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FRIDAY, 15 NOVEMBER, 1918.

War Office,
15th November, 1918.

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

370680 Sjt. (A./C./S./M.) W. Windle,
D.C.M., Lond. R. (Balham).

When all his officers became casualties he took command of the company and led them forward to their objective in spite of heavy fire; he consolidated the position and organised the defence with great skill, personally conveying rations and S.A.A. to isolated posts. His personal gallantry and determination were a conspicuous example to the men under him.

(D.C.M. gazetted 14th November, 1916.)

22082 Sjt. T. Murphy, D.C.M., D.C.I.I.
(Tottenham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an advance. Noticing some of the enemy firing at the front waves from dug-outs which had been overlooked, he with one other man immediately attacked them, kill-

ing some and taking over thirty prisoners. Two days later he rushed some enemy machine guns. Throughout the operations his splendid courage and determination were an inspiration to his men.

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

235408 C./S./M. F. Pattison, D.C.M., W.
Rid. R. (Stocksfield-on-Tyne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. He led his men through heavy rifle and machine-gun fire to a cutting about 500 yards behind the enemy's front-line system, where he captured a large number of prisoners. Throughout he showed the greatest disregard for danger, and by his dash and leadership he ensured the complete success of the raid on his objective.

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

92836 Sjt. J. Strang, D.C.M., Tank Corps
(Kirkintilloch).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a fire caused by enemy shelling amongst 17 gun carrier Tanks. The Tanks were loaded with explosives for the infantry. Although subjected to violent explosions

every moment he rescued one Tank out of the blaze and drove it through intense shell fire to a position of security. He behaved splendidly.

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

200530 Sgt. T. Williamson, D.C.M., S. Lan. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative in an attack. When all the officers of his company had been wounded he took command of the company and led it to the objective. When the attack on his left had been held up he formed a defensive flank with great skill. He showed splendid judgment and leadership.

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

8090 Sgt. J. Woods, D.C.M., M.M., L'pool R. (Garston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. When his officers became casualties he assumed command and led the company with great dash and determination under heavy fire. He showed a sound military knowledge throughout the attack and subsequent consolidation and patrolling, and proved a most capable leader.

(D.C.M. gazetted 28th March, 1918.)

CANADIAN FORCE.

63969 Cpl. W. Gough, D.C.M., Infy.

This non-commissioned officer showed conspicuous gallantry and initiative when his company was held up at the crossing of a river. With one private he rushed an enemy machine-gun post which was denying the crossing. Although under heavy fire, he pushed on regardless of danger, capturing the post, with four prisoners.

(D.C.M. gazetted 25th November, 1916.)

430337 Sgt. G. H. Soles, D.C.M., Infy.

When a Tank which had fallen behind commenced firing upon our men, this non-commissioned officer immediately put a steel helmet on his bayonet and ran to the Tank through a storm of bullets until he attracted their attention and diverted the fire. His conduct in charge of a platoon throughout the operations was characterised by daring and high fighting qualities.

(D.C.M. gazetted 28th March, 1918.)

466132 Sgt. F. W. D. Sorby, D.C.M., Infy.

When his platoon was advancing on a village along a sap, the enemy attempted a flanking movement. This N.C.O. rushed out with a Lewis gun, beating them off with heavy casualties. The platoon was next held up by a defended wire block. In attempting to rush it he was wounded by a bomb bursting on his helmet. He next found one of his men, who was missing, lying very badly wounded. He picked him up and carried him back under a hail of bombs.

(D.C.M. gazetted in this Gazette.)

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:—

203791 C.S.M. G. Alder, R. Berks. R. (Burnham, Bucks.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when commanding a platoon in a raid. He led his platoon with determined dash, reached and captured his objectives, took about twenty prisoners, and covered the left flank of the whole attack. He rendered valuable service, and showed great ability to command.

7989 Sgt. F. Allen, Essex R. (Wickford).

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership in an attack. When all the officers of his company became casualties he took command and led his men to the final objective. He set a splendid example of coolness and contempt of danger under the most difficult conditions.

9/814 Sgt. A. Amos, M.M., R. Mun. Fus. (Cardiff).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative in an attack. When the Company Serjeant-Major was wounded, he took over his duties and was of the greatest assistance in rallying the company, which had become separated during the intense barrage, and in leading the men forward to the objective. He led a mopping-up party, cleared part of the captured position, and, though wounded, remained with his men, setting them a splendid example of courage and determination.

2454 Cpl. A. Amsom, Lan. Fus. (Penketh).

For conspicuous gallantry in command of a patrol. He attacked and caused the enemy to leave a post, considerably lightening the task of the attacking party. His behaviour after being wounded while bombing the enemy out of the post was most gallant and plucky.

12100 Sgt. W. Anderton, M.M., K.O.S.B. (Sutton).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. He led his platoon splendidly, and on reaching the final objective started his men to consolidate, and then without orders led a section to get touch with the next battalion. Later, he single-handed stalked an enemy post and accounted for the four occupants. His conduct was a magnificent example to all ranks.

G/15767 C.S.M. F. Ashby, E. Kent R. (Rochester).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. After all his company officers had become casualties he assumed command and led his company with great skill and determination to the final objective, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. He did very fine work.

1219 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) A. D. Atkins, R. Fus. (Shepherd's Bush).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company officer was badly gassed he went forward into the area which was being heavily shelled with gas shells and arranged for the evacuation of the men, and remained until all the area was cleared. Later, when his company was held up by intense enfilade machine-gun fire, he rushed forward to get them into a covered position. He set a very fine example.

285550 Sjt. F. Axon, Welsh R. (Stockport).

When the consolidation of his company was being harassed by machine-gun fire from a flank, he collected some bombs, and, working skilfully round, he bombed the guns with great effect, and captured them and ten prisoners, whom he brought back with the guns. His gallantry and initiative were worthy of great praise.

5/3877 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) W. Ball, K.R.R.C. (Bardwell, Suffolk).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. When his company was held up by a strong enemy machine-gun position, he collected four men from company headquarters and rushed the position, though three of his companions were wounded. This capture greatly assisted the whole operations, throughout which this warrant officer showed great courage and devotion to duty.

512830 Sjt. W. J. Ball, M.M., Lond. R. (Deptford).

This N.C.O.'s company was directing the attack. All the officers became casualties very shortly after leaving the assembly trench. Sjt. Ball took command and led the company to the final objective under heavy fire. Two days later he again led the company successfully forward, though every N.C.O. became a casualty. His gallantry, coolness and initiative were splendid.

