leading part in destroying dug-outs where the enemy showed resistance. His example throughout was splendid, and his absolute fearlessness an inspiration to all.

27737 Sjt. G. Lewis, Notts. & Derby. R. (Worcester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He rallied and organised a party of men and advanced under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, and maintained his position, thus materially helping to restore the situation. He set a very fine example to his men.

1276 Cpl. C. Lloyd, Durh. L.I. (Houghton-le-Spring).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. An enemy machine-gun was holding up his section, so halting his men in a ditch, he went forward alone and stalked this gun. He succeeded in shooting two of the team and in silencing the gun. On returning to bring on his section he found all but one were casualties, he himself having been wounded while stalking the gun. He showed great grit and determination.

275319 Cpl. S. E. Lockett, Manch. R. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. took out a party of four men from his post and attacked the enemy, who were bombing a neighbouring post, and

had wounded most of the garrison. He drove them off, capturing an enemy N.C.O. His initiative and courage prevented the enemy from regaining a footing in our newly captured line.

55938 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) W. Lockhart, M.G. Corps (Skerton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack a party of our infantry were checked by hostile machine-gun fire, and suffered casualties. Serjeant Lockhart, who was in charge of a sub-section of machine-guns, went forward by himself to find a position from which he could engage the enemy. In doing so, he drew their fire on to himself, but in spite of this he got his guns into position, and while they were getting into action he shot two of the enemy with his rifle. His action was successful, and the infantry were able to advance. His courage and initiative enabled him to render a service of the greatest value.

S/41542 Sjt. G. Longstaff, Sea. Highrs. (Sacrison).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the officer in command of a carrying party, of which Serjt. Longstaff was one, became a casualty, this N.C.O. immediately took command and formed a S.A.A. dump near the advanced troops and then returned, bringing back the wounded. He made four more journeys to the support line carrying S.A.A. and munitions. The enemy were heavily shelling the position and the approaches. He displayed great initiative and courage under fire, and the manner in which he controlled his men was worthy of high praise.

65673 Sjt. E. C. Lucy, R.F.A. (Stratford, E.).

For conspicuous gallantry while acting battery serjeant-major during an enemy attack. He kept the battery going all through the morning by himself, all the officers having been wounded in the first ten minutes of the battle. He set a splendid example of courage and devotion to duty to the men of his battery.

12983 Sjt. J. Lund, M.M., York. L.I. (Bradford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was of the greatest assistance to his officer, going forward to the front line under heavy fire to advise him of the enemy's dispositions. The accuracy of the information brought back by him to the guns was invaluable. He has always been the N.C.O. chosen in action to take up the most difficult position, owing to the absolute confidence placed in his determination, courage and initiative.

280306 Sjt. A. Lyall, High. L.I. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of a patrol of nine men near the enemy's wire. Seeing an enemy patrol of twenty men approaching, he waited till they were within ten yards, and then opened fire, killing eight and wounding five. Two more were subsequently taken

prisoners. He did fine service, and showed great coolness and ability to command.

21738 Pte. J. McChystal, M.M., R. Lanc. R. (Wigan).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. He was one of the first to enter the post, and after the prisoners had been secured, saved the entire situation by noticing the attempt of the enemy to organise a counter-attack. Without waiting for orders, he rushed forward along the line of posts, bombing each in turn, and inflicted heavy loss to the enemy and ensured the success of the raid. His courage and initiative were a splendid example to all ranks.

53664 Sjt. (T./C.Q.M.S.) B. McConville, M.G. Corps and K. Afr. Rif. (Altrincham).

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He was in charge of a section of machine guns when the company to which he was attached was heavily attacked. He showed absolute disregard of personal danger under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, in controlling his two guns. He behaved splendidly. On many previous occasions in action he has done fine work.

300813 Pte. T. McFarland, Arg. & Suth'd Highrs. (Carlisle).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in command of a Lewis gun section on a ridge commanding the surrounding country. Although the enemy put down a very heavy barrage on the ridge, this N.C.O. continued to fire until ordered to withdraw a little down the reverse slope. The enemy gained the top of the ridge, whereupon he, being short of ammunition, got a machine gun in position and kept firing until a shell blew the gun out of his hands and severely wounded him. He showed splendid gallantry and determination.

24768 Cpl. R. J. McGair, M.M., R.W. Fus. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He rendered the greatest assistance to the officer leading his patrol. It was largely due to his skill and experience in patrol work that a series of successful patrols were carried out, resulting in the capture of nineteen prisoners and four machine guns. In all these patrols he displayed exceptional dash and enterprise, and complete disregard of personal danger.

107652 Sjt. G. McHard, M.G. Corps (Homerton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of two machine guns in the front line during an enemy attack. During the preliminary bombardment one of his gun teams were knocked out, but when the enemy attacked he immediately got the gun into action and continued to fire until he was surrounded and his gun destroyed by a bomb. He then drew his revolver and fought his way to his section officer to report what had happened. His courage and determination were magnificent.

S/12903 L./C. C. McInally, Cam. Highrs (Baillieston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After his return from a daylight raid, in which he led his section with great determination, he went out in full view of the enemy, under heavy artillery and machine-gun fire, and brought in a man who had been severely wounded. The day after, during our advance, his company were held up by the fire of a machine gun. He rushed forward and killed or wounded the whole detachment with bombs. His gallantry and initiative at a critical moment saved a difficult situation, and throughout the operations he set a fine example to the men.

200022 C.S.M. A. Mackenzie, Sea. Highrs. (Poolewe).

During an attack, when all the platoon officers had become casualties, this Warrant Officer reorganised elements of the company and overpowered detached posts of the enemy. His conspicuous gallantry and tireless energy enabled the company to gain ascendancy over the enemy at a critical time, and he set throughout a splendid example to all.

36044 Cpl. T. McKenzie, York. L.I. (Acklington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid. He led his party to their objective over 600 yards from his lines without being observed by the enemy. Thanks to his splendid leadership the raid was a complete success. He was wounded early in the fight, but carried on, and was wounded again in the withdrawal.

C/618 Sjt. W. McLoughlin, K.R.R.C (Bolton).

For conspicuous gallantry in a raid. He led his party round the flank of an enemy post, worked his way along the communication trench, and successfully attacked the post, capturing three prisoners. He then safely brought back his party and prisoners. He behaved with great coolness and resource, and showed fine powers of leadership.

270 Sjt. P. McNulty, R. Highrs. (Lumphinans).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. When his party got too close to the artillery barrage, he rallied them and led on to the objective, where a machine gun was destroyed and the crew taken prisoner, after a stout resistance. When the raiding party had returned, he went out to look for wounded, and succeeded in bringing back a wounded man.

21379 Sjt. M. McPartlin, M.M., R. Dub Fus. (Penicuik).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative. He organised a party to round up a machine gun which was enfilading his platoon, and with great skill and daring guided them unseen to within 25 yards of the enemy post, and then rushed the position, capturing the gun and personally killing two of the enemy. He did splendid work.

202826 Sjt. W. S. McPherson, R. Highrs. (Calvin).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. His officers having become casualties, he assumed command and led the company gallantly through dense forest under heavy machine-gun fire. His flank was almost driven in, but he boldly led his men back and restored the line. He set a splendid example to his men under very trying conditions.

235044 Sjt. D. Madden, W. Rid. R. (Sowerby Bridge).

He took command of his platoon when the officer and serjeant had been wounded and led them forward under heavy machine-gun fire to attack a farm from which the enemy was holding up our advance. He captured the strong point in spite of casualties, and enabled the line to advance. He displayed qualities of a high order of ability and leadership, and his example of courage and coolness under fire inspired the men he was leading.

248 C./S./M. W. Main, Gord. Highrs. (Stonehaven).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under heavy shell and machine-gun fire he rallied and reorganised his men, and by his fine leadership and personal example of conspicuous gallantry he succeeded in holding up the enemy advance and captured two machine guns. Although wounded, he remained with his company until the situation was restored, showing great pluck and devotion to duty.

350226 Sjt. S. Malcolm, R. Highrs. (Forfar).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He volunteered to carry messages under very heavy machine-gun fire. He successfully delivered the message and volunteered to return with another message over the same ground swept by enemy fire. His coolness and disregard of danger set a fine example to the men.

470280 Spr. T. Maloney, R.E. (S. Shields).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Together with Sapper Staplehurst, of the same company, he accompanied the first wave of infantry during an attack. When the objective was reached, they endeavoured to demolish a masonry road bridge, in full view of the enemy on the opposite bank. Two attempts being unsuccessful, they procured tools, and proceeded to pick up the roadway, after which they laid their charge, and blowing a large gap in the bridge, rendered it impassable. During the whole time they were under heavy machine-gun fire from houses at close range. Their very gallant behaviour and disregard of danger was an impressive example to many who witnessed the occurrence.

28340 Pte. R. Malthouse, W. York. R. (Knaresboro).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During our advance this man rushed gallantly forward ahead of his platoon, and, single-handed, captured a machine gun and eighteen prisoners. Later, he rendered very

valuable service as a runner, displaying conspicuous devotion to duty. He set a brilliant example of courage and dash.

10908 C./S./M. J. H. Mann, W. Rid. R. (Leeds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the officers but one of his company had become casualties he rallied the men under heavy fire and pushed forward, setting a splendid example to all who were with him. Though twice wounded he refused to retire. Throughout the operations he was in the forefront of the battle, and his coolness and courage under a severe test inspired all under his command.

8491 C.S.M. H. Manttan, R. War. R. (Warwick).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack by our troops this warrant officer distinguished himself by his bold and determined fighting, both with the rifle and with the bayonet. He was indefatigable in his efforts to help the only remaining officer of his company to carry on the attack, and he directed the bombing party that eventually cleared the enemy from the trench and took prisoners. He helped greatly in the work of consolidation, moving up and down the line under heavy machine-gun fire and sniping without regard for his own safety, maintaining complete control of his men and keeping them in good heart by his gallant and confident bearing. His conduct throughout was admirable.

29523 L./Cpl. A. C. Marett, D.C.L.I. (St. Helier).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of a Lewis gun he brought up his gun successfully under heavy fire to the final objective when half his team were wounded. On two occasions he went forward under very heavy fire to a position from which he could command a bridge, and thus prevented the enemy from crossing. He took charge of a second gun which was brought up, and worked the two guns with only three men. He showed marked courage and devotion to duty throughout the operations.

56517 Sjt. J. H. Marriott, R.E. (Manor Park).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when left at a central exchange with one lorry detachment to keep open an advanced corps exchange until corps headquarters had opened at one village, and to keep close touch with two divisions at another. The road was heavily shelled, and the driver of the detachment was wounded and lay exposed. With fearless disregard for self he proceeded along the road to the lorry and brought back the wounded man. Later, on receiving orders to close down, he extricated his detachment with great skill from a very awkward corner with only one more casualty. He showed high courage, resourcefulness, and initiative.

16212 Pte. W. Marshall, W. Rid. R. (Yeadon).

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He came upon a post containing eight of the

enemy, one of whom fired and wounded him in the nose and shoulder, causing him to drop his rifle. He then threatened them with a grenade and caused them to surrender, and although suffering great pain and having no arms except a grenade and a billhook, he marched them back, single-handed, to our lines through the enemy barrage. This incident was observed by an officer and men of his own battalion holding the front line.

19367 Pte. J. Mason, A.C.C. (Dundee).

For conspicuous gallantry in action. When a machine gun opened fire on our advancing line he pushed forward and bayoneted the gunner, holding the gun until the remainder of his section captured the post. His coolness and determination throughout the operations greatly inspired all ranks.

325465 L./Cpl. J. Masters, Durh. L.I. (Gateshead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack the platoon commander and all the senior non-commissioned officers became casualties. This very young non-commissioned officer immediately took command of the platoon and led it forward with great gallantry and dash. His ability and fine qualities of leadership were of the greatest value to his company commander, who had lost many officers and non-commissioned officers, and his example of coolness and courage under heavy fire were an inspiration to the men.

57322 Pte. J. Matthews, Devon. R. (Ilfracombe).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an advance. He collected a party of scattered men and led them through the enemy barrage, and when the enemy attacked during the night and gained a footing in some houses, he repeatedly led forward bombing parties and cleared them out of the houses. Having exhausted all his bombs, he returned alone for more and continued to attack the enemy until severely wounded by machine-gun fire. He set a splendid example of courage and determination.

301964 L./Cpl. B. Maude, K.R.R.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He patrolled to the posts on the flanks of his own position under heavy fire in broad daylight in order to keep up connection between the posts. He crept alone round an enemy machine gun that was enfilading one of our posts and put it out of action. He displayed great gallantry and devotion to duty in carrying out a dangerous service.

5756 B.S.M. F. A. Maynard, R.G.A. ([E] Sheerness).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst the battery was under heavy shell fire. He set a splendid example of coolness to the other ranks, walking repeatedly from one section to the other, supervising the ammunition supply and attending to wounded both of his and other units.

10658 Pte. (L./Cpl.) J. Mears, M.M., D.C.L.I. (Brixton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid. Through almost insurmountable obstacles, and under heavy machine-gun and artillery fire, he led a party of men to an enemy trench-mortar emplacement and dug-outs. Finding these unoccupied, he cut his way through further wire and went to the assistance of two officers who were fighting hand-to-hand with the enemy, killing two of them. Throughout the operation he displayed splendid courage and determination.

14790 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) A. Mein, K.O.S.B. (Kirkbean).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the left of his company was held up by an enemy strong point, Sjt. Mein, of his own initiative, moved round the flank and rushed the place, shooting one of the machine gunners. Under cover of this diversion the remainder of the section advanced and overwhelmed the point. He then went and took command of another platoon which had lost its officer, and led it forward to its final objective. During the work of consolidation his efforts were untiring, and throughout the operation his courage, initiative and determination were conspicuous examples to all about him.