29656 Pte. S. Barker, W. Rid. R. (Windhill, nr. Bradford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. When his platoon in the early stages of the action encountered an enemy post he went forward and engaged the enemy with rapid fire, thus enabling the others to outflank the post and capture the garrison. Throughout he displayed great skill and initiative and utter disregard of personal danger.

139966 Dvr. F. J. Barnes, R.H.A. (South Norwood).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a shell killed or wounded the five other signallers with him and broke the telephone he ran back, and, after being knocked down by another shell, got another telephone and opened up communication with the observation post. His cool determination and devotion to duty were beyond praise.

M2/153167 Pte. W. F. Barr, A.S.C. (Van Island, B.C., Canada).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He drove his ambulance up to a village from which the enemy had just been driven and worked continuously for 48 hours removing the wounded, often under heavy shell fire, along a road where ammunition and petrol dumps were burning. On a later occasion, though he was ordered to withdraw for a rest, he remained at work for 72 hours. He saved many lives by his energy and contempt of danger.

63877 B./S./M. L. Barton, R.F.A. (Walsall).

His battery came into action five times during the operations, and he rendered valuable service laying out telephone wires and reconnoitring, enabling the guns to come into action immediately they reached their fresh positions. Throughout the operations his coolness under fire of the heaviest description, his presence of mind and power of command in difficult circumstances were admirable, and his example encouraged the men in a very marked manner.

4689 Sjt. S. T. Battersby, R. Fus. (Leytonstone).

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership. When all the officers of his company had become casualties in an attack he took command and led his men to the objective where he collected and reorganised the company. He showed great initiative under difficult conditions and inspired his men with confidence by his excellent example.

406702 Cpl. J. Bebbington, L'pool R. (Middlewick).

For conspicuous gallantry and resource in an attack. Seeing that the troops on his right were held up by heavy fire from a strong point he skilfully led his section round the flank, and, after bringing his Lewis gun into action, assaulted the strong point, killing or capturing the garrison and taking four machine guns. He set a splendid example of coolness and good leadership.

8363 C./S./M. G. Bell, Arg. & Suth'd Highrs. (Stirling).

For conspicuous gallantry and splendid leadership during an attack. His company commander and two platoon commanders had become casualties, and by his determined courage and skill he was largely responsible for leading his company through thick belts of wire in face of very heavy machine-gun fire without the assistance of an artillery barrage.

10229 Sjt. S. Bell, Bord. R. (Hackney).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid. When the advance was held up he crawled round behind the enemy forces holding the position and used his rifle most effectively, although wounded. He repeated this manœuvre several times, and his determination and cool courage had a very disconcerting effect on the enemy, while his independent action caused them many casualties and saved many of the raiding party.

72867 L./Cpl. E. J. Bellaby, R.W. Fus. (Nottingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and resource. He rushed an enemy post single-handed and captured the garrison. In a later attack he led his men with great determination in an attack on an enemy machine gun. He showed splendid leadership throughout the operations.

152059 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) W. G. Benjamin, M.G. Corps (Clitheroe).

After an advance, this N.C.O. displayed great courage and resource in a heavy artillery barrage, and greatly assisted to break up a severe counter-attack. Later, when the infantry advance was checked, he went forward and engaged a hostile machine gun at short range, and put it out of action. His conspicuous gallantry and initiative were worthy of great praise.

9949 Sjt. H. L. E. Bertouche, K.R.R.C. (Plaistow).

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership during several days' operations. When all the officers of his company had been killed he showed great resource and determination in leading the company forward under intense machine-gun fire. Hearing that the left flank was held up, he led a patrol into a village and captured forty prisoners.

G/6366 Sjt. E. B. Best, R. Fus. (Northfleet).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy made a determined bombing attack down a communication trench, this N.C.O., though wounded, collected a few men under heavy machine-gun fire, and formed a bombing block. He drove off three attacks successfully, and his splendid example of courage and determination saved the remnants of his company from being surrounded.

34396 Pte. W. Beverley, R. Berks. R. (Wandsworth).

For most conspicuous gallantry and good work during an attack. He rushed a machine gun which was holding up the company, and killed two of the enemy and took ten prisoners. Although wounded, he went forward again and captured another gun, which he turned and fired at the enemy, thus enabling the company to advance. In all he captured two machine guns and about twenty prisoners single-handed.

8479 C.Q.M.S. (A./C.S.M.) T. Bills, M.M., S. Staffs. R. (West Bromwich).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. He rendered very valuable assistance to his company commander, and was one of the first into the enemy position. In spite of heavy machine-gun fire he reorganised and led forward his men, inflicting considerable casualties on the enemy. Throughout he showed marked courage and initiative.

G/75004 Pte. E. J. C. Binks, R. Fus. (West Ham).

For conspicuous gallantry when bombs were needed by his platoon in support of the attacking company. In spite of enemy barrage and machine-gun fire, he collected all the bombs he could lay hands on and rushed forward with them. His fine courage and determination had a most inspiring effect on his comrades.

235526 C.S.M. A. Blackburn, W. Rid. R. (Bradford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. Although severely wounded in the head before reaching the enemy wire, he remained with his platoon, which he led to the final objective. He organised the mopping up of dug-outs, killing many of the enemy and personally capturing an officer. His coolness and utter disregard of danger instilled great confidence into his men.

225017 Pte. J. A. Blaker, Lond. R. (West Ham).

He led five men with great skill and determination against the enemy regimental headquarters, killing 35 of them and making 65 prisoners, among whom were the regimental commander and four company commanders. Throughout the operations he showed an example of fine personal gallantry, and his initiative and power of leadership were conspicuous.

Sub-Cond. (A./Cond.) A. Booth, Supply and Transport Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed great coolness and contempt of danger while under a heavy bombardment from machine guns and bombs from hostile aeroplanes flying at low altitude. It was due to his fearless behaviour that a stampede of animals was averted.

13116 L./Cpl. T. Booth, Devon. R. (Trefford, Glam.).

When his company encountered an enemy trench in a thick mist, they were suddenly met with machine-gun fire and bombs. Corpl. Booth dashed along the top of the trench and attacked the machine gun, killing an officer and two men. The remainder of the team and many of the enemy in their dug-outs at once surrendered. This N.C.O.'s prompt and gallant action saved many casualties, and the advance was able to proceed.

280566 L./Cpl. J. Briton, M.M., H.L.I. (Glasgow).

He was medical orderly to battalion headquarters, and was helping the medical officer to dress wounded men in a shell-hole when a shell burst over them, killing the medical officer and killing or wounding every one who was there. Corpl. Briton, in spite of being wounded himself, continued to attend to the other wounded men, and throughout the day, until another medical officer arrived, he followed up the battalion and dressed wounded men under fire. His splendid example of devotion to duty was admired by all ranks of the battalion.

200391 Sjt. L. Brookes, R. War. R. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. After his platoon commander had been wounded he assumed command, and by his coolness and determination set a fine example to the platoon. Throughout the operation his conduct was admirable.

3981 Sjt. A. L. Brooks, Hrs. (Blackpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was out all day under very heavy fire, sending back accurate information to the advancing infantry, enabling them to reach their objectives quickly. By his coolness and initiative he set a fine example to his troop.

15299 L./Sjt. E. Brown, S. Lan. R. (Can-nock).

For conspicuous gallantry as platoon ser-jeant of the leading platoon during an attack. Though early wounded, he continued to lead the right sections and assist in consolidation, and did not go to the aid post until ordered to do so by his company commander. He showed great pluck and devotion to duty.

9832 Sjt. G. Brown, M.M., H.L.I. (Wimbleton).

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership during an attack. After the objective was reached he organised company headquarters, and led them to fill a dangerous gap on the right flank of the company, where he remained till troops on the right had come up. Later, he led the company in attack, captured his objectives with many prisoners and machine guns, and skilfully consolidated the position. He set a splendid example to his men.

32955 Sjt. C. Bryan, Bedf. R. (Bedford).

When held up by the machine-gun fire of the enemy, he worked round to a flank and organised a bombing party and attacked the machine guns with the greatest determination. Those of the detachments who were not casualties surrendered. During the whole time Serjt. Bryan displayed admirable courage, and set a fine example to his men.

9393 Sjt. A. F. Bryant, E. Lan. R. (Plymouth).

For conspicuous gallantry and fine leadership during an attack. When two platoon commanders had become casualties, he took command of both platoons and led them forward in face of very heavy shell and machine-gun fire. Throughout the operations he showed marked courage and powers of command.

4214 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) F. Bulloch, H.L.I. (Ashton-in-Makerfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He volunteered for special daylight patrol to discover a troublesome enemy machine gun. He successfully located it and captured it, together with the team. Throughout the operations he showed marked courage and dash.

16173 Sjt. G. H. Bullock, M.M., S. Staff. R. (Brierley Hill).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative in an attack. He handled his section splendidly, and attacked a party of the enemy with a captured machine gun, and, working round their flank, forced them to surrender. Using similar tactics, he captured a field gun also. His work throughout the day was magnificent.

200320 A./Sjt. A. Burnett, R. Sco. Fus. (Kilmarnock).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of a platoon. He was told to go behind a trench and get into it below a large party of the enemy. He bombed up the trench with another man, while a third kept the enemies' heads down with rifle fire. Though wounded, he completed his task. Fifty-two enemy with four machine guns surrendered, thus enabling considerable progress to be made. He did splendid work.

92995 Pte. B. F. Bussey, Tank Corps (Harleston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. After his officer and serjeant had become casualties, and he was the only unwounded man in the Tank, he directed it towards the enemy and, locking the steering, he left the Tank to steer itself while he served both guns. This he continued to do for four hours, eventually bringing his Tank safely out of action. He showed a splendid example of determined courage and resource.

203207 Cpl. D. A. Byron, Lan. Fus. (Heywood).

For conspicuous gallantry and resource in an attack. When his platoon serjeant was killed he led the platoon to the objective and skilfully organised the defence in spite of heavy fire. He led two patrols, maintained touch with the enemy, and obtained valuable information. He showed splendid leadership and initiative.

200183 Cpl. J. Campbell, H.L.I. (Glasgow).

During an attack he led his platoon with conspicuous gallantry and skill, which greatly contributed to the success of the operation and the capture of five machine-guns and a field gun. When all the officers became casualties he took command, and organised the defence of the captured position.

95392 Sjt. P. Campbell, M.M., L'pool R. (Leigh, Lancs.).

For conspicuous gallantry and fine leadership in attack and patrol work under heavy machine-gun fire. Throughout two days' operations he set a splendid example, and showed skill and sound military knowledge in all his work.

439013 Sjt. E. V. Cann, M.M., R.A.M.C. (Bristol).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. He was in charge of a relay post in the front line which was blown in, burying a chaplain. He immediately went to his rescue and dragged him into a.

dug-out, finally carrying him under shell fire to a relay post in the rear. He behaved splendidly.

512083 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) F. G. Caswell, Lond. R. (Upper Tooting).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative in action. He assumed command of his platoon and led them most gallantly, bombing enemy machine-gun posts and capturing several guns. After reaching his objective he reorganised his platoon, and ably consolidated his position. His courage and cheerfulness inspired all under his command.

250161 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) E. E. V. Cavey, Lond. R. (Stockwell).

When his platoon commander was wounded he rallied the men and led them through uncut wire to an enemy post, where he captured a machine gun in action and killed the crew. He took this gun forward some 600 yards and turned it on the enemy with great effect, and one flank which was held up was able to come on. Later, he was badly wounded and could not move, but cheered and directed his men from where he lay, proving himself a good leader and a gallant soldier.

98572 Pte. (A./Cpl.) W. C. Channing, M.G. Corps (Ystalyfera).

He directed the fire of his gun from a mound exposed to machine-gun and rifle fire with very great coolness and skill on the enemy, who attacked after a heavy bombardment. He inflicted losses of great magnitude, and throughout the whole operation he set a splendid example of courage and determination.

203396 Sjt. P. Childerley, R. War. R. (St. Neots).

For conspicuous gallantry and resource during a raid. After his platoon commander was wounded he assumed command, and tried to rush a house. Though at first unsuccessful, he manoeuvred his Lewis gun with such skill that he was able to neutralise the fire from the house and assist the platoon on his left to reach their objective.

76304 Cpl. W. Clark, Tank Corps (Horden Colliery).

For conspicuous gallantry in action. Leaving his Tank, he ran across the open under heavy machine-gun fire and drove away the crew of an anti-Tank gun which was preparing to fire. He brought back over twenty prisoners from rifle pits near the gun.