7326 Cpl. A. J. Mercer, R.A.M.C. (Walthamstow).

When enemy aircraft inflicted severe casualties on his unit at night and exploded a large ammunition dump close by, he showed great energy and devotion to duty in collecting a party and extricating and removing wounded while all the time exposed to explosions from the dump and some more bombing from aircraft. His example of cool courage caused all the wounded to be safely removed.

22707 Pte. B. Millership, M.M., Notts. & Derby. R. (Sutton-in-Ashfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This stretcher-bearer dressed the wounds of several men under intense bombardment of the trench. He subsequently made two journeys with the wounded to his company headquarters in full view of the enemy. His coolness and disregard of danger were, and have ever been, a fine example to his comrades.

200114 Sjt. J. Mitchell, Sea. Highrs. (Portmahomack).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At a critical moment in an attack, when two platoons were held up by machine-gun fire, he led forward his Lewis gun section and by silencing the machine guns enabled the advance to continue. Again, by skilful deployment of his platoon he destroyed parties of the enemy as they left a wood, and under very heavy fire he pushed resolutely forward. Throughout, his great gallantry and capable leadership inspired all ranks with confidence.

3582 Sjt. J. Moclair, R. Ir. R. (Castlebar).

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He took part in a successful attack on a machine-gun post, capturing the gun and one

prisoner, and killing eight of the enemy. Afterwards, with another N.C.O., he led a successful attack, capturing another machine gun and killing the crew.

35937 Sjt. W. Monaghan, R.G.A. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His gun was put out of action by heavy shelling, and at once he took charge of another which had had its No. 1 wounded and relief No. 1 killed, changed the sight carrier, which had been damaged, and got the gun into action. Throughout the day he displayed great coolness and devotion to duty under incessant shell fire.

18890 Q.M.S. (A./S.M.) T. Moore, R.A.M.C. (Borrowash, Derbyshire).

For conspicuous devotion to duty when an explosion caused numerous casualties in an advanced dressing station. Though blown over by the shock, he picked himself up and quickly organised parties to attend to the wounded. This warrant officer has always set a magnificent example of devotion to duty.

5334 Gnr. J. Morrissey, R.F.A. (Newton-le-Willows).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He volunteered to act as linesman when the line was being continuously cut by the enemy's bombardment. On six different occasions he went along the line, which was being heavily shelled and gassed, working in the dark with his gas helmet on the whole time, and it was owing to his efforts that communications were maintained.

S/40530 Sjt. E. Morrison, M.M., Sea. Highrs. (Tain).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. He frequently went out on patrol work and brought back valuable information. On one occasion, when his platoon was held up by a machine gun in a house, he collected three men and rushed the post, killing the gun team. This most gallant action undoubtedly saved many lives.

242596 Pte. R. G. Morse, Gord. Highrs. (Richmond, Surrey).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he, with four others, encountered a party of the enemy about eighty strong. He immediately attacked them with a Lewis gun, inflicting heavy loss and causing the remainder to surrender. He, with another man, ultimately brought down to battalion headquarters sixty-one prisoners, handed them over, and at once returned to the front line. His gallantry was magnificent, and he set a splendid example of courage and devotion to duty to all.

L/7825 Sjt. E. G. Moss, R.W. Kent R. (Greenwich).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack, when he entered a machine gun nest alone and found it occupied by six of the enemy. He threw a bomb amongst them, and then prevented any of them escaping by covering the post with his rifle. One

attempting to do so was killed. The bomb then exploded, killing the other five, and Serjt. Moss captured the gun. He did splendid work.

30175 L./Cpl. (A./Cpl.) G. Mountain, M.G. Corps (Cheriton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He continued to inflict heavy casualties with his gun on the enemy until practically surrounded. When the enemy tried to bomb his gun he rushed forward with his revolver, and gave his gun time to withdraw and come into action further back. His courage and determination inspired his men to exceptionally good work throughout the operations.

3956 L./Cpl. J. Muldowney, M.M., Lan. Fus. (Oldham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He held up a strong enemy bombing party for nearly an hour, during which time he threw over a hundred bombs. In the end he rushed the post single-handed and captured four prisoners (all that remained of the enemy bombing party). He showed splendid courage and determination.

200175 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) A. Munro, Cam'n Highrs. (Kirkhill, Inverness-shire).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack, when his platoon came under very heavy enemy barrage, he quickly collected them and got them in touch with the company. Some days later he led his platoon forward with great dash to their objective, which he held all day, although his right flank was in the air. Throughout he behaved splendidly, and his courage and coolness greatly inspired his men.

241539 L./Cpl. E. Naylor, M.M., Y. & L. Regt. (Cudworth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. was with a defensive patrol. They were heavily bombarded and gassed, and two of the patrol were wounded. Unaided, he brought one back safely to his lines, and then returned and brought the other back. This was done through a strong concentration of gas and intense shelling. His most gallant conduct and absolute disregard of personal safety set a splendid example to his platoon, and undoubtedly saved the lives of his two comrades.

8672 Pte. J. T. Nelson, Lan. Fus. (Ardwick).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. Placed in charge of a section hastily thrown back to form a defensive flank, he rallied his men time after time under extremely heavy enemy attacks, and when ordered to withdraw he did so in a very skilful manner and took up a new position, which he held till nightfall. He showed wonderful coolness and resource, and was of great help in a very difficult situation.

13419 Sjt. R. Nelson, Essex R. (S. Stifford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. showed fine leadership in penetrating the enemy's outpost line with a patrol of three men. A suspected post was

first surrounded and found to have been vacated. The patrol then proceeded to work round another post from which a machine gun had been firing. This they successfully rushed, capturing the garrison of three. He subsequently displayed the utmost gallantry in rescuing wounded under fire.

8402 Sjt. H. Newens, R.F.A. (St. Pancras, N.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At a critical period in an enemy attack it became necessary to drag into the open the guns of his battery which were in action. He displayed great energy and power of control in getting his guns out of the gun-pit and into a position from which point-blank fire could be brought to bear on the advancing enemy. If it had not been for his promptitude and masterly performance of his duties his gun would have been too late.

200309 Sjt. J. Oakley, Worc. R. (Dudley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. When his platoon had advanced to a position close to the enemy and a group of three enemy machine guns his officer was killed. He assumed command and led his men forward, and established a post within fifteen yards of the enemy, from which he was able to keep down the fire of the machine guns. In the advance next day he again led his platoon with great dash and courage.

11/225 C.S.M. H. Offen, E. York. R. (Hull).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. was acting as company serjeant-major during our attack. Singlehanded he captured five of the enemy who were delaying our advance with machine-gun fire, and, on reaching the final objective, he was of the greatest assistance to the company and platoon commanders in re-organising the men and consolidating the captured position. Throughout the attack and during the very intense hostile bombardment that followed he set a very fine example of steadfast determination and cheerful fortitude to all his company.

5575 Sjt. E. Osborne, The West India R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst in charge of a section of machine guns during successful attacks. He displayed marked coolness and ability under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire, and handled his guns extremely well. He set a brilliant example to his men.

19140 Pte. T. Osborne, Som. L.I. (Broad Windsor, Dorset).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy penetrated the front line in the vicinity of his post, he led an immediate counter-attack whereby the post was re-established. Though severely wounded and under fire at close range he silenced an enemy machine gun with a Lewis gun and then cleared the enemy out of the

post with bombs. He shewed splendid courage and initiative.

63895 L./Cpl. C. O'Shea, R. Fus. (Waterfall, Co. Cork).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After his officer had been severely wounded and several other casualties inflicted the S.O.S. was sent up. He immediately reorganised his section and resolutely fought his three remaining guns under very heavy shell and trench-mortar fire. Throughout the operation he displayed great courage and grim determination.

13529 Pte. R. Owenson, Sco. Rifles (Prestonpans).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack this man, who is a stretcher-bearer, attended to the wounded of two battalions under the direct observation and continuous fire of the enemy for two hours. Having used up the dressings he was carrying, and those of three wounded stretcher-bearers, he went back half a mile to the R.A.P. through a heavy barrage, bringing back as many dressings as he could carry. He continued his work until darkness. He was working in the open for ten hours under fire. His gallant disregard for his own safety and his devotion to duty were examples that excited the greatest admiration.

265468 Sjt. A. Parkinson, M.M., R. War. R. (Lancaster).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, and ability as a leader during a counter-attack. When the left flank was in the air he brought his platoon forward under very heavy machine-gun fire, and brought effective fire on the enemy, driving them back. Next day he captured two machine guns, and, after consolidating the front line, he took his platoon forward and rounded up about a hundred and fifty prisoners. He did very fine service.

265509 Sjt. A. Parr, M.M., North'd Fus. (N. Shields).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a withdrawal. He commanded with courage and initiative a mixed force, and was instrumental in beating off four determined attacks by the enemy.

14732 Pte. W. Partridge, Hrs. (Walthamstow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst acting as advanced scout to a reconnoitring detachment he suddenly came under heavy machine-gun fire. Immediately he, single-handed, charged the team, who put up their hands and surrendered. By his splendid act of gallantry and promptitude he undoubtedly saved his troops many casualties and enabled them to carry out their task.

200534 Sjt. H. Pattison, York. R. (Stokesley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in organising a defensive line by collecting bodies of men who had become detached from their units. He was thus able, under heavy fire, to check the enemy's ad-

vance long enough to enable a battery of field artillery to be withdrawn in safety. His presence of mind and cool behaviour had an excellent effect on his men.

12794 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) H. J. Payne, Leic. R. (Leicester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He was taken prisoner, but escaped, and reported at battalion headquarters. During the following days he worked continuously without rest in collecting and reorganising troops of several units who had been driven back by the enemy.

D/20462 Sqdn. S.M. W. Pearce, Dn. Gds. (Canterbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a charge against the enemy in a wood. Later, with a few dismounted men, he collected wounded and prisoners under heavy machine-gun fire, and also held a corner of the wood until relieved. He displayed throughout the day a fine spirit and the noblest devotion to duty.

45988 Gnr. E. W. G. Penney, R.G.A. (Lymington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when enemy shelling set fire to some cartridges and the fire spread to the roof of an oil factory close by. He climbed on to the roof with an axe, cut down the burning rafters, and isolated the fire. Then, with water passed to him in buckets, he continued working (though his face and hands were burned) until the fire was thoroughly extinguished. By his courage and promptitude he prevented the flames from spreading to another portion of the factory, where there were many hundred gallons of oil stored.

142369 B.S.M. W. Pennicott, R.G.A. (Lynmouth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when two men of a working party were seriously wounded. He went to their assistance under intense shell fire, attended to them in the open, and remained with them until the shelling stopped. Eventually he succeeded in getting both men away to a place of safety.

91992 L./Cpl. A. Pollard, Tank Corps (S. Shields).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of the gun in a tank, and handled it with the greatest effect, destroying several hostile machine guns notwithstanding heavy enemy artillery fire. When the tank was put out of action by a direct hit, and filled with gas, he, assisted by another man, helped to carry his officer, who was heavily gassed, some 800 yards over ground swept by machine-gun fire to a place of safety. He then returned to his tank and blew it up, thus preventing it falling into the hands of the enemy. He displayed admirable gallantry and devotion to duty throughout the operation.

204301 Pte. B. P. Porter, E. York. R. (Weston-super-Mare).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of a Lewis gun team. Realising the right flank of his company was

in danger, he skilfully manœuvred his team, under heavy fire, to the exposed flank, and brought his gun into action at a critical moment, with the result that he gained superiority of fire and enabled his company to advance.

55485 Bomdr. A. J. Pound, R.G.A. (Abbsiley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when his No. 1 became a casualty and the detachment was suffering from the effect of gas shelling. He took command, and by his personal example and courage kept his gun continuously in action in spite of continuous and heavy shelling, the effect of his example on the men being remarkable.

3525 Sjt. A. Powell, The West India R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when his post was attacked by a greatly superior enemy force. He controlled the fire of his men with great coolness and ability, and, by his fine example and leadership, greatly contributed to the successful defence of the post.

200037 Sjt. E. J. Preece, M.M., York. L.I. (Dewsbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon officer fell seriously wounded, close to the enemy's lines, during a raid, he took command of the platoon and led it forward with great determination, though he himself was wounded, and inflicted casualties on the enemy and captured prisoners. He displayed fine qualities of leadership and conspicuous gallantry and resource.

16209 Sjt. S. Pretty, M.G. Corps (Paddington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This non-commissioned officer brought the two guns of which he was in charge into action in the open, under heavy machine-gun fire, and succeeded in silencing the fire of two hostile machine guns which were hindering the infantry in their work of consolidation. He displayed great courage and a fine example of initiative and devotion to duty, and it was due to his personal reconnaissance of routes and tactical features that the party under his skilful leading suffered only one casualty.

54229 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) A. T. Probert, R.W. Fus. (Llanvihangel-Crucarney).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the officers were killed or wounded and the enemy had entirely surrounded the company this warrant officer inspired his men with determination and resolution, gave the order to fix bayonets, and led a desperate charge against the enemy. He then collected the remnants (most of the company having become casualties) and made his way back to the next line of defence, where his work in reorganising was invaluable. He showed fine courage and enterprise.

6787 L./C. B. Punshon, North'd Fus. (Middlesboro').

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative during an enemy attack. Seeing that the

troops on his left were being heavily bombed he mounted the parapet with his Lewis gun, and though exposed to severe sniping he inflicted numerous casualties upon the enemy, and by afterwards maintaining a steady covering fire he greatly assisted a party to counter-attack and drive back the enemy. Later, seeing an enemy machine gun in position 100 yards away he engaged it and killed all the enemy team. He did splendid service.

6581 Sjt. T. S. Purves, M.M., Sco. Fus. (Edinburgh).

For most conspicuous gallantry when the front line trench and gas projector emplacement were being very heavily shelled. About twenty direct hits were made on the emplacement, setting on fire the camouflage covering the projectors. This N.C.O., with complete disregard for his personal safety, rushed out with water to extinguish the fire, and while still under very heavy shelling succeeded in overcoming the flames. His action showed a splendid example of self-sacrifice, quick decision and courage.

200342 Sjt. F. Pyle, R. Suss. R. (Grafham, Sussex).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his company when all officers had become casualties and handled it with great skill and courage, his eagerness to advance acting like a tonic on his men when they were nearly exhausted. He was shot through the thigh while rushing an enemy machine gun, but went on and captured it, killing two of the enemy himself. Owing to loss of blood he was then compelled to go back, but directed the advance to continue and handed over his command to the next senior N.C.O. He behaved magnificently.

2120 Sjt. W. Raphael, Gord. Highrs. (Gatehouse).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the centre of the advance was being held up by two machine guns in strong points this N.C.O. went forward with a bombing party, and in spite of the heavy fire from these guns rushed them and destroyed the guns and teams with a volley of bombs. Thanks to his magnificent courage and promptitude the advance was able to continue.

265008 Sjt. C. W. Raffan, Gord. Highrs. (Keith).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack, when the company was held up by heavy machine-gun fire, this N.C.O., although wounded, crossed over and directed some tanks towards the machine-gun nests. He did so twice under heavy fire, and was chiefly responsible for the killing and capturing of the garrisons. Throughout the battle he displayed splendid gallantry, initiative and resource.

26263 Pte. (L./Cpl.) J. Ratcliffe, E. Lan. R. (Darwen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in command of a section of his company during an attack by our troops. Early in the day a heavy shell fell among his

section, making them all casualties and wounding him himself in the side. Seeing, however, that a neighbouring Lewis gun section had lost its leader he took command, and in spite of loss of blood from his wound he led it successfully to its objective. He remained with his men for five hours after being wounded and withdrew to the dressing station only when ordered to do so. His gallantry, initiative and resolute endurance were admirable.

203251 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) S. J. Ravenscroft, O. & B. L.I. (Slough).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Without artillery assistance he led his platoon most skilfully and with complete success against an enemy trench, capturing 300 yards of trench and killing or capturing the garrison, besides taking a machine gun. His platoon only suffered two casualties. He displayed the greatest gallantry and ability to command.

9632 Cpl. C. P. Read, M.G. Corps (Dalston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his section officer became a casualty he assumed command and steadied and reorganised the section under heavy fire, getting into touch with troops on the flanks and with company headquarters. Throughout the operations his courage and determination in the face of adverse circumstances were a conspicuous example which was of the greatest value to all his comrades.

13047 Sjt. C. H. Reaney, Midd'x R. (Kentish Town, N.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. When several bombs were thrown at his platoon as they were crossing the wire he rallied his men and rushed the post, capturing the occupants. On reaching the final objective he and another man captured one of the enemy with a light machine gun. When the recall signal was sounded he remained behind and exploded two unused Bangalore torpedoes on a grenade dump and a dug-out. His determined leadership and fine example contributed largely to the success of the raid.

5011 Cpl. W. Reardon, M.M., Lrs. ([E] Preston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After his horse had been shot in a charge he took a Hotchkiss gun from a derelict Tank and fired it with great skill and effect until a withdrawal was ordered. He then ran across the open to another Tank and directed its fire on the enemy machine-guns at close range, he himself sitting on the outside of the Tank under very heavy fire. He showed splendid gallantry and initiative.

L/4289 C.S.M. J. V. Redmond, R.W. Kent R. (Chatham).

For conspicuous gallantry during operations. He organised the supply of ammunition, and personally took forward a party under heavy fire to reinforce the line. Twice buried and once blown several yards by a shell, he set a magnificent example of courage throughout.

292693 Cpl. D. Reid, R. Highrs. (Lark-hall).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He outflanked two enemy machine-guns which were holding up the advance. He killed the teams and captured the machine-guns. He showed magnificent courage and determination, and rendered most valuable service.

6475 L./Cpl. H. Reid, The West India R.

For conspicuous gallantry and consistent good work in a patrol action. Later, during an attack, when the firing line charged, he led the advance, carrying the machine gun and tripod on his shoulder, and brought the gun into action with great courage and promptitude under heavy fire.

203103 Pte. W. Rennie, Sco. Rif. (Annbank).

For remarkable courage and tenacity as No. 1 of a Lewis gun. He was hit in the arm early in the morning, and later was again wounded in the leg, but he still refused to go back, and continued firing his gun. In the afternoon, when the company was forced to withdraw, he covered the retirement, and was again hit in the head. He would not give up, but brought his gun back and handed it over to his No. 2 before being taken to the aid post.

240335 Pte. S. Rice, Devon. R. (Chagford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was acting as company signaller, but volunteered to attack a machine-gun post that was holding up our advance. Single-handed he rushed the post, killing two of the garrison and pursuing the remainder out of action. He found himself cut off from his company, but fought his way back with admirable skill and determination. His gallant action greatly assisted the advance of his company.

37805 Pte. (L./Cpl.) A. Richelieu, W. York. R. (Leeds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Immediately after our objective in an attack had been reached, he went out in charge of a patrol. He was severely wounded in the leg shortly after starting, but refused to have his wound dressed until he had completed his reconnaissance, during which he captured two prisoners and obtained valuable information. He showed a conspicuous example of soldierly endurance and devotion to duty.

G/3560 Sgt. W. Rickards, M.M., R. Fus. (Wealdstone).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of the Lewis gun section of a fighting patrol. The patrol suddenly came under heavy fire from three machine guns in the enemy trench. He rushed his gun in front of the platoon and caused heavy casualties among the enemy, who were manning the trench in large numbers, and enabled the patrol under cover of his fire to regain their lines. He remained where he was till dusk, firing occasional bursts, and returned at dark with the gun to his platoon. The courage, presence of

mind and determination of this N.C.O. were splendid, and he saved the lives of several of his platoon and caused several casualties to the enemy.

53691 Sgt. W. Rigg, Durh. L.I. (Kendal, Westmoreland).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a raid on the enemy line this N.C.O. showed great gallantry and devotion to duty, being responsible for keeping the party together in spite of difficulties. He, with his officer, bombed the enemy with great effect, and although wounded, he was the last man of the party to leave the enemy position. He set a fine example to all ranks by his courage and determination.

23048 Sgt. J. Roddy, R. Sco. Fus. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon was temporarily checked by the fire of an enemy machine-gun he dashed forward and bombed the crew, killing some and causing the remainder to surrender. He was seriously wounded, but remained at duty until his company had reached the objective, and had dug in. He showed a splendid example of courage and determined endurance.

13699 L./Sjt. J. M. Rooney, M.M. K.O.S.B. (Clayton-le-Moors).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon commander became a casualty he went forward and led the way. He was attacked by an enemy officer, who managed to lame him severely by a blow on the leg with the butt of his rifle. Corporal Rooney, having bayoneted the officer, continued to limp ahead until he reached the enemy support line, where, single-handed, he captured a machine gun, killing the gunner and taking the three other men prisoners. In spite of his injured leg, he dispatched nine of the enemy, and working with tireless energy, he was of the greatest assistance to his company commander, encouraging the men by his example of gallantry and unflinching endurance.

86334 Sgt. P. Roscoe, M.G. Corps (Halifax).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of two gun teams. He handled his guns with great skill, and his courage and initiative had a cheering effect on his men. When ordered to withdraw he successfully led his team across 300 yards of open country in full view of the enemy and under heavy machine-gun fire.

437308 Pte. (A./L./C.) F. Rowlands, M.M., R.A.M.C. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He showed great courage and determination in leading bearer squads to the assistance of wounded men. He worked continually for two days from the front line to the dressing station, and in spite of machine-gun fire and heavy shelling was most successful in getting his cases through. His example was such that the men would follow him anywhere.

202254 C.S.M. W. Rushton, Lan. Fus. (Stoke-on-Trent).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After the capture of an enemy post he set about the work of consolidation with great skill, though considerably harassed by snipers. He crawled forward to reconnoitre and located three, whom he killed. He returned to the post, but the consolidation was much interfered with by the enemy with rifle grenades and trench mortars. He then crept out some distance to a flank, and, showing himself, and ostentatiously digging and throwing up earth, induced the enemy to think the consolidation was proceeding in his locality. His ruse de guerre was very successful, and he drew the enemy fire off the post and enabled the real work of consolidation to be completed. He set a brilliant example of gallantry and alert initiative.

S/14820 Sjt. W. Sadler, M.M., Cam'n Highrs. (Invergowrie).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon with the greatest gallantry in an attack. Though wounded no less than four times, he kept advancing and controlling his men perfectly, giving his orders under intense machine-gun fire with the greatest coolness. He was finally wounded for the fifth time. His splendid courage and tenacity were a great inspiration to his platoon.

76029 Dvr. J. H. Sargent, R.F.A. (Mile End, E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This man was driving a gun into action when an enemy shell burst near by, killing the off horse and severely wounding him in the hand. He got the dead horse clear of the harness and then drove the gun through heavy fire about 500 yards clear of the shelled area. He had to be lifted off his horse, and it was found his right hand had been almost blown off. His gallant endurance and devotion to duty undoubtedly saved the drivers and team from further casualties.

11/1207 Cpl. T. Sawyers, E. York. R. (Hull).

For conspicuous gallantry in leading his section against an enemy post which was holding up the general advance. The situation called for immediate action, and, realising this, he skilfully pushed his section forward and eventually rushed the position. When the line was established he organised parties to carry ammunition to the posts under very trying circumstances. His courage and determination were a fine example to his men.

34774 Sjt. W. F. Scrivens, R.F.A. (South Godstone).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Coming into action hastily to cover a retirement, he fired most successfully with open sights all the afternoon on two enemy field batteries which were coming into action and on the advancing enemy, until a shell burst on his gun, killing or wounding all the detachment and slightly wounding himself. He got his wounded away to a dressing station. His fire saved the divisional in-

fantry from more losses on the ridge they held.

630585 Sjt. S. N. Seager, Lond. R. (Penge).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. When the leading line had been held up by machine-gun fire he collected seven men and led them along a ridge. All seven were wounded, so he walked back and fetched more men, whom he led forward. Again every man was hit. He walked back again and asked if he should take more men and make a third attempt.

51132 Sjt. F. Shakespeare, Durh. L.I. (Lichfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as acting C.S.M. He was of great assistance in making arrangements before the attack. During the assault he controlled and steadied the men, reorganising them on reaching the objective. Later, although wounded, he remained with the company until it was relieved.

201991 Pte. H. E. Sharpe, Linc. R. (Little Bytham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He covered his company's withdrawal with his Lewis gun team, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy and holding them up. Next day, when his team became casualties and his gun was buried, he dug it out himself, and in a few minutes had it in action against the advancing enemy. During the remainder of the action he fought his gun with the greatest determination with only a small scratch team, inflicting serious losses on the enemy. He did fine work.

265181 Sjt. J. Shaw, Sea. Highrs. (Granton-on-Spey).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In an attack he led his platoon forward with conspicuous gallantry, took his objective, and maintained his position, despite very heavy shell fire. His coolness and fine leadership under very difficult circumstances were most marked.

5643 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) W. G. Sheath, M.M., M.G. Corps (Aston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He rendered very valuable assistance to his officer, and when the latter was wounded he assumed command of the sub-section and kept the men well together, patrolling the ground between the two guns under heavy enemy bombardment. When ordered to withdraw he was the last to leave the position, covering the withdrawal by rifle fire, and when it was found that the spare parts case had been left behind he went back again to get it. Four of the enemy tried to cut him off. He shot one, and the rest gave up the attempt. Throughout the battle he set a very fine example of courage and determination to his men.

44296 Pte. A. Sheffield, Worc. R. (Southampton).

For conspicuous gallantry in a raid. After rushing an enemy pill-box he attempted to surprise and capture a machine-gun post, but discovered that several of his party were miss-

ing. He stayed out till dawn amongst the enemy positions, searching for the missing men. His conduct was excellent.

20100 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) J. Shephard, M.G. Corps ([E] Newcastle-on-Tyne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his section when the officer and serjeant became casualties, and handled his men with cool judgment and tactical ability. His personal gallantry under intense fire, his cheerfulness and devotion to duty were a splendid example, and greatly helped to maintain the spirits of his men under harassing conditions.

S/24572 Pte. J. H. Sheppard, R. Highrs. (E. Sheen).

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He advanced alone on a post occupied by twenty-one of the enemy, whom he captured and brought back to his lines. His magnificent courage and enterprise set a great example to those around him.

D/20515 Pte. R. W. Short, Dn. Gds. (Dunmow).

For most conspicuous gallantry during an attack. He was sent out with another man to reconnoitre a village. This reconnaissance was carried out with the greatest dash, the two entering the village and capturing twenty prisoners and two motor lorries. Private Short further killed two of the enemy who showed fight. He displayed fine courage and enterprise.

82452 Cpl. P. T. Shufflebotham, M.M., R.F.A. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. At the commencement of the bombardment he fired 60 out of the 80 rounds, and later went forward with three men and fired the remaining 20 rounds under intense enemy fire into the advancing enemy. He then put his gun out of action, withdrew to battery headquarters, and was the first man to volunteer to assist in placing two guns in action to cover a bridge. He did fine work.

201194 Sjt. G. Sievwright, M.M., R. Highrs. (Dundee).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When some of the men were missing after a raid, he went out to search, and in spite of heavy machine-gun fire, succeeded in bringing in the wounded, one of whom was beyond the enemy's front line.