9237 C.S.M. H. Clatworthy, Devon R. (Exeter).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. When his company officers had become casualties he took command and displayed great energy and determination at a critical time under very heavy machine-gun fire. He repulsed two enemy counter attacks, and his conduct throughout was admirable.

G/1985 C./S./M. W. Coffin, E. Kent R. (Bethnal Green).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He took over and reorganised his company under very heavy

fire after all officers had become casualties, and led them most successfully to their final objective, greatly assisting in the success of the operation.

20136 Cpl. C. H. Cole, S.W. Bord. (Risca, Mon.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While in charge of a patrol sent to reconnoitre a village he went forward with two others and cleared it of the enemy, capturing five prisoners. Later, during an attack, he carried on after being wounded, showing wonderful coolness throughout.

50458 Cpl. L. V. Cole, R.E. (Fishguard).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of the brigade forward report centre for four days and nights with no cover under heavy shelling, and maintained telephonic communication throughout. He rendered very valuable service.

8142 C./S./M. W. T. Coleman, Linc. R. (Grimsby).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went forward under heavy machine-gun and artillery fire after his company was held up, and found a good defensive position in which to consolidate. He rendered invaluable service to his company commander in getting his men into this position and reorganising. In six different advances he showed untiring energy, and his conduct was splendid.

3/7538 Sjt. W. Costigan, R. Mun. Fus. (Dublin).

For conspicuous gallantry and resource. When his company was caught in a violent barrage of gas and other shells, during an advance, though he was gassed himself, he rallied the company and led them forward to their objective. Later, when some enemy machine guns offered a determined resistance he led an attack under heavy fire and killed or captured the whole of two gun teams. He set a splendid example of courage and determination.

229427 Pte. A. Coventry, Lond. R. (Glasgow).

He led a bombing party, which drove the enemy down a communication trench and established a block, which he held against all their efforts. He was under intense machine-gun fire the whole time, and it was only his courage and staunchness that prevented the enemy from outflanking the company.

265025 C./S./M. A. Cowan, Sco. Rif. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. He displayed marked courage and coolness while reorganising the company after the assault and superintending consolidation. Though suffering badly from malaria he refused to leave his company, and remained at duty until the battalion was relieved.

302335 A./Sjt. A. S. V. Cox, Tank Corps (Shirley, Hants).

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He took command of the tank when his officer was killed and brought it to its objective with great skill and judgment. His conduct throughout was splendid.

L/11136 Sjt. H. W. Cox, R.W. Kent R. (Old Kent Road, S.E.).

For conspicuous gallantry while leading his platoon to clear marshy ground of the enemy. When held up by machine-guns, he personally worked round the flank and silenced them with bombs. Though severely wounded, on reaching the objective, he remained to superintend the consolidation.

235372 Sjt. E. Craddock, W. Rid. R. (Prudhoe-on-Tyne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the enemy's trenches. He was acting company serjeant-major, and showed great fearlessness in carrying out his duties under heavy machine-gun fire. When the situation was critical he was of the utmost assistance in rallying small detached bodies of men and again leading them to the attack. No one could have been of greater help to his company commander.

S/7196 C./S./M. T. E. Crane, M.M., Rif. Bde. (Bulwell, Notts.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He charged through an enemy entanglement strongly held by the enemy machine-gunners, killing the crews and taking the position, with very little assistance. Throughout the operations he showed great courage, and his men followed him with pride and admiration.

21750 Sjt. J. Creighton, Bord. R. (Silloth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid. When his platoon was held up by wire and very heavy machine-gun fire, he collected some stray men, forced his way through the wire, and led his party with the greatest dash to success. Afterwards, his mopping-up work and clearing up of the enemy strong points was very effective. He set a fine example to all of courage and good leadership.

200410 Cpl. F. R. Crombleholme, O. & B. L.I. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. He took his section and rushed an enemy machine gun which opened fire from a flank, bayoneting the officer and capturing the gun and team. He did splendid work.

29787 Pte. H. Crooks, E. Lan. R. (Ashton-under-Lyne).

For conspicuous gallantry and determination during an attack. Together with a comrade he rushed forward and bombed an enemy machine gun post, killing four and bringing back two prisoners and knocking out a machine gun. His splendid act cleared the way for the advance of his company.

S/41956 Pte. W. Crozier, Sea. Highrs. (Jarrow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while on sentry duty. He was shot through the hip, but killed an enemy officer and wounded two other ranks. He then assisted wounded comrades and prevented their being captured by the enemy. Thanks to his courage and devotion to duty the enemy failed to obtain an identification.

906045 B./S./M. H. J. Cruttenden, R.F.A. (Polegate, Eastbourne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his battery, moving forward, came under very heavy fire and several horses and men were put out of action, he, though wounded himself, displayed great coolness and courage in extricating and re-arranging the teams and dressing the wounded.

646338 Cpl. J. Cunningham, R.F.A. (Greenock).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He continued to fight his gun when all his detachment had been killed or wounded, and he was severely wounded himself. Throughout a very heavy bombardment he set a splendid example of courage and determination.

24797 Sjt. G. H. Daniels, R.W. Kent R. (Bargoed).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He rushed forward, killed a machine-gun crew, and put the gun out of action, enabling his platoon to advance. He set a splendid example of determined courage and resource.

510915 R./S./M. J. R. Danson, Lond. R. (Wembley Park).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under continuous shell fire this warrant officer, although wounded, organised carrying parties and arranged his dumps. He set his men a very fine example of cheerfulness and cool courage.

421370 Sjt. H. L. Darby, Lond. R. (Ipswich).

He displayed conspicuous gallantry in leading part of his company in an attack on a village strongly defended by several machine guns. Being forced to retire he was the last man to leave the village, having successfully evacuated all his wounded. Subsequently, when another attack by our men was held up by heavy machine-gun fire, he stood up in full view of the enemy and signalled to our machine gunners, and under cover of their fire was able to rush the enemy guns. His courage and resource were a splendid example to the young soldiers under him and were worthy of very high praise.

300615 Sjt. E. C. Dare, Lond. R. (Carshalton).

During operations lasting three days his courage and initiative were conspicuous, and he showed fine qualities of leadership. When a strong point was holding up our advance he personally called on a Tank for assistance and guided it to the position in spite of an

intense machine-gun fire. The strong point and many prisoners were captured.

21690 Cpl. H. Davies, Welsh R. (Maesteg).

When the advance was checked by the fire of three machine guns he at once organised and led a bombing party, which he skilfully manœuvred to within short distance of the nest of machine guns. Shortly afterwards the advance progressed without opposition. His determined and gallant behaviour was worthy of very high praise.

45148 Rfn. J. Dennison, K.R.R.C. (Hull).

When some of our men were being driven back by a large party of the enemy, Rfn. Dennison and a Lance-Corporal jumped up on the parapet of the trench and heavily bombed the advancing enemy who became greatly demoralised. Our troops resumed the offensive and captured many prisoners and machine guns. The gallant action of this soldier and his companion undoubtedly saved an awkward situation.

110075 Pte. G. W. Dickenson, Tank Corps (Heworth, York.).

For conspicuous gallantry and skill in repairing his Tank after it had been set on fire, although closely surrounded by the enemy all the time. His officer had been killed and his first driver wounded, but he drove the Tank through the enemy and brought in fifty prisoners.

202739 Sjt. H. Dickinson, M.M., R. Lanc. R. (Ulverston).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative in an attack. He attacked an enemy machine-gun team of six men, killing them all and destroying the gun. Later, on reaching his objective, he rallied and reorganised under fire a party of men who had advanced too far and were caught in the barrage. He showed splendid leadership and resource throughout the action.

275102 Pte. H. T. Dorrington, Lond. R. (Brockley).

During an advance he and another man were led by a N.C.O. to attack an enemy machine gun which was causing many casualties. They crawled to within ten yards of the gun, which was firing directly at them, and Pte. Dorrington got up and rushed the gun, which he turned on the enemy at once. He killed two of the crew and three prisoners were secured. His boldness and dash were splendid.

528464 L./Cpl. (A./2nd Cpl.) H. E. Drage, R.E. (Brondesbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He spent the whole night under persistent shell fire repairing the breaks in the telephone line from brigade to battalion. He also with five linesmen under his charge at a linesman's post mended lines for several hours under heavy gas shell bombardment, and though badly gassed remained and worked the exchange single-handed after the rest of the men had been removed to hospital. He behaved splendidly.

11370 Pte. P. Duffy, Bord. R. (Ballagdeen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid. He was one of the relay post of stretcher bearers, and under heavy trench mortar barrage which killed the medical officer and others, he continued at duty dressing the wounded. He and another bearer carried down a stretcher case and he led back a squad of bearers. It was due to his energy and disregard for his own safety that the wounded were got back without loss of time.

16840 Pte. H. J. C. Eades, Devon. R. (Plymouth).

In company with a non-commissioned officer he was endeavouring to get touch with the battalion on the flank, when they met the enemy advancing to retake the positions lost the day before. Pte Eades immediately opened rapid fire on the enemy, who became quite demoralised, and 200 of them surrendered. The courage displayed by this man in the face of overwhelming numbers was of the finest description.

23531 L./Cpl. J. Edwards, R. Lanc. R. (Barrow-in-Furness).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative in an advance. When all his men had become casualties he collected some others, and carried out his orders, making a successful reconnaissance of part of the enemy's position. On returning, he brought a captured trench mortar into action and fired it until all the ammunition was expended. He showed great courage and resource throughout.

31216 Pte. J. T. Edwards, Devon. R. (Llanelli).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. When his platoon was out of touch with the left he went out three times under very heavy machine-gun and rifle fire to get touch, which he eventually did. The information obtained by him enabled his platoon to maintain their position. Later he went forward under heavy fire and brought in a wounded non-commissioned officer. Throughout the day he took command of his section and showed the finest qualities of leadership.

43402 Pte. (L./Cpl.) W. H. Edwards, Suff. R. (Ely).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of the brigade observers. During a period of open fighting he kept brigade headquarters continually informed of the progress of patrols and the position of the enemy; he was also instrumental in locating enemy machine guns and enabling the artillery to engage them. He showed absolute disregard of personal danger, and under the heaviest fire displayed the greatest coolness and resource.

200631 Pte. D. J. Elam, R. Scots (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his section splendidly in an attack, and cleared huts held by machine-guns. He bombed and rushed a post with his section, killing an officer and five men, and enabling his company to reach their

objective. During four days' advance he did very fine work indeed.

S/7972 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) M. Ellington, Rif. Bde. (Natal, S. Africa).

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership. When several non-commissioned officers of the company became casualties during an advance he took command and led the company with great coolness and determination. By skilful handling of his Lewis guns he enabled the attack to go forward after it had been held up, and ably assisted his left flank, which met with strong enemy resistance. His excellent example contributed largely to the success of the operation.

55673 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) H. G. Ellis, R.W. Fus. (Gloucester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. He was responsible for the capture of a trench mortar, the crew of which he killed. Later he assumed command of his platoon, and did excellent work mopping up, subsequently helping to drive off an enemy counter-attack. He showed marked courage and ability to command.

18258 Cpl. W. A. Ellis, Bedf. R. (Watford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of the remnants of his platoon during an enemy attack. When the enemy had captured the forward outposts he led a small party forward with a Lewis gun, restored a large portion of the outpost line, and captured eighteen of the enemy and three light machine guns. Throughout the operations he displayed courage and leadership of a very high order.

10995 Cpl. A. Evans, M.M., R.F.A. (Coventry).

He extinguished a fire in the ammunition recess at very great risk, thus saving a disastrous explosion. Two men who had been badly burnt by the explosion of the shell which started the fire ran out into the open, being delirious with pain, and were heavily fired on by the enemy machine guns. Regardless of his own safety, he ran out and got them back under cover. His very gallant and self-sacrificing conduct were admirable, and his example had a great effect on his comrades.

89128 Pte. R. Farley, L'pool R. (Ardwick).

For conspicuous gallantry and resource in an attack. When his platoon was held up by two enemy machine guns he rushed forward over fifty yards of fireswept ground, killed the nearest gunner and single-handedly captured the remainder of the teams and both the machine guns. His courageous and determined action saved a critical situation and contributed greatly to the success of the whole attack.

9280 B.S.M. H. R. Fautley, M.M., R.F.A. (Blackheath).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his battery coming into action was heavily shelled, he showed great resource in getting the detachments to a flank. Later, when the S.O.S. message was received, he brought the men back to the guns and set a magnificent example of coolness and complete disregard for his own safety.

51610 Gnr. T. Fellowes, R.F.A. (Kettering).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Wagons were being pressed forward with ammunition to an advanced battery position, and two land-mines exploded under his wagon, killing or wounding the men and horses. Though severely wounded himself, he harnessed two horses to an undamaged wagon and delivered the ammunition to the battery position. His courage throughout was remarkable.