83963 Sjt. C. A. Sills, M.M., R.E. (Doncaster).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the carrying party of which he was in charge suffered severe casualties from a heavy hostile barrage, this N.C.O. ordered the remainder to take cover, while he himself, in the absence of stretcher-bearers, bandaged the wounded and got them into comparative safety. His fine qualities of leadership and determination enabled him to keep his party together, and to accomplish successfully the task entrusted to him. Later, he was in charge of a section working for four hours under heavy shell and machine-gun fire constructing a road for pack animals to within 400 yards of the front-line

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posts. He successfully completed the work, and whilst returning he found a wounded man in the standing corn who had been missed by the stretcher-bearers. The machine-gun fire was intense, but he brought the wounded man in and handed him over to the stretcher-bearers. His conduct throughout was exemplary.

771893 Gnr. H. Simpkin, R.F.A. (Bridlington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While retiring with a wounded man towards a river bridge he observed that the bridge was held by the enemy. He went a kilometre to the left of the bridge, swam out to a boat in mid-stream, and under heavy fire returned with it and brought across a party of twenty men. He led the party to the canal and waded shoulder deep with the wounded man under cover of the reeds to the bridge, getting him safely across under heavy fire from the river bank.

38270 Pte. E. Simpson, W. York. R. (Bramley, near Leeds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While Pte. Simpson was engaged in cutting a gap in the enemy wire, which was checking the progress of his section during our advance, he was attacked by an enemy officer, who fired at him at point-blank range. Pte. Simpson, who was untouched, desisted from his task and killed his assailant, and then resumed his work of cutting the wire, eventually making a way for his section to advance. Subsequently, when the enemy threw several stick grenades at his section, with rare promptitude and courage he picked up the grenades before they exploded and threw them back, undoubtedly saving many casualties. During the whole operation his conduct was distinguished by fine courage and disregard of danger.

6124 Cpl. M. Simpson, West India R.

For conspicuous gallantry and consistent good work when in charge of a Stokes gun during an attack. After the firing line had given ground, he brought his gun and ammunition back in splendid order under very heavy fire. Later, he rendered fine service whilst in charge of a Stokes gun throughout a day's fighting.

75577 Sjt. J. Sims, R.G.A. (Bristol).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as No. 1 of his gun, which was in action continuously for sixteen hours. His gun was hit twice, and he was hit and knocked over, but he continued firing until ordered away thoroughly exhausted. His shooting was most accurate all day, and his services throughout were invaluable.

10/1134 Pte. W. Singleton, E. York. R. (Hull).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During our attack a gap was formed between the battalion and the unit on its flank. Pte. Singleton, on his own initiative, took up a position with his Lewis gun and kept the gap covered with his fire until the final objective was reached and the gap

was made good. He materially assisted in the capture of a farm that was held by the enemy by engaging with great effect a machine gun that was holding up the movements of our troops. On both occasions his ready action and skilful management of his gun, which he used with most resolute courage, prevented much delay and saved many casualties.

139643 Cpl. S. R. Slough, R.E. (Acton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While working a little apart from his company he found a nest of the enemy in a shell-hole. He immediately jumped into them with a felling axe and made them surrender. He showed magnificent gallantry and promptitude.

53874 Cpl. A. C. Smith, M.G. Corps (High Wycombe).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his section serjeant was wounded during an advance, he took command of the guns and went forward himself with great determination under intense artillery fire, to select positions. One of his teams was put out of action by a shell, and he went to the gun under heavy fire and carried on by himself. He and his gun were blown up by a shell, but in spite of his condition from shell shock he cleaned the gun and got it into action again. His resolute courage was most marked.

51396 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) E. Smith, Lan. Fus. (Maryport).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst returning from the enemy line with a patrol he noticed a party of about forty of the enemy coming to take up night outpost dispositions. Though they were ten times the strength of his patrol, he waited for them and attacked them, inflicting heavy casualties and scattering them. He then most skilfully withdrew his patrol and brought it back without casualties. He showed the greatest enterprise and marked ability to command.

16237 Sjt. G. Smith, M.M., K.O.S.B. (Portobello).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After making a daring reconnaissance in daylight, he guided a raiding party to an enemy position, which was successfully rushed. In the hand-to-hand fighting he killed several of the enemy, and after withdrawal he went back and brought in a wounded man. He showed splendid courage, ability, and enterprise, and rendered valuable service.

20258 Sjt. H. Smith, M.G. Corps (Southall).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed great gallantry and initiative during an attack. His section officer being wounded, he assumed command, and by keeping close in touch with the advancing infantry he rendered them valuable assistance when they were held up, and inflicted severe casualties on the enemy. By his coolness and daring he set a very fine example to his men.

9502 Pte. H. R. Smith, Dn. Gds. (Brighton).

For exceptional gallantry during an attack. He was sent out with another man to reconnoitre a village. This reconnaissance was carried out with the greatest dash, the two entering the village and capturing twenty prisoners and two motor lorries. He displayed fine courage and enterprise.

240463 L./Cpl. J. Smith, N. Staffs. R. (Burton-on-Trent).

For conspicuous leadership, courage and decision while reconnoitring with two other men for a troublesome machine-gun post. He suddenly found himself behind the post, the sentry having his back to him. He decided to rush the post, and effected a complete surprise, capturing after a struggle the whole garrison of one officer and five other ranks. He brought them back with the machine gun in broad daylight and in full view of the enemy. Very important identifications were obtained.

201202 Pte. J. Smith, M.M., W. York. R. (South Cave).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was constantly walking about under intense artillery and machine-gun fire in the open in the performance of his duty of keeping up communication with battalion headquarters and of keeping touch with units on the flanks. He was eventually severely wounded in the thigh and legs, but in spite of his injuries he managed to help to bring in a badly wounded officer. His endurance and determined courage were a splendid example to all.

200388 Cpl. S. Smout, Worc. R. (Upper Gornal).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. While leading a party to clear the enemy from in front of our wire, he observed an enemy post 14 strong, including an officer. He rushed his party at them, calling on them to surrender, and brought in the whole lot. He displayed fine courage and leadership.

3/1368 Pte. (L./Cpl.) W. W. Somerville, R. Highrs. (Methil).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his section with great ability and dash during an attack. It was very largely due to the most efficient manner in which he handled his Lewis gun that the advance was made possible. He disposed of several machine guns and snipers, and by his courage and coolness under heavy fire set a splendid example to the men of his company.

D/4199 Sjt. A. L. Spain, Dn. Gds. (Lewisham).

For conspicuous gallantry in action. When his troop officer was severely wounded by machine-gun fire he immediately charged and captured the gun and continued his advance. Later, he obtained permission to go forward and bring in his squadron leader, who was severely wounded, and succeeded in doing so under heavy machine-gun fire. He displayed great courage and initiative.

18662 Sjt. J. A. Speed, M.M., Durh. L.I. (Blackhill, Durham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as signalling serjeant of the battalion during an enemy attack. He repaired the wires under very heavy shell fire. Although recently sick, he worked continuously for 20 hours. He set a very fine example to his signallers.

8672 Pte. (L./C.) F. S. Spicer, O. & B. L.I. (High Wycombe).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He organised and held a strong point with a section of men from different units. Although the line was several times penetrated on his flanks he maintained his position the whole day, thereby checking the enemy's advance and at the same time capturing 12 prisoners. He did splendid service.

73284 Pte. R. Springall, Notts. & Derby. R. (Stratford, E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This man with another volunteered to accompany his commanding officer to reconnoitre the enemy's dispositions within our line. He showed the greatest determination and courage throughout the reconnaissance, and when his C.O. and the serjeant that formed the party had both been wounded actually on the parapet of the trench occupied by the enemy, this man, with Pte. Groom, brought back their C.O., who was unable to move, into safety. He behaved magnificently.

548697 Spr. E. A. Staplehurst, R.E. (Cuckfield, Sussex).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Together with Sapper Maloney, of the same company, he accompanied the first wave of infantry during an attack. When the objective was reached, they endeavoured to demolish a masonry road bridge in full view of the enemy on the opposite bank. Two attempts being unsuccessful, they procured tools and proceeded to pick up the roadway, after which they laid their charge, and, blowing a large gap in the bridge, rendered it impassable. During the whole time they were under heavy machine-gun fire from houses at close range. Their very gallant behaviour and disregard of danger was an impressive example to many who witnessed the occurrence.

15173 Sjt. E. Stead, M.M., W. Rid. R. (Bradford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid. He led his party with great skill and gallantry to the first objective, and personally captured the sentry posted there. He then led his party forward to the main line of trenches in front, and mopped up ground left out by another party. He showed fine courage and initiative.

D/20965 Cpl. R. C. Steel, Dns. (Belfast).

For conspicuous gallantry when acting as orderly to the brigade commander. He carried many messages under heavy machine-

gun and artillery fire, and had two horses shot under him. His courage and devotion to duty have always been conspicuous.

26417 Pte. L. Stephens, R.W. Fus. (Neath, Glam.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy raid. Though wounded he continued to fight, and assisted in re-establishing the post and driving off the enemy, and held the post single-handed until reinforcements arrived. Not until the remainder of the post (all of whom had been wounded) had been attended to, did he allow himself to be bandaged. Throughout the operation he showed fine courage and determination.

16989 Sjt. D. Stevenson, R. Scots Fus. (Dreghorn).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon was checked by two enemy machine guns and his officer wounded he assumed command, and placing his two Lewis guns where they could give covering fire, with his rifle section worked round the flank of the enemy post and rushed it without a casualty, capturing twenty prisoners and two machine guns. He showed great coolness and ability to command.

14238 Pte. J. Stone, M.G. Corps (Everton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he accompanied his officer as section runner to the final objective, where they found a hostile machine gun which was causing loss to our troops. Having reconnoitred the position, they rushed the post from different sides, Private Stone using a shovel with great effect. The gun was captured, together with its detachment of one officer and five other ranks. During the day and later he rendered valuable service, carrying messages and guiding carrying parties with rations and S.A.A., often under heavy shell fire, to the front line, and he also did most useful work in helping to evacuate the wounded. He displayed great courage and the utmost energy throughout the operations.

22316 Cpl. H. Stott, K.O.S.B. (Newhey).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. was in command of a section which was held up during our advance by a group of enemy machine guns. He manœuvred his men with skill to within bombing distance, and throwing his grenades with great accuracy himself he killed or wounded every one of the enemy, and the company was able to advance. He was wounded in doing this, but continued to lead his men on to the final objective, where he again cleared the enemy trench by his accurate bomb-throwing. He was here wounded a second time, but though much weakened by loss of blood, he continued to direct the work of consolidation of his section until, in obedience to a direct order from his platoon commander, he went unassisted to the dressing station. His courage and endurance were admirable.

18430 A./Cpl. J. H. Stratford, O. & B. L.I. (Davertry).

For conspicuous gallantry and utter disregard of personal safety during an enemy attack. He jumped on to the parapet and single-handed killed six of them with the bayonet. At one time he held a fire bay alone against a large body of the enemy. The example of courage and determination he set until he was himself wounded was magnificent.

32245 Fitter Gnr. (A./Fitter S./Sjt.) P. Strickland, R.G.A. (Gosport).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The guns of his section had just pulled into position when the enemy bombardment began. He immediately began to get the guns ready to fire, and under heavy H.E. and gas shelling continued to work on the guns in the open until both were ready for action. Owing to his gallantry the guns of his section were in a position to take an early part in repelling the enemy's attack.

11094 Rfn. F. G. Sutton, K.R.R.C. (Wood Green, N.).

For conspicuous gallantry in a raid on the enemy outpost line. He rushed an enemy machine gun, bayoneted one gunner and captured another. He afterwards ran at and killed a rifleman who was in the act of firing at him. Throughout he showed splendid courage and resolute promptitude, and his assistance was invaluable to the officer in charge of the party.

301337 L./C. (A./Sjt.) G. Swapp, M.M., R.A.M.C. (Aberdeen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when acting as liaison between three battalions of infantry and advanced dressing stations. He carried out his work in the open under heavy shell fire, and though suffering from the effects of gas, repeatedly went forward to regimental aid posts, and led out squads to collect wounded. Throughout he showed splendid devotion to duty and saved many lives.

612018 Sjt. M. Symonds, R.H.A. (East Dereham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a withdrawal his gun was overturned and the limber smashed. He rode back half a mile under heavy fire and tried to extricate another limber from the mud while the advancing enemy were firing on him. Failing in this, he returned to the guns and kept one in action until surrounded by the enemy. He showed great courage and determination.

C/7504 Sjt. L. Symons, M.M., K.R.R.C. (Penzance).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack which was heavily pressed by the enemy, some of whom actually succeeded in entering the trench of his post. He eventually beat off the enemy. He was gassed and wounded, but continued firing at a machine

gun that was enfilading his post. He set a splendid example to his men.

201659 A./Mech./S./S./M. F. Sykes, Tank Corps (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an advanced position for two days and two nights, with very little rest, under heavy shelling, repairing damaged Tanks. His complete disregard of his own safety and unflagging energy set a splendid example to all who were with him, and his remarkable technical skill and resource very greatly helped the success of the salvage operations.

G/6010 Pte. F. Tallon, R. Suss. R. (Kendal).

For conspicuous gallantry and disregard of personal danger during a raid on the enemy lines. He saw one of the enemy running away with a light machine gun on his shoulder, and immediately gave chase and followed him over the enemy second line. He fired at the man and made him drop the gun, which Pte. Tallon brought triumphantly back to his lines. Throughout the operation he showed splendid courage and initiative.

19171 Sjt. J. Tate, M.M., M.G. Corps (Bradford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He kept his gun firing under heavy shell and machine-gun fire, inflicting very severe casualties on the advancing enemy. After covering the withdrawal of the infantry he led his team back; he then went back through a hail of bullets to fetch his tripod, which had been left behind, and at once got his gun into action again. He displayed fine courage and determination.