301290 L./Cpl. H. Fleck, Tank Corps (Waltham Green).

For conspicuous gallantry and endurance. Although suffering severely from wounds and petrol fumes, he drove his Tank into action and continued until he fell unconscious on his way back to the rallying point. Throughout the operations he set a magnificent example of courage.

40666 Pte. J. Fleming, H.L.I. (Glasgow).

41617 Pte. W. Gray, H.L.I. (Kilwinning).

55770 Pte. W. J. Jones, H.L.I. (Peebles).

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When their battalion relieved another unit in the front line, these men formed part of an advanced post under Cpl. D. F. Hunter, V.C., H.L.I., which was established in shell holes close to the enemy. The following afternoon the enemy drove back the posts on their flanks and established posts in close proximity all round them, thus completely cutting them off. Though almost entirely without food or water, the party maintained their position, repelling enemy attacks until the evening of the third day, when a counter-attack relieved them. Before relief they had to undergo the barrage fire of the enemy and of our own attack, which came right across their post. Their moral was quite unimpaired when relieved, and their conduct was a magnificent example of courage and endurance to all.

8491 Sjt. J. Foy, R. Innis. Fus. (Derrygonnelly, Co. Fermanagh).

For conspicuous gallantry in command of his platoon during an attack. When an enemy machine gun attempted to check his advance, he came round its flank and with another man charged it and captured the gun and four prisoners. He set a splendid example of courage and determination to his men.

237861 Pte. S. Gardiner, Shrops. L.I. (Treharbert).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He carried in wounded men a long distance under heavy machine-gun fire, and killed two of the enemy whom he found trying to carry away a wounded man. He also sniped three of the enemy, and brought back valuable information. He did splendid work.

29140 Pte. G. A. Garside, Bord. R. (Delph, Huddersfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid. He assisted in the rushing and capture of two machine guns, carried

messages through a heavy barrage, assisted in reorganising parties of a platoon whose officer and sergeant had become casualties, and was always to the forefront when fighting was fiercest. He displayed marked courage, energy and ability.

22383 R S.M. J. G. Geller, L'pool R. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. In the temporary absence of his C.O., he moved battalion headquarters three times under heavy shell fire, maintaining great presence of mind and setting an example to all. When finally wounded, he tried to remain to report to his C.O., but had to be evacuated through loss of blood. He behaved splendidly.

26814 Pte. C. Gibbard, Welsh R. (Kidwelly).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative. When his platoon was heavily fired on by an enemy machine gun during an advance, he at once attacked the gun with bombs and captured it with nine of the crew. His prompt and determined action undoubtedly saved many casualties.

551162 Sjt. E. W. Gillett, Lond. R. (Harrow).

When nearly all the officers and the company sergeant-major were casualties, he took up the duties of the latter during an action. He rallied the men in his vicinity, and leading them through to the outskirts of a village full of machine guns, he connected the companies on both flanks. He held his position in spite of very severe enemy fire until the line was withdrawn to a trench in rear of the village. He displayed great gallantry and devotion to duty and led his men with much determination.

1743 Cpl. W. C. Glazebrook, E. Surr. R. (Upper Tooting).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He accounted for large numbers of the enemy with his Stokes mortars, and under very heavy fire led up an ammunition party. He also got an enemy trench mortar into action, and killed nine of the enemy. Throughout the operations his contempt for danger and inspiring cheerfulness had a great effect on his men.

13397 L./Cpl. W. Glover, N. Lan. R. (Chorley).

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership. He took command of his platoon in an attack and led them with great skill to the final objective. He cleared several dug-outs and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy, and when attacked four times by two companies of the enemy he held his ground with splendid determination.

R/4808 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) H. C. Goddard, M.M., K.R.R.C. (Sidcup).

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership during several days' operations. He took command of his company early on the first day and led it with great skill. When all the officers of the two leading companies

were casualties he took command and set a splendid example of fearlessness and determination in leading the attack forward under intense fire.

960442 Sjt. F. W. Goodyer, R.F.A. (Westbourne Park, W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as acting battery sergeant-major. When the battery was heavily shelled, while in action, he walked continuously up and down the line of guns, helping the men who were being seriously hampered by enemy gas. He set a splendid example of coolness on this and many other occasions.

75868 Sjt. J. N. Gordon, Tank Corps (Grangemouth).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative. When the infantry were held up, he altered the course of his Tank and went to a village to deal with enemy machine guns. On the way he was engaged by a battery of light field guns, but he manoeuvred his Tank so skilfully that he captured the whole battery. He then dealt with the machine guns and reported to the infantry that the way was clear.

3496 Dvr. R. Gregory, R.F.A. (Barking).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although wounded just before coming into action with the battery, he refused to allow himself to be conducted to the ambulance until he had taken his team out of action and back to the wagon line. Throughout this time he was under heavy shell fire.

41263 Pte. (L./Cpl.) W. Guy, Linc. R. (Barking).

He handled the Lewis gun team of which he was in command with marked efficiency during an assault, and he enabled his company to consolidate without being disturbed. By the heavy fire he was able to direct on a party of enemy on the flank, about 50 strong, who afterwards surrendered. His behaviour throughout was very gallant and he showed the greatest determination.

52065 L./Cpl. E. C. Gwilt, Lan. Fus. (Leintwardine, Salop).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As soon as the objectives had been gained in an attack, he went forward and carried out anti-gas measures under heavy fire. He worked continuously for over 12 hours and prevented many casualties by his skill and energy.

39883 L./Cpl. E. Hall, Wilts. R. (Glossop).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After a position had been captured, and when an enemy machine gun was causing casualties, he went over with another N.C.O. to the enemy trench and put the gun out of action, killing or capturing the crew. He displayed great courage and saved many lives.

32458 Pte. J. Harman, R. War. R. (Shrivenham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of a Lewis gun

team during an attack and used the gun with excellent effect against enemy machine guns until it was put out of action. He then led his men in a bombing attack on a machine gun which was holding up the advance, and killed all the team. He set a splendid example of determination and resource.

432237 Spr. T. B. Hartley, M.M., R.E. (St. Helens).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In an area full of gas he laid wires from the forward exchange to the batteries. He performed his duties with self-sacrificing perseverance and cool courage under most trying circumstances.

3/7901 L./Cpl. W. J. Harvey, M.M., Norf. R. (Barnsbury).