201523 Sjt. H. W. Tayler, Tank Corps (Leigh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He commanded a tank with great success during the whole of an action, fighting it with much skill and the utmost bravery. He destroyed a great many groups of hostile machine guns, and brought away several guns complete with spare parts. On his own initiative he advanced through our protective barrage and patrolled far in advance of the infantry, thus greatly assisting their action. He set an admirable example of cheerfulness and resolute determination.

9938 Pte. A. A. Taylor, Durh. L.I. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When we had reached our objective after a successful advance, this man went forward to reconnoitre in front with his platoon serjeant. They took three prisoners in the standing corn and three more in a shelter, and, working through the corn, were able to attack from the rear an enemy machine gun and team, whom they also captured. Returning through the stacks of reaped corn, they secured another light machine gun and two prisoners. Pte. Taylor worked most energetically and courageously in co-operation with his platoon serjeant, and by their enterprising and de-

terminated action they crushed what might have become a serious local counter-attack.

240836 Cpl. H. F. Terrett, Glouc. R. (Gloucester).

For conspicuous gallantry and determination in an attack. When his company was held up by machine-gun fire this non-commissioned officer advanced with a section of six as far as he could, and then dug in. He maintained his position all day, inflicted considerable casualties on the enemy, and then skilfully withdrew. He rendered splendid service.

42811 Pte. W. Thompson, S. Staff. R. (Richmond).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during four days' heavy fighting. He was one of a Lewis-gun team, and on the first day the remainder of his team became casualties, and all the magazines were lost except the one on the gun. During each withdrawal he stayed behind with his gun, firing and unloading his own magazine himself, until everyone was clear. On the third day he took forward his gun, and by enfilade fire prevented the enemy for twenty-four hours from concentrating and organising an attack on the battalion. He showed fine courage and determination.

23148 Pte. C. A. Thornton, Leic. R. (Wigston Magna).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a company runner during an enemy attack. He was sent with a message to battalion headquarters from a forward company through an intense enemy barrage. On the way back to his company he ran into the enemy, who had broken through the front line, and was seized by them, but escaped back to the next line of resistance, where he gave warning of the approach of the enemy. He then made his way back to battalion headquarters, where he gave the first information of the break through by the enemy. He did valuable service.

3/5555 Pte. E. Thynne, E. York. R. (Felling-on-Tyne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an advance this soldier was ever in the forefront of the attack. When the advance was delayed at a farm that was determinedly held by the enemy, he rushed forward through heavy machine-gun fire and forced his way into the buildings. Pte. Thynne captured three prisoners; the remainder of the garrison retired precipitately. The final objective having been reached, he volunteered to take back the information to battalion headquarters. After making his way through a heavy hostile barrage, he safely delivered his message, together with a most useful account of the precise situation and the requirements of the front line. His behaviour throughout was distinguished by brilliant gallantry.

275292 S./S./M. J. J. Tomkins, Yeo. (Northampton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when two troops of his squadron were sent to seize a tactical feature. While approaching the place the squadron leader was killed, and this warrant officer at once

took charge of the two troops and seized and consolidated the position, in spite of heavy rifle fire. He showed fine dash and ability.

200053 R.S.M. F. Townley, M.C., R. War. R. (Edgbaston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He gathered battalion headquarters together and covered all approaches to headquarters. He assumed command, and held off repeated efforts of the enemy to advance. His splendid example of cool fearlessness encouraged his men to hold the position until reinforced.

242351 L./Sjt. H. Tytler, Sea. Highrs. (Pimlico).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Seeing an enemy machine-gun team about to enfilade a sunken road containing many men, he selected a man, ran with his gun to a good position, and succeeded in killing the team while they were mounting their gun. Later, after heavy casualties, he showed great ability in organising the gun team and other sections. Throughout the operations his gallantry, coolness, and fine leadership inspired great confidence in those under his command.

235706 L./Cpl. (A./Cpl.) A. Ussher, R.W. Fus. (Kempiton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when the outpost positions were strongly attacked and looked like being cut off. He promptly took command of a body of men, which he pushed forward, and with them held off the attack until a withdrawal had been successfully accomplished. He then skilfully withdrew, fighting all the way, to the position ordered. He later displayed similar courage, enterprise and skill in the operation which restored the position.

290090 L./Sjt. V. T. Valentine, Gord. Highrs. (Stonehaven).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the officers of his company had become casualties, he rendered invaluable service in leading the company through a heavy enemy barrage. His great gallantry inspired the men near him, and contributed largely to the success of the company's attack. Throughout he set a splendid example of fearlessness and soldierly spirit.

50075 Cpl. T. Venables, R.F.A. (Stafford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of two heavy trench mortars, which were in action immediately behind our front line. When our attack began the enemy put down a heavy barrage on the trench occupied by these mortars, the detachments of which suffered heavy casualties. Cpl. Venables showed an admirable example of coolness and fortitude, and by his conduct steadied and encouraged what was left of his detachments, and carried out the firing programme in its entirety. After the bombardment ended, the detachments, now reduced to two men each, stood by for twenty-four hours to respond to S.O.S. calls with a resolution and courage which

were largely inspired by this non-commis-
sioned officer's fine behaviour.

28779 Pte. (A./Cpl.) F. J. Wake, M.G.
Corps (Battersea, S.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He got his gun into action immediately the battalion had captured their first objective. He mounted it right in the open in order to bring fire on a bridge. He put out of action an enemy field gun. He then caused considerable casualties in an enemy camp. His gun was heavily shelled by 4.2 in. guns, but he remained in position after the infantry withdrew. Eventually he got his gun and all stores safely back across the open to the new line. Throughout he behaved with great courage and determination.

266706 L./Cpl. A. Walker, R. War. R.
(Coventry).

For conspicuous gallantry in an attack. He led his Lewis-gun team close under our barrage to the enemy line and captured a machine gun and two prisoners. He then took his team forward to a commanding position, which he successfully held for several hours under heavy fire until the remainder of the company were up into line. He showed marked courage and initiative.

771561 A./B.S.M. M. Wallace, M.M.,
R.F.A. (Hebburn Colliery).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, when the wagon lines were heavily shelled and an ammunition dump set on fire, causing casualties to men and horses. He set a splendid example by working on the exploding dump and gradually putting out the fire; also he got the wagons loaded with ammunition and the animals cleared. He was the means of saving the lives of men and horses and saving a quantity of ammunition.

24989 Pte. (A./L./Cpl.) D. Waller, M.M.,
W. Rid. R. (Bradford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He set a splendid example of courage and determination under heavy fire. By getting round with two sections in rear of the enemy and clearing him out he enabled a village to be occupied. Whilst consolidating he was wounded by a sniper, but refused to be moved for fear of drawing fire on the position.

2097 Sjt. J. Walsh, York. L.I. (Hudders-
field).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the officers and senior N.C.Os. of his company had become casualties, the platoon commander being killed, he rallied the company and reorganised it, and led the men forward again to the attack with great courage and determination, displaying ability and resource of a high order.

295088 A./Cpl. E. J. Warfield, Som. L.I.
(Ilton, Somerset).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an advance, when all officers and senior N.C.Os. had become casualties, he assumed command and gained

the final objective, at once sending a valuable report back to the battalion commander. His fine initiative and courage at a most critical time greatly contributed to the success of the operation.

635626 Sjt. W. Warrender, R.F.A.
(Wemyss).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. He was with a forward roving gun in close support of the infantry. He was frequently in charge when the officer was forward, and displayed great initiative and ability in firing on moving targets while under very heavy gun and machine-gun fire, and caused considerable casualties to the enemy.

13771 F. of Wks. Q./M./S. S. H. Wass,
R.E. (Baghill).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went out on his motor cycle to reconnoitre and report on water. Although fired at, both by rifles and field guns, he continued with great courage to make his report, taking what cover he could. During a lapse in the fire he succeeded in getting away with his machine and brought back information of very great value to the Chief Engineer.

240598 C./S./M. C. E. Waterhouse, W.
Rid. R. (Huddersfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the leading platoon was held up by an enemy strong point during an attack he brought up reinforcements and rushed the post, capturing twenty prisoners and six machine guns. Throughout the operations this warrant officer has been conspicuous for gallantry and initiative, and his example has been most valuable to his company.

313091 Spr. C. R. Watkins, R.E. (Talybont,
Breconshire).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He was in charge of five men at the group forward exchange, and, under heavy bombardment, he kept the lines open to several observation posts and maintained visual with brigade for some time. Finally, the whole exchange was knocked in, several of his men being killed and he himself wounded. He behaved splendidly.

21427 Pte. (L./Cpl.) F. Watson, E. Lan. R.
(Nelson).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During our advance the line, of which the section in which L./Cpl. Watson was fighting formed part, swept over some dug-outs which were thought to be empty. After he and his comrades had gone on a few yards some of the enemy came out and attacked them in rear. L./Cpl. Watson was hit, but turned round and dashed at the enemy, bayonetting two of them, on which the remainder surrendered. His prompt and courageous action prevented serious disorganisation occurring in the platoon at a critical moment.

282171 L./Cpl. (A./Sjt.) H. F. Watson, Lond R., and K. Afr. Rif. (Hoxton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. When his company was retiring under heavy enemy pressure he turned back and, unassisted, brought in a wounded askari, exposing himself to maxim and rifle fire at close range in the bush. Throughout the day his fine coolness and determination greatly inspired his men.

295869 Sjt. J. Watson, R. Sco. Fus. (Gretna).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when commanding a fighting patrol. He surprised a dozen of the enemy, whom he captured, with one machine gun which had been causing casualties. His able leadership and devotion to duty were an example to all.

459151 2nd Cpl. J. Watson, R.E. (S. Gosforth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While accompanying two officers along a trench a trench-mortar bomb fell between them. Shouting to the officers to get away, he placed his foot on the bomb, which immediately exploded, blowing off his foot and slightly wounding one of the officers. His splendid courage undoubtedly saved his officers from very serious injury.

40934 Pte. J. Watt, R. Scots (Slateford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After a heavy barrage of artillery, trench mortar and machine-gun fire the enemy raided the battalion on his right. Private Watt mounted his Lewis gun on the parapet and lay there in order to obtain a field of fire. With absolute disregard of personal danger he kept his gun in action until the raiding party was dispersed. During this time he received a bullet wound in the chest, but did not report that he was wounded. He behaved splendidly.

266543 Sjt. D. Watters, R. Highrs. (Auchterarder).

For conspicuous gallantry when his party was held up by enemy machine-gun fire. Crawling out to a flank he shot several of the team and then captured the gun single-handed. This was a magnificent act of courage and prompt initiative; and all through operations he set a splendid example of coolness and determination to his men.

203124 Cpl. T. Watts, Glouc. R. (Cheltenham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. was out on our front for ten hours under heavy shell and machine-gun fire in charge of patrols. When all the men of the first patrol became casualties he returned, bringing all his wounded men back, and took out a second patrol. This likewise was placed hors de combat. He then took out a third party, and eventually with only one man unwounded reached a spot whence he gained the required information. On his final return he rendered most valuable service in strengthening the position and reorganising the company against a counter-

attack. His determined perseverance and complete disregard of danger invested his conduct with peculiar merit.

33399 L./C. E. H. Webb, York. R. (Leyton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid. For two nights previously he reconnoitred the ground, often fired at by the enemy and within bombing distance of them, and his reports were of the greatest value to the raiding party. In the raid itself he acted as guide for the left party, and took a prominent part in the capture of the eleven prisoners. He did splendid service.

203468 Pte. R. Webster, Cam. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In the opening stages of our attack he saved a critical situation by bombing an enemy machine gun which, from behind a thickly-wired fence, was holding up our advance. He broke through the fence and accounted for the whole team, and the men then followed his lead to the final objective. Later, during the consolidation, he worked forward about 300 yards beyond our line, under heavy fire, and bombed a machine gun, the crew of which at once surrendered. Throughout the operations he set a splendid example of courage and energy.

3099 Sjt. C. Weir, The West India R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when his post was attacked by a greatly superior enemy force. He controlled the fire of his men with great coolness and ability, and by his fine example and leadership greatly contributed to the successful defence of the post.

26521 Pte. (L./Cpl.) W. T. Wheeler, Midd'x R. (Tottenham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He and some others rushed a machine-gun post, capturing a gun and ten prisoners. After reaching the objective he was told to take his section and reinforce some moppers-up. This he did, and captured a second machine gun and twelve prisoners. The courage and leadership of this young non-commissioned officer were of a very high order.

240244 Cpl. E. White, M.M., Notts. & Derby. R. (Matlock).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When on a daylight patrol this non-commissioned officer and another attacked a shell-hole post behind the enemy wire and killed the three occupants. The patrol then entered the shell-hole for identification, but were attacked by seventeen of the enemy and withdrew to their lines and took out a Lewis gun, which they used with great effect on the enemy. This non-commissioned officer has always shown great courage, particularly on patrols.

200318 Cpl. E. J. White, R. Suss. R. (Horsham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took over command of his company when all the officers and non-commis-

sioned officers had become casualties. Under heavy fire and on his own initiative he reorganised the line with great skill and courage. At a critical period his grasp of the situation was largely responsible for the steadiness of his company in the advance.

29643 Motor Cy. Cpl. J. White, R.E. (Cork).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when carrying urgent despatches. Although twice fired upon by parties of the enemy with machine guns and rifles he waited his opportunity and got through them, and delivered his despatches to their destination. He showed great coolness and resourcefulness. Throughout the operations he did excellent work under arduous and dangerous conditions.

250228 C.S.M. H. D. Whitford, Manch. R. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack on an enemy strong point. He led a party under heavy machine-gun fire to bring in a man lying in No Man's Land, and led another party with ammunition and rations through to the garrisons holding the new posts. Throughout the operations he set a fine example of courage and resource to the men of his company.

60482 Pte. W. Wiggans, M.M., Ches. R. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while carrying messages to the front line under very heavy shell fire, the situation being at the time uncertain, and the outpost companies being almost surrounded. By his tenacity and courage in delivering these messages two companies were successfully extricated from a very precarious position.

2493 Sjt. G. W. Wiggin, Lan. Fus (Oswaldtwistle).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of a group during a raid. He charged ahead of everyone, and was the first into the enemy position. Here he met seven of the enemy, of whom he himself killed four and captured three. He set a splendid example to all ranks.

9894 Sjt. J. Wigston, Sea. Highrs. (West Kilbride).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Early in an advance all the officers of his company became casualties. He then assumed command, and successfully led the company to the objective, personally capturing two machine guns and twelve prisoners. He displayed magnificent gallantry and determination, and his leadership was admirable.

38518 Sjt. R. Wilkie, York. L.I. (Bargeddie).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. With his company commander he proceeded along 300 yards of trench, bombing the enemy and capturing many prisoners. He personally accounted for a great number of the enemy, who became completely demoralised by the determination of the counter-attack. Throughout the operation he showed splendid courage and dash.

301000 Sjt. W. H. Williams, attd. L'pool R. (Edge Hill).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He volunteered to enter an enemy trench alone, and bring back an identification. The sap-head was first bombarded with Stokes mortars and rifle grenades, and two enemy were observed to bolt down the sap. Serjeant Williams then dashed across the open and entered the sap. He made his way about thirty yards down it, and ran into an enemy N.C.O. at the head of a small party. By persuasion, a couple of kicks, and a revolver shot or two fired wide to frighten him, he got this N.C.O. out of the trench, through a shower of bombs, and back to his own lines. His splendid courage and enterprise won the admiration of all, and the identification so much needed at the time was secured.

12/1246 C.S.M. J. A. Willoughby, Y. and L. Regt. (Heeley, Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed an absolute disregard of danger during an enemy attack, and several times led parties of men to their battle positions through gas and heavy shell fire. He also helped to carry in a wounded man of a patrol under heavy machine-gun fire. He set a splendid example to his men.

325306 Sjt. W. Wilson, Durh. L.I. (Wintaton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he frequently rallied his men and led them forward under intense machine-gun fire. Having captured his objective, he went out on his own initiative under very heavy fire some half a mile to a flank in order to get touch with the unit next to him. During eight days' heavy fighting his energy was untiring and his ability and leadership conspicuous. He set a splendid example of courage and devotion to duty.

265080 C.S.M. E. Wiseman, W. Rid. R. (Keighley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took out a party of eleven other ranks and occupied an enemy post six hundred yards from his lines that had been raided early that morning. Shortly after arrival he observed an enemy party about twenty strong advancing towards the post. When the latter were within fifteen yards he called on them to surrender. The leader drew his revolver and some of the others started to throw bombs. C.S.M. Wiseman shot the leader dead and ordered his men to open fire, inflicting heavy loss on the others, only two of whom got away. He showed great coolness and fine leadership, and did valuable service.

9662 R.S.M. H. O. Withers, R.F.A. (Hull).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. Whilst he was working in the headquarter wagons a shell exploded on the wagon park, wounding some men and animals and causing a stampede. At considerable risk he stopped two of the teams, and eventually got his wagons

away without further casualties. He behaved throughout with great coolness.

5566 Cpl. G. Wood, K.R.R.C. (King's Norton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in co-operation with a raid. He fired his Stokes gun continuously for an hour and five minutes under severe enemy shell fire. When all his shells were expended he used those of another gun thirty yards away, running backwards and forwards until all were used up. By his exceptional coolness and determination under heavy fire this N.C.O. set a splendid example to his comrades.

202487 Sjt. S. V. Wood, Sea. Highrs. (Derby).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he located an enemy machine gun which was holding up his company, and working his way round he outflanked and rushed it, capturing the gun, killing the team, and enabling the advance to continue. His magnificent gallantry and brilliant performance greatly contributed to the success of the attack. He did splendid work.

18197 Cpl. W. W. Wragg, D.C.L.I. (Mile End).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Five minutes after our advance had started, the platoon commander and platoon serjeant became casualties. Cpl. Wragg at once took command, and led the men with the utmost dash and gallantry forward to the final objective, where he skilfully and energetically consolidated his position. During the whole of the operations the behaviour of this N.C.O. was most gallant, and he set a very fine example to his men.

7764 C.S.M. H. Wray, W. York. R. (Bradford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of twenty men during a raid. By his dash and able leadership he set all ranks a fine example, was responsible for many prisoners being taken, and brought his party back without a casualty. He had previously done fine work.

15383 L./Sjt. F. Wright, E. York. R. (Easington Colliery).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During our attack this N.C.O. was in the first wave of his company when the advance was being delayed by the fire of an enemy machine gun in a concealed position. He dashed through a hedge, and, discovering the emplacement of the gun, shot and killed the gunner; the remainder of the detachment surrendered. The captured gun was then turned on the enemy. He displayed great coolness and gallantry, and his prompt action overcame what might undoubtedly have proved a very serious obstacle to the advance.

245912 Cpl. F. Wright, Durh. L.I. (Bridlington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a daylight patrol against an enemy post he boldly advanced up to an entrance and captured two of the enemy.

Then he succeeded with an officer in capturing ten more prisoners. They then entered the enclosure, he and the officer getting two more prisoners and a machine gun. The total was fourteen prisoners and a machine gun, and the success of the enterprise was very greatly due to the great courage and enterprise of Cpl. Wright.

6398 L./Cpl. R. Wright, West India R.

For conspicuous gallantry and cool courage during a withdrawal. He went back under heavy fire and recovered the base plate of his gun. Later, by his fine example he kept the porters together when the first line transport stampeded. Later again, his coolness and initiative under heavy fire enabled the officer commanding his machine-gun section to locate many enemy targets. He behaved splendidly throughout.

24434 Sjt. F. Wyatt, M.M., R.F.A. (Kington, S.E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He volunteered to act as No. 1 gun of a detached gun, and throughout the operations performed his duties with great courage and ability, remaining in action till the last moment, firing on the advancing enemy over open sights, and inflicting heavy casualties on them.

266851 Cpl. A. C. Yeo, O. & B.L.I. (Neath. S. Wales).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a Lewis-gun section during enemy attacks. He held his fire until the last minute, and caused many casualties to the enemy. He beat off two attacks, and when rushed by the third attack he took up a position in rear, and promptly got his gun into action again. His courage and determination were most marked.

CANADIAN FORCE.

439738 Pte. W. R. Blyth, M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He made a daring reconnaissance prior to a raid, and in the raid itself led his section with great dash to the objective. Finding the enemy had withdrawn, he joined a party of one officer and six other ranks, and with them worked in several hundred yards, and lay and waited for the enemy, who appeared three-quarters of an hour later. In the fight that followed he was forward in the attack, and received a painful bayonet wound. Notwithstanding this, he seized one of the enemy and tried to bring him back as a live identification, but had to kill him. The success of the raid was largely attributed to the firm courage and determination of Private Blyth.

703323 Pte. E. V. Cook, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in advance of his company as scout, and single-handed he rushed an enemy machine gun and killed the crew, thereby saving many of the lives of his own company and permitting the advance to pro-

ceed unchecked. He showed splendid gallantry and determination.

757048 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) R. Dunning, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. His party suddenly encountered at close range a machine-gun crew of five. He immediately charged, and shot two of the enemy himself, two were bayoneted, and the fifth captured. Later, a dug-out containing eight of the enemy was found. These put up a stiff fight, but, by skilful leadership, he succeeded in killing them all. His section of seven accounted for nineteen of the enemy, with only two casualties to themselves.

476311 Pte. W. C. Gawley, Cav.

For most conspicuous gallantry and cool determination in action. His horse having been killed, he immediately attacked on foot an enemy machine-gun detachment, capturing the complete crew of four men and the gun, and bringing the complete detachment back to his lines under heavy fire. His performance was splendid.

71478 Sjt. F. A. Griffin, M.M., Infy.

During three days' hard fighting he displayed conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His reconnaissances were conducted with a complete disregard for his own safety, and yielded valuable results. His reports of our situation from time to time largely contributed to the successful handling of the troops in action. His energy and determination under heavy fire were admirable.

79399 A./C.S.M. A. J. Gunning, M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. He was in charge of the mopping-up parties, and on reaching the first objective he entered a dug-out and himself killed two of the enemy. He led his party through to the final objective, supervising the mopping-up thoroughly. During the withdrawal he organised stretcher parties under machine-gun fire, and assisted in evacuating the wounded. He set a splendid example of courage and determination to his men.

16225 Pte. G. D. Hays, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon was suddenly held up by machine-gun fire, he rushed forward and threw a grenade into the emplacement, and, in company with another man, who was immediately wounded, he charged with the bayonet, and killed three of the enemy, taking three others prisoners. During the whole time he was under enfilade fire from another enemy machine gun. His conspicuous gallantry and dash were worthy of very high praise.

19495 A./B./S./M. C. H. Hiscott, M.M.G. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With his motor machine-gun battery and attached cyclists he captured an enemy strong point that formed an important obstacle between ourselves and Allied troops

on our flank. He reconnoitred the enemy positions personally under heavy fire, and his conduct of the whole operation was marked by great personal gallantry and sound judgment and determination.

2574306 Cpl. A. Jackson, Rail. Troops.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while engaged on light railway patrol. Though slightly wounded, he, with a sapper, went to the assistance of a battery near his railway line, which had had its camouflage wood and sandbags ignited by heavy enemy shell fire, and after fighting the flames for half an hour under continuous shell fire, they smothered the fire. They then repaired the line, which had been damaged by shell fire, and re-railled the train. Cpl. Jackson's fine devotion to duty saved the light railway train and much battery ammunition.

106315 Sjt. J. W. Johnson, Cav.

For conspicuous gallantry and enterprise. After his squadron had taken a village he located an enemy machine gun in the church, which was causing casualties to the squadron. With a small patrol he attacked the position, and by his courage and good leadership succeeded in capturing eleven prisoners and the gun.

931156 Sjt. R. Kidd, C. Ontario R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of a section of an important raiding party. He rallied his men when some confusion occurred in getting through the enemy wire, and led them on to the trenches, where he took prisoners and dispersed the enemy with many casualties. He was indefatigable in his efforts to bring in our wounded under heavy fire. Throughout the operation he was conspicuous for his courage and devotion to duty.

45578 Pte. G. Kirkham, M.M.G. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He penetrated the enemy lines on his armoured car under intense machine-gun fire, and was able to obtain very valuable information. When the driver was wounded Private Kirkham drove the car himself and conducted operations for four hours under great difficulties. His gallantry and determination were admirable.

808065 Sjt. W. J. Loader, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in carrying out daring reconnaissances and definitely establishing the position of enemy posts prior to a raid; also in locating and taping the jumping-off line, a distance of 500 yards. During the raid, seeing one party held up, he went to their assistance and single-handed rushed the post, killing two of the enemy. He set a splendid example of courage and determination.

829276 C.S.M. B. Lyndon, Manitoba R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He commanded the leading section of a raiding party. He displayed conspicuous courage and determined leadership, and

was the first to get into the enemy trench, when he drove in the sentry and killed the non-commissioned officer himself.

79119 A./C.S.M. D. McLeod, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. When his officer fell he assumed command of the party, and successfully led them to their objective. Here he pushed ahead down a small trench, found some of the enemy, and bombed them, inflicting casualties and returning with two prisoners. He displayed great courage and skilful leadership.

425266 Sjt. F. J. Rodwell, M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid. He climbed on to the top of an enemy surface dug-out, from which the enemy were bombing freely, and dropped a bomb into it, killing twelve of the enemy. He then bombed two other dug-outs and killed eighteen more. Throughout the operation he set a splendid example of courage and leadership.

258409 C.S.M. F. Scott, Rail. Troops.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When an enemy shell set fire to a dwelling-house containing petrol he fought the fire and extinguished it. He helped to carry out wounded from the debris and placed them in a field, where they were medically attended to. But for his prompt and gallant efforts the wounded would have perished in the burning house.

116096 A./Sqdn./S.M. T. Standing, Cav.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a charge. When his squadron leader was injured he greatly assisted in rallying parts of the troops who got mixed up in wire entanglements. When both troop leaders were put out of action he took command of the remainder of the two troops and held the position until relieved by the infantry. He set a splendid example to his men of determination and cool courage.

464002 L./Sjt. H. Thompson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid. He successfully led the party to their final objective, and beyond the objective he inflicted considerable casualties on strong parties of the enemy by rifle fire; he also personally searched for a large dug-out under heavy machine-gun fire which the sappers were to demolish. He showed great gallantry and determination.

874279 Cpl. (A./L./Sjt.) R. E. Watson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of the platoon when his officer had been wounded and captured the objective in spite of intense machine-gun and rifle fire. Several enemy machine guns which were holding up our advance were taken. The very gallant and prompt manner in which this N.C.O. dealt with a difficult situation greatly contributed to the success of the attack.

AUSTRALIAN FORCE.

34 S.S.M. H. G. Ayres, M.M., Mtd. Regt.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack, when a Hotchkiss gun was put out of action through casualties to the team, he left his position with the lead horses, galloped out to the gun under heavy fire, and remained there working it until another team could be organised to relieve him. Throughout the operations his courage, resourcefulness and devotion to duty were most marked.

2871 Pte. E. E. Baulch, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was a company runner and was wounded early in the attack, but remained on duty. When the final objective was reached he was again wounded, but continued to carry despatches. When on his way to battalion battle post with a particularly important message a gas shell burst at his feet and he was blinded. Nevertheless he groped his way on along a trench and was finally met by the commanding officer himself, to whom he delivered the despatch, which contained information urgently required. His courage, endurance and devotion to duty were magnificent.