The enemy counter-attacked and enfiladed the trench he was holding, with others. Some of his young and inexperienced comrades retired, but L./C. Harvey dashed at the enemy and bayoneted one man and drove the rest out of the trench, holding the position single-handed, with rapid fire, for a quarter of an hour until the remainder of the section returned and re-established themselves. It was a splendid example of individual courage and staunch resolution, and he prevented the enemy from getting a dangerous footing in the trench.

320250 Cpl. R. T. Hase, Norf. R. (Norwich)

For conspicuous gallantry in action. Seeing that an enemy machine gun was delaying the advance, he immediately attacked the gun single-handed and put the gun and crew out of action, thereby enabling the advance to continue. He showed splendid courage and determination.

242716 Cpl. H. Haslam, N. Lan. R. (Bolton).

For conspicuous gallantry and able leadership during an attack. As soon as his officer was hit he took command of the section of light trench mortars and continued the advance, engaging many enemy machine guns and parties of the enemy. Through his good work many machine-gun nests were knocked out, and enemy parties dispersed and taken prisoners. His section kept in close touch with the infantry until the final objective was reached.

112006 Sjt. P. E. Hatton, Tank Corps (Acton).

After destroying some strong points his Tank got "ditched" at such an angle as to make the gun useless. He evacuated the Tank and formed a strong point well in advance of the infantry. When the enemy counter-attacked they got into Serjt. Hatton's Tank, but he charged them with his crew and turned them out. He stayed out in his strong point for twenty-four hours fighting nearly the whole time. He set a splendid example to his crew, cheering and encouraging the men, who were weary and exhausted with their long and arduous fight.

51052 B./S./M. L. W. Hawkins, M.M., R.F.A. (Kingston-on-Thames).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of a convoy which came

under heavy shell fire. He successfully guided his wagons out of danger, and then returned to one which had been hit, and, under heavy shell fire, attended to a wounded driver and conveyed him to safety on his own horse. He has always set a very fine example to his men.

266972 Pte. A. Henshaw, R.W. Fus. (Pendleton).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative during a raid. He leaped upon the gunner of an enemy machine gun, kicking him in the face to stop his firing, and then killed the crew of three and bore the gun to a place of safety; after which he returned and did valuable work in clearing dug-outs. This young soldier showed splendid courage and devotion to duty.

240459 Cpl. S. A. Heron, R. Sco. Fus. (Stranraer).

For conspicuous gallantry in an attack. After his company had reached its objective he went out under very heavy fire in full view of the enemy and carried a wounded man to a less exposed position. He then improvised a stretcher and had him carried by prisoners, who were wounded in the process, back to safety. Throughout the operations he set a fine example to all.

30999 Sjt. E. Hewson, R.F.A. (Herne Hill).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He volunteered to go out and bring in two captured guns which were within 300 yards of the outpost line, and, under heavy enemy fire, successfully carried out his task in full view of the enemy. His cheerfulness and enthusiasm were splendid.

240285 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) S. A. Hickman, Glouc. R. (Gloucester).

For conspicuous gallantry when in charge of a Stokes mortar during a raid. He advanced to the enemy wire and fired his gun without the mounting on enemy trenches and machine guns. After expending his ammunition he advanced into the enemy lines, attacked a party of five enemy, and killed one and brought back the remainder as prisoners to serve as carrying party to the gun. He did splendid work.

242478 Sjt. T. Higgs, S. Staff. R. (Hednesford).

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership during an attack. He handled his platoon splendidly while engaging enemy machine guns, and was instrumental in the capture of several prisoners as well as in the dispersing of a considerable force of the enemy who were collecting for a counter-attack. He did very fine work.

207948 L./Bomdr. J. C. Hilkin, R.F.A. (Earlsfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Though twice wounded, he continued in charge of his gun, fighting it steadily and accurately until he was wounded again. He set a magnificent example of courage and determination.

55426 Cpl. T. W. Holding, Welsh R. (Newton Abbot).

He led his section against a machine gun that was causing severe casualties to our men. He killed the team and captured the gun. When his platoon commander became a casualty, he took command and led the men with great dash during four days' hard fighting. He set a splendid example throughout the operations.

6/1024 Sjt. V. Hollingsworth, M.M., K.R.R.C. (Westminster).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. He led his platoon splendidly, bombing dug-outs, inflicting casualties, and capturing several prisoners and machine guns. After getting his platoon round a flank the enemy tried to cut him off, but by Lewis gun and rifle fire he drove them off with considerable casualties, and then made his position good. He showed great courage and fine leadership.

48124 Sjt. T. G. Hopkins, M.M., R.A.M.C. (Treorchy).

Heavy shelling had caused severe casualties among artillery men and transport on a road. In spite of difficulty and great danger, he went to the aid of the wounded, extricated them from a tangle of kicking animals, and carried them to the comparative safety of shell-holes. He carried four wounded men one after another on his back. On a later date he brought back many wounded from an area heavily swept by machine-gun fire. He was twice blown up by shells, but managed to reach the A.D.S. and notify where the wounded were collected before he collapsed. His gallantry and self-sacrificing devotion to duty were peculiarly admirable.

10997 Pte. J. Hopley, M.M., Y. & L. Regt. (Royston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. Trained as a scout, he was of invaluable assistance to his officer in guiding the party to the assembly position. In the initial assault he was the first to force his way through the enemy wire under heavy fire, and personally captured two prisoners. He has at all times shown remarkable keenness and contempt for danger.

40020 Pte. J. E. Horton, Manch. R. (Grimsby).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid. He rushed forward against an enemy machine-gun position and bombed the crew as they were getting into action and captured the gun, and also assisted in the capture of several of the enemy. He showed splendid courage and determination.

305960 Pte. G. R. Houston, Tank Corps (Aberdeen).

For conspicuous gallantry and resource in an attack. When the infantry were held up by heavy machine-gun fire from a position which could not be observed by the Tank which was supporting them, he crossed 400 yards of fire-swept ground to another Tank and gave the commander information which enabled him to put several machine guns out of action. He showed splendid coolness and initiative.

75982 Sjt. F. Howells, Tank Corps (Birmingham).

He commanded his Tank with great gallantry and skill, rendering invaluable services to the infantry in spite of heavy mist and other difficulties. Although under intense artillery fire at almost point-blank range, he engaged the enemy infantry and accounted for large numbers, and finally, when his Tank was hit and disabled, he blew it up before the enemy could seize it.