97 Sig. Cpl. R. H. L. Bligh, L.H. Regt.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the field. When the telephone wires were found to be disconnected by shell fire he immediately ran to deliver a message over ground swept by shell and machine-gun fire, and delivered it successfully. Later he took two led horses forward under heavy fire and got away two men of the field ambulance, getting wounded in doing so.

3761 Pte. P. Bolger, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He rushed a machine-gun post single-handed and despatched five of the team with the bayonet. When the remaining man endeavoured to train the machine gun on him he slewed it round, though his hand was shattered in doing so, and grappled with the enemy, whom he killed. He then dismounted the gun, which he carried with him to the R.A.P. where he was ordered to proceed. His gallant and determined action at a critical moment enabled our advance to proceed with few casualties.

266 Pte. F. Boothey, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while acting as runner during an attack. He gave great assistance in mounting some light enemy machine guns and showing a machine-gun officer, under heavy fire, where he had seen guns undermanned. His initiative and disregard of personal danger were of great assistance in thus increasing fire against an enemy counter-attack.

1290 Dvr. A. Boylan, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he rushed an enemy machine gun and captured it, killing two of the crew and making prisoners of the

others. Our advance, which was nearly held up, proceeded without a check. His gallantry and dash were witnessed by the whole platoon, who were greatly encouraged by his brilliant example.

3774 Sjt. C. Brooker, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack on the enemy trenches. Although early wounded he rallied his platoon and led them on to the objective, himself being the first into the enemy trench and killing three of the enemy before falling down unconscious from loss of blood. He showed a splendid example of courage and devotion to duty to his men.

2257 Pte. G. Cargill, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative during an attack on enemy trenches. When his platoon was held up by a strong machine-gun post, he rushed forward and placed his Lewis gun on the enemy trench slightly to a flank and swept it with his fire, effectually silencing the machine guns. His act of courage and promptitude enabled the advance to continue.

785 Sjt. H. C. Clucas, M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He commanded a platoon in the attack and captured a trench system when many of the enemy were killed and several prisoners taken. He led his men with great skill and determination, himself killing several of the enemy with the bayonet. An enemy counter-attack was annihilated by fire of a Lewis gun which he had placed in a most effective position. By his personal gallantry and dash he set a splendid example to his men.

1886a Pte. T. S. Cullen, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was company runner, and while carrying a message he came across an enemy machine-gun post carefully hidden. He rushed the post single-handed, killing the whole crew and capturing the gun. His gallant and dashing exploit saved many casualties.

4695 Pte. P. Debono, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when the enemy raided and had entered the trenches at places. He was then carrying a message overland to the front line. On reaching the trench he was faced by six of the enemy; he immediately bayoneted one, and his determined attack so cowed the others that they at once surrendered. Thanks to his prompt and gallant action six of the enemy were accounted for.

3734 Cpl. A. J. Duncan, M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous skill and courage during a daylight operation, when he advanced with his platoon and captured an enemy post. To cover consolidation he pushed his Lewis gun forward under heavy fire. In spite of losing the whole crew, he kept the gun in action, silencing one enemy machine gun and keeping down the fire of two others, thus enabling his platoon to consolidate in time to resist a heavy counter-attack.

3089 Sjt. H. Duncan, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid. He attacked an enemy machine gun, killed some of the crew, and captured two. During the clearing of the enemy trench he displayed fine courage, and throughout the operation set a striking example to his men.

837 Pte. A. J. Dunn, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He formed part of the attacking wave, and when the advance was held up by an enemy machine-gun post he rushed towards it. Several men followed, and the gun was captured. Throughout the day he made several journeys with wounded through heavy shell and machine-gun fire, and, although wounded, continued this work for some hours before he was sent to the dressing station.

3550 Pte. M. J. Fitzgerald, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his section when the commander was severely wounded early in the attack, and led it with conspicuous success. He was on the outer flank of his unit, and kept touch with the other battalion while clearing the resistance offered by enemy posts. On reaching the objective he captured an enemy machine gun which he set up and used against the enemy. He was wounded during the consolidation, but carried on till the end of the day, when he was ordered back to the R.A.P. His initiative and powers of leadership were remarkable, and he displayed fine courage under fire and great endurance.

101 Sjt. G. W. French, L.H. Regt.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in defence of a hill. Acting as troop-leader on the exposed corner of the hill, he twice led bayonet charges to clear away enemy bombers who had reached to within 20 yards of his position. Although one-third of his troop of 16 became casualties, he hung on to his exposed position and set a splendid example of coolness and determination to his men.

2657 Pte. J. Gallagher, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He was No. 1 of a Lewis gun team, and his section encountered an enemy strong point with two machine guns and 30 men. All the section except him were killed. He got his gun into action, firing from the hip, and after using up two magazines, he, with two men from another section, rushed the post and captured the two guns and seven prisoners, the only ones left alive. His prompt action and conspicuous gallantry enabled the rest of the platoon to advance.

3749 Cpl. M. L. Goodger, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of a section during an attack. He led his men into the enemy trench and then began bombing up the trench, greatly assisting the assaulting company to push home their attack. He was badly wounded,

but continued to bomb the enemy position, and made about ten of them prisoners. He showed splendid coolness and determination.

601 Sjt. G. Goodwin, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He handled his platoon with great skill after his platoon commander became a casualty. When his platoon was held up by an enemy machine-gun post he got the assistance of a tank and led his platoon against the post, capturing ten of the enemy and two machine guns, and enabling the line to advance. His determined leadership and initiative were of great value.

100 Sjt. H. McK. Gordon, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of the right mopping up party in a raid. He led the attack on an enemy machine gun, which was destroyed and the personnel of the team killed. At the end of the raid he got his wounded officer and his team safely back to the lines. He showed fine courage and leadership.

1783 Sjt. C. G. Ham, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He took charge of two greatly reduced platoons and advanced to the assault, capturing two machine guns and killing or capturing the garrison of an enemy strong post. He set a fine example of courage and determination to his men.

2491 Pte. J. L. L. Hannah, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. He was the first of his section to reach an enemy bombing post of six men, of whom he personally killed five, and took the sixth prisoner. The way was thus cleared for the remainder of his section who, working to the flanks, mopped up several more of the enemy. He did splendid service, and contributed greatly to the complete success of the raid.

8732 L./C. J. T. Harper, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when ordered to place an entanglement round a captured enemy post. He, with three others, moved forward to the post several hundred yards under heavy fire, and proceeded to erect 150 yards of entanglement under direct observation of the enemy. While the work was being completed he twice went back to report progress, and ask what he could do further. Finally, he carried despatches to battalion headquarters through heavy enemy barrage. He set a splendid example of coolness and devotion to duty.

5363 Sjt. A. Harris, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He assumed command of his platoon and led his men with great dash towards the objective. Being held up by machine-gun fire he rushed forward with two men, captured two machine guns and several prisoners, and pushed on to his objective. During consolidation he made a personal reconnaissance and sent back valuable information to his company com-

mander. He displayed fine courage and initiative.

3237 L./Cpl. J. R. C. Hayward, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the attack and capture of an enemy trench system, this N.C.O., who was in charge of a Lewis gun team, was wounded in reaching the first objective. He continued to lead his section, and pushed on 100 yards beyond the final objective, when it was captured, to protect the work of consolidation. He was wounded a second time, but remained at his post and led his party against an enemy machine gun, which was taken though he himself was wounded for the third time and had to be evacuated. His courage, endurance and brilliant leadership were an inspiration to the men under his command.

1939 Sjt. F. B. Heinze, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. During the advance he directed his men through the enemy wire and led them with great dash, himself killing several of the enemy. During consolidation, under heavy enemy opposition, he placed his Lewis guns in "No Man's Land" so that a good field of fire could be obtained. Next day he led a small party forward under heavy machine-gun fire, and seized an enemy post 200 yards ahead of the line, capturing six prisoners. He then crawled forward another 50 yards and made a valuable reconnaissance. He showed fine courage and leadership and did excellent service.

7499 Sjt. J. T. Humphreys, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty and perseverance in leading his men in a raid, when he killed the first three of the garrison himself and captured a machine gun, which he carried along until his leg was shattered by a shell. He then encouraged his men to further efforts, and after the raid was over, started to crawl back with the captured gun. When he had completed half the distance he was picked up by his officer.

5833 Cpl. A. D. Hutchinson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. When a party of the enemy held up the advance of his company, he dashed out and with his Lewis gun killed a number of the enemy and overcame the resistance. He was of great value in moving along the top of the trench with the party which was mopping up the trench system. After the objective had been taken he moved forward under enemy machine-gun fire and overcame an enemy post, capturing two machine guns, with their crews. With his gun he pursued the enemy by fire, and accounted for several of them. He did splendid service.

1661 Sjt. J. E. V. K. Ingvarson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a platoon serjeant during an attack. His platoon commander having become a casualty, he led the platoon with great dash and ability, gaining the final objective, and establishing a strong point. When the

enemy counter-attacked and occupied a portion of the front-line trenches, he organised a bombing section to work down the trench and at the same time placed a Lewis gun in position to cover the party. This enterprise was most successful, as the enemy were ejected from the trenches by the bombers and cut off by the fire of the Lewis gun, suffering many casualties. This N.C.O. showed great initiative, and set a very fine example to his men.

5713 Cpl. J. Lihou, M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of a Lewis gun section during an attack. Throughout the advance he fired from the hip with great effect, and when an enemy post threatened to hold up the line he engaged it so effectually that a bombing section was enabled to approach it from a flank without casualties and kill all the occupants. Shortly after, when one of his section became a casualty, he carried his gun as well as his own right up to the final objective. He set a splendid example of cheerfulness and cool confidence to his men.

3171 Sjt. P. L. Little, M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while battalion intelligence N.C.O. during an enemy counter-attack. When the enemy temporarily succeeded in entering the trench past the bomb block, killing the officer in charge and the N.C.O., Sjt. Little, on his own initiative, reformed the remainder of the party and led them again to the attack. He killed many of the enemy, re-established the position, and cleared up a serious situation. His conduct throughout was a fine example to his men.

3380 Cpl. A. London, M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While accompanying an officer on patrol he surprised and captured the garrison of three of an enemy post. He handed them over as prisoners, and proceeded to another post, and with great daring engaged and captured the four occupants. Later in the day he joined in an attack on an enemy strong point, and succeeded in getting behind the post and bombing it, thereby greatly assisting the attacking party and contributing largely to the success of the operation. He showed courage and initiative of a high order.

1569 Sjt. P. Lynch, M.M., M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. While he was in charge of a Vickers gun covering the consolidation after the final objective was reached, he saw an enemy machine gun come into action in a small trench some 300 yards in front. He promptly carried his gun to a position from which to engage it satisfactorily and silenced it. He then led a small party forward, and after a sharp bomb fight captured the gun and five prisoners, leaving several dead enemy in the trench. Throughout the action he set a fine example of courage and determination.

5151 Cpl. C. McAllister, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He led his men with great dash and kept touch with the flank company, filling up gaps which several times formed in the line. During consolidation, when a strong enemy party were seen working forward to a post in front of the line, he led an attack against them, dispersing the party and inflicting many casualties. His coolness and courage were an example to all about him.

3085 C.S.M. J. Meek, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. Before the furthest objective was reached the majority of his officers had become casualties. He was of the greatest assistance to the remaining officers in holding the company together and during consolidation. Owing to his coolness and energy the company were fully prepared for enemy counter-attack.

4134 Spr. R. A. Miller, Engineers.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After his officer and N.C.O. had become casualties, he pushed on with the platoon allotted for digging a strong point, selected the site and taped out the position, in spite of heavy shell and machine-gun fire. When most of his party pushed on in their eagerness to be in the fight, he organised a fresh party, who dug in, while he reconnoitred and noted down the position on both flanks. He then hastened back to headquarters with the valuable information obtained by his ability and resource.

907 Sjt. A. T. Morrison, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In broad daylight he and two other ranks surprised an enemy post and captured nine prisoners and a machine gun. He showed fine courage and initiative.

149 C.S.M. A. L. Mugglestone, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under considerable shelling by the enemy he supervised the removal of trucks and supplies from a yard, assisted by a corporal and a sapper. During this time the track was broken in four places. He showed great devotion to duty.

4109 Cpl. C. H. Napier, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and fine leadership during an attack. He led his section of four against a party of the enemy who were taking cover in some small dug-outs and bombed them out, killing most of them and capturing two prisoners. Later, he led his section against an enemy machine gun and attacked it with bombs, capturing the gun and six prisoners. He set a splendid example of courage and initiative.

6707 Cpl. W. A. Nelson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. During the advance he

led a rush against an enemy machine-gun post, capturing the gun, killing two of the crew, and taking the rest prisoners. Later, he pushed his men some way forward in the direction of the enemy to provide covering fire for the battalion. Throughout he showed great determination and initiative.

2951 Tpr. H. Newth, Mtd. Rgt.

For conspicuous courage and devotion to duty. He engaged and captured two enemy machine guns, though his own detachment were all casualties and he had to work his own gun alone. He has always set a fine example of coolness in action.

6553 Pte. J. O'Loughlin, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in putting out of action an enemy machine gun during an attack. On the first objective being reached, this gun opened fire on our troops, who were digging in. He rushed forward, bayoneted the gunner and captured the gun. A splendid performance.

6099 Pte. J. J. O'Meara, M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attempted enemy raid he leaped on to the parapet and bombed the enemy back. He was severely wounded, but continued to inflict many casualties with his bombs until the block in the trench was re-established. His courage and promptitude were of the greatest value.

2415 Cpl. A. G. Penny, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. He successfully rushed an enemy machine-gun post with his section, himself bayonetting three of the garrison. Inspired by his skill and courage, his party worked along either flank and accounted for all the enemy in that part of the trench. On the signal being given to withdraw, he got all his men back to the lines, having contributed greatly to the success of the raid.

3883 Cpl. (T./Sjt.) W. G. Phillips, M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as Lewis gun serjeant of one of the assaulting companies during an attack. When an enemy machine gun threatened to hold up the advance Sjt. Phillips, followed by three men, rushed straight at the gun and shot five of the crew with his revolver. The gun was captured and several prisoners taken. Throughout the operation he set a splendid example of coolness and determination.

329 Sjt. P. H. Rede, L.H. Regt.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. He led his men with great dash in the occupation of a hill, and though overwhelmed by numbers several times, he charged into the enemy with fixed bayonets, holding them at bay. His prompt action, bold initiative, and courageous example to his men were of great value.

2012 Cpl. J. V. Reilly, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In broad daylight he and two others went out and captured two of the enemy from one outpost and returned safely. Later, the same party visited another post which was strongly held and killed eight of the enemy. He and his party showed fine courage and initiative.

2080 Sjt. D. M. Reuben, M.M., L.T.M. Bty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of two Stokes mortars during an attack. He fought his guns most effectively during the advance and during a counter-attack by the enemy. In order to knock out an enemy machine gun, he dismantled his mortar, dashed forward to a shell-hole, and held the barrel in his bare hands while his comrade dropped the shells down the muzzle. He did fine work.

2699 C.S.M. (now 2nd Lt.) W. R. Rogers, M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. Owing to the delay caused by enemy machine-gun posts, the barrage kept getting ahead of the infantry. This warrant officer constantly went from end to end of his company and backwards and forwards from the barrage curtain to where men were being delayed, bringing them forward again. His quick insight and ability greatly contributed to the success of the operation.

15258 Spr. W. G. Ross, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while employed with Bangalore torpedoes during a raid. He got right up to the enemy's wire without being observed, but almost immediately after an enemy bomb landed in the wire between the two torpedoes. Notwithstanding the danger from explosion, he remained absolutely quiet. His cool behaviour enabled his party to successfully surprise the enemy.

1105 L./C. (T./Cpl.) B. V. Schultz, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. With two others he located a dug-out which was full of the enemy. He left his men outside, went in and captured the lot, four officers and twenty-three other ranks (the whole of the battalion headquarters). It was a splendid piece of work, showing great daring and initiative.

5086A Sjt. D. H. Scott, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He accompanied an officer on patrol and surprised and captured the garrison of an enemy post. Several times he was instrumental in locating enemy posts, in some cases rushing them single-handed and capturing the occupants. He also did most valuable work in helping to establish the new line, which was advanced some hundreds of yards. He showed great courage and initiative.

577 Pte. F. M. Shaw, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as No. 1 of a Lewis gun during an attack. He rushed forward and engaged an enemy machine gun, enabling his men to get into the post and bayonet the garrison. Shortly afterwards he rushed at another machine-gun post two hundred yards away, firing from the hip, killing the officer and another man. Eight enemy dead were found in the post. Throughout the operation he showed conspicuous gallantry, dash and initiative.

2981 Cpl. P. G. Shilcock, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He commanded his section, which he only joined as they were lying waiting for the signal of zero hour, with great success, capturing an enemy machine-gun post after a determined resistance. His platoon commander and serjeant were wounded and he took command and drove back a party of the enemy who were endeavouring to develop a flank attack. He displayed qualities of leadership and initiative of a very high order and set a splendid example of courage under fire.

2398 L./Sjt. T. G. Strachan, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as one of a silent daylight raid consisting of an officer and sixteen other ranks. He led his party with conspicuous daring, and during an encounter, in which he captured a prisoner, he was wounded in the leg. In spite of this he held his prisoner and brought him back to the lines. When his officer was severely wounded he brought him, under heavy machine-gun fire, into the trench. He then remained at his post for four hours until he collapsed and was carried to the regimental aid post. He set a fine example of courage and determination.

3957 Cpl. (Sjt.) G. E. Thomas, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, and coolness in leading a small party of men against a strong enemy position. In spite of wire entanglements hidden in the crops and a heavy barrage of bombs and machine-gun fire, he succeeded in entering the position and killing thirty of the enemy, the remainder fleeing in disorder.

1742 Cpl. G. W. Torney, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. When a portion of the line was held up he dashed forward alone against an enemy machine-gun post, threw a bomb amongst the crew, jumped into the post and single-handed killed the crew and captured the gun. The attack then proceeded. He behaved magnificently.

2732 Sjt. G. W. Turner, M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of a patrol of two men he rushed an enemy post, killing the three occupants, captured a machine gun, and brought his party back without casualties. Later, in an attack on enemy machine-

gun posts, he led his men with great ability through heavy machine-gun fire to his objective and brought back information which contributed largely to the success of the operations. He set a fine example of courage and devotion to duty to his men.

6432 Pte. A. G. Weatherall, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when a party of fifty of the enemy raided the front line and commenced to enfilade the trench with machine-gun fire. He immediately jumped up on the parapet with his Lewis gun, and, though exposed to machine-gun and hand-grenade fire, brought a heavy fire to bear on the enemy. Continuing to fire from the hip, he moved along the parapet, causing heavy casualties to the enemy and greatly contributing to the success of the bombing party attacking down the trench. He did very fine work.

4041 Sjt. J. W. Westwood, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, and good leadership during an attack. He early took charge of his platoon and led them with great daring and ability to the final objective. After consolidating his position he went with one man to get in touch with the company on his right, and, finding them held up by an enemy machine gun, he, single-handed, rushed the post, wounded the gunner and captured three prisoners and the gun. He showed splendid courage and initiative.

4225 Cpl. R. A. Wilkin, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of a post of eight men and a Lewis gun. He was attacked by enemy raiding parties from three directions. Two parties were driven off, and, when the third entered the trench from the rear of his post, he immediately rushed them and drove them out. Owing to his courage, initiative and resource the raid was a failure.

1112 Sjt. G. Yeates, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid. Whilst arranging his Bangalore torpedoes for destroying the enemy wire an enemy bomb wounded him and one of his men. He remained absolutely quiet, and though suffering great pain from his wound fired one of the torpedoes personally according to programme. He stayed at his post during the operations assisting in the evacuation of wounded and prisoners, and then proceeded back to his lines, reorganising and checking his platoon before reporting to the regimental aid post. His cool courage enabled the raiding party to surprise the enemy after finding his wire broken.

NEW ZEALAND FORCE.

24844 C./S./M. G. B. Baker, M.M., Cyclist Bn.

During an attack, when all the officers in his company had become casualties before attainment of the first objective, this warrant officer assumed command, and with great courage and ability led them on to the

final objective. Though slightly wounded during the attack he superintended consolidation and carried on with his duties. Throughout his coolness and determination under heavy fire and his fine leadership greatly inspired his men.

33312 Cpl. R. T. Corsbie, Rif. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while one of a patrol of one officer and four other ranks which was suddenly engaged by thirty of the enemy. The patrol was forced to retire, and on arrival at their trenches the officer was found to be missing. Corporal Corsbie with another man immediately went back and found the officer severely wounded. He bandaged him while his comrade kept the enemy back with bombs and rifle fire, and finally they carried him safely back to their trenches. This N.C.O. by his courage and coolness saved the officer's life and prevented the enemy from securing an identification.

33314 Pte. C. J. Dallard, Wellington R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when out patrolling with two officers. The patrol was attacked with bombs by a concealed enemy post. Both officers were badly wounded and Pte. Dallard slightly. He carried one to safety and went back to rescue the other, who was lying within fifteen yards of the enemy post. In face of a further shower of bombs, by which he was again wounded in three places, he got to within ten paces of the officer and found him dead. He then returned to the other officer and carried him back to the lines. He showed great pluck and determination.

33705 Cpl. F. M. Dodds, Canterbury R.

For conspicuous gallantry and intelligent daring in command of a light trench mortar. During a heavy bombardment a shell burst on the parapets of the trench, wounding one of his team and burying the rest. Though badly shocked he stood by the gun, maintained continuous fire according to the barrage time table, and managed to reorganise his team. Later, when a machine gun harassed consolidation, he went forward under heavy fire to one of the most forward posts and made a personal reconnaissance, with the result that on his return he silenced the machine gun.

8/3807 C.S.M. L. L. J. Du Flou, Otago R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He organised and led personally, through an intense barrage, parties of carriers and kept the Lewis gunners and bombers of the front line well supplied with munitions, though suffering himself severely from the shock of a shell explosion. Later, he assisted in carrying out the relief of the company, which had lost all its platoon officers, displaying admirable qualities of organisation and initiative.

9/1556 Cpl. H. P. Gilbert, Wellington R.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative during an enemy withdrawal. He took five men and established an advanced post some 500 yards forward. When the enemy

attacked and tried to surround his post he, although badly wounded, bombed and killed many of them, and continued to fight on until exhausted through loss of blood. His splendid example of courage and determination saved the garrison from being captured.

24/1699 Sjt. R. S. Judson, Auckland R., N.Z.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack on the enemy positions. He led a patrol along a sap leading to the enemy. This patrol forced the enemy to retreat before their bombs for a distance of 600 yards and so enabled the troops who were following to garrison and hold the captured trench. He was indefatigable in organising the trench during the next twenty-four hours under heavy bomb and machine-gun fire, and personally bombed the enemy out of an angle in the sap where they were collecting. The work of this N.C.O. throughout was splendid, and his courage and enthusiasm inspired all near him.

25264 Sjt. J. P. Kennett, Otago R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in command of his platoon, which was attacked by a large party of the enemy. He displayed great decision and tactical skill. Pushing forward a flank of his platoon he caught the enemy under enfilade fire and broke up the attack with very heavy losses. His cool presence of mind and able leadership were very conspicuous.

8/2641 Sjt. J. McG. Lamb, Otago R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his platoon when his officer was killed, and led them to meet an enemy attack, which he completely defeated; he successfully defended his posts against every attempt of the enemy to pierce our line.

8/3006 Pte. H. Melville, M.M., Otago R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Prior to an attack he assisted to locate the enemy's positions with great accuracy by frequent patrols. During our advance he rushed an enemy machine gun that was causing delay, killing five of the team single-handed and taking a prisoner. His conduct throughout was marked by conspicuous gallantry and initiative.

8/2666 Sjt. P. T. Moir, M.M., Otago R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He handled his platoon in pursuit of the retiring enemy with great skill and determination. Having beaten off a heavy flank attack, he and another man went forward to reconnoitre and rushed a party of the enemy, killing five and taking two prisoners. He displayed fine qualities of courage and leadership.

12/2827 Sjt. T. Rielly, Otago R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in command of two guns sup-

porting an advance by the infantry. Observing an enemy post harassing the advance with machine-gun fire, he brought his fire to bear on the position, moved forward himself single-handed, and rushed the post, capturing six prisoners and a machine gun. His splendid act of courage and determined initiative enabled the infantry to continue their advance.

40724 L./Cpl. J. Silifant, Rifle Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while sniping in "No Man's Land." In a skilful and fearless manner he worked his way to within twenty yards of the hostile trenches, where he killed ten of the enemy. Later during the attack he did excellent work in sniping the enemy as they showed themselves in throwing bombs.

9/1747 Tpr. P. Weaver, Otago Mtd. Sqdn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when the enemy pierced the line of posts of the unit on his left. Seeing twelve enemy coming down the sap towards him, he, with two men, rushed towards them and killed two with bombs. The remainder ran away and he followed them, leaving the two men to watch a side sap. One of the enemy attempted to use a machine gun, but he bombed him before he could use it. The gun was captured, and the remainder of the enemy were forced by this non-commissioned officer towards a body of men of the unit on the left, who captured them. His fine courage and initiative throughout inspired all near him.

14513 Sjt. A. S. Webster, Auckland R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when the enemy pierced the line of posts of the unit on his left. Seeing twelve enemy coming down the sap towards him, he, with two men, rushed towards them and killed two with bombs. The remainder ran away and he followed them, leaving the two men to watch a side sap. One of the enemy attempted to use a machine gun, but he bombed him before he could use it. The gun was captured, and the remainder of the enemy were forced by this non-commissioned officer towards a body of men of the unit on the left, who captured them. His fine courage and initiative throughout inspired all near him.

SOUTH AFRICAN FORCE.

5573 L./C. W. Cawthorn, M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He set a very fine example of courage and devotion to duty when as non-commissioned officer stretcher-bearer he went forward during and after our attack and attended to wounded men under fire. He was able to bring in several men, and he saved many lives. He was himself severely wounded in a gallant attempt to rescue a wounded man under heavy fire.

AMENDMENTS.

The following are the correct descriptions of Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, and Men to whom the Distinguished Conduct Medal has recently been awarded:—

2983 T./R.S.M. T. Butterworth, N. Lan. R.

(London Gazette dated 26th August, 1918.)

C/6036 C.S.M. R. Carding, K.R.R.C.

(London Gazette dated 3rd September, 1918.)

R/40014 Pte. S. Wilby, K.R.R.C.

(London Gazette dated 3rd September, 1918.)

127 Sjt. S. B. Smith, M.G.C.

(London Gazette dated 26th June, 1918.)

448 Sjt. T. C. McCracken, M.M., M.G.C.

(London Gazette dated 26th June, 1918.)

12627 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) W. Blurton, Notts. & Derby. R.

(London Gazette dated 10th January, 1917.)

88193 C.S.M. J. Dauris, R.E.

(London Gazette dated 3rd September, 1918.)

279653 Sjt. W. G. Gerow, Can. Rly. Troops.

(London Gazette dated 3rd September, 1918.)

80020 Sjt. A. Sprake, Yeo.

(London Gazette dated 4th September, 1918.)

The second announcement of the award of the Military Cross to T./Capt. William Smith S.A.M.C., which appeared in the London Gazette of the 16th September, 1918, is cancelled, and the award of a Bar to the Military Cross is substituted.

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