200746 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) G. Huddleston, R. Lanc. R. (Millom).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his men in an attack, reached his objective, and inflicted casualties on the enemy. Later, he led his section forward through our barrage to deal with a hostile trench mortar beyond it, and cleared a considerable length of enemy trench. Though wounded, he remained with his men for several hours until the consolidation was well advanced. He set an excellent example of coolness and initiative.

G/8576 Sjt. H. Hulford, M.M., R.W. Kent R. (Shortlands).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In order to obtain information regarding enemy dispositions he, on his own initiative, crawled forward to an old hut in advance of the outpost line, and, though bombed and fired at by a machine gun, remained there throughout the hours of daylight and obtained most valuable information regarding the enemy's method of holding posts and his movements generally behind his line.

19353 R.Q.M.S. (A./R.S.M.) S. Hunter, Durh. L.I. (Washington, Durham).

During an attack, under very heavy machine-gun fire, this warrant officer set a conspicuous and brilliant example of courage and determination, which did much to encourage the men in the difficult task of the advance. He assisted the officers to reorganise when the objective was captured, displaying the utmost coolness under heavy fire.

8253 C./S./M. (A./R.S.M.) G. Ilott, M.M., Bedf. R. (Hertford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After three unsuccessful attempts had been made to deliver a message during an action he went forward, through a heavy machine-gun barrage, collected the necessary information, and returned with it to battalion headquarters. Later, when part of the line was held up, by his example of courage and determination he succeeded in leading the attack forward.

30627 Pte. C. Ingram, Yeo. (Chatteris, Cambs.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his troop was held up by heavy machine-gun fire, he with one man and a Hotchkiss rifle pushed out to a flank and knocked out two out of three machine guns, enabling his troop to advance. Later, when his troop was acting as advanced guard, he again pushed forward with his Hotchkiss and assisted the infantry's advance. His con-

duct throughout the operations was of a very high order. He behaved most gallantly.

241847 Sjt. J. Jackson, R. Lanc. R. (Burton-in-Lonsdale).

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership in an attack. When all the officers of his company had become casualties he took command and in spite of heavy losses reorganised the platoons and consolidated the position. His dash and gallantry inspired his men throughout the action, and it was entirely owing to his able handling of the company that an enemy counter-attack was repulsed and the position was maintained.

43319 Sjt. J. Jefcoat, Linc. R. (Wolverhampton).

For conspicuous gallantry and skilful leadership in an attack. After his officer had become a casualty he assumed command of his platoon, and by his fine leadership and utter contempt of danger contributed to the successful consolidation of three objectives with a minimum of casualties and took a large number of prisoners.

46451 Pte. A. Johnson, Manch. R. (Ardwick).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when the enemy had succeeded in surrounding company headquarters. He organised the personnel and successfully resisted the enemy in far superior numbers until nearly all his little party were killed. He then placed himself at the head of a bombing party and succeeded in clearing the trench. He set a splendid example of courage and determination.

37439 L./Cpl. (A./Cpl.) J. C. Johnson, Lan. Fus. (Whittle-le-Woods, near Chorley).

For conspicuous gallantry and resource. During an advance he observed a party of the enemy with a machine gun about to open fire on his men. He at once attacked them and captured the gun. He showed splendid coolness and determination.

9382 Sjt. E. F. Jones, M.M., R. Berks. R. (Chisleton).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. He reorganised and led on his platoon which had been temporarily held up by machine-gun fire. He personally captured the enemy machine gun and brought it into action against two other machine guns, silencing them, and allowing the rest of the line to continue the advance and capture the objective. He showed fine courage and devotion to duty throughout.

21893 Pte. E. J. Jones, Welsh R. (Penrhiwceiber, Glam.).

During four days' heavy fighting this man who was company runner, went backwards and forwards in full view of the enemy under severe fire from snipers and machine guns and never failed to deliver his messages to the battalion commander and inform him of the situation at the advanced position. He was eventually wounded. He set a fine example of staunch devotion to duty under peculiarly trying and dangerous conditions.

11132 Pte. J. E. Jones, R.W. Fus. (Festiniog).

For conspicuous gallantry during a raid. He was among the first into the enemy's position with his officer, and was responsible for clearing two dug-outs alone with him. When the officer was wounded he helped him to a place of safety and returned to his section, where he captured many prisoners. Later, he did excellent work in dealing with the enemy counter-attack. Throughout he showed marked courage and devotion to duty.

95398 Sjt. T. Jones, M.M., L'pool R. (St. Helens).

For conspicuous gallantry and fine leadership in attack and patrolling under heavy machine-gun fire. Throughout the two days' operations he displayed a strong offensive spirit in attack, and his coolness and determination had a marked effect in maintaining the forward drive during the operations.

G/3860 Sjt. (A./C.Q.M.S.) E. Keen, R. Fus. (N. Kensington).

For conspicuous gallantry and resource in an attack. When his officer was wounded he led his platoon with great skill through another unit which had been held up by machine-gun fire. He captured and held his objective, taking 30 prisoners and six machine guns. He showed splendid leadership and initiative.

48634 A./Cpl. W. Kenyon, M.M., Manch. R. (Royton, Lancs.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. He advanced with his section in the leading wave of his company, personally led many men through a gap he found in the wire, and then led them forward with the greatest dash. He was the first man into the objective, and though wounded led his party and searched all dug-outs and houses in his area, capturing prisoners and killing a large number of the enemy himself. His magnificent courage and example materially contributed to the success of the raid.

8988 C.S.M. O. M. King, S. Staffs, R. (Camden Town, N.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack and the subsequent reorganisation. He set a fine example of courage and determination throughout, and was of the greatest assistance to his company commander.

13540 Pte. W. Kington, M.M., Essex R. (Chippenham, Wilts.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He tackled an enemy strong point himself and compelled its occupants to surrender, and took a number of other prisoners single-handed. Later, he was wounded in the neck, but remained at duty throughout the day displaying splendid pluck and determination, and setting a magnificent example to all who saw him.

553070 L./Cpl. A. W. Lance, Lond. R. (Streatham).

When some of our men were being driven back by a large party of the enemy, L./Cpl.

Lance and another man jumped upon the parapet of the trench and heavily bombed the advancing enemy, who became greatly demoralised. Our troops resumed the offensive and captured many machine guns and prisoners. The gallant action of this N.C.O. and his companion undoubtedly saved an awkward situation.

24500 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) F. G. Lane, R.E. (Downton, Hordle).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He laid and mended telephone lines to the attacking battalions under heavy shell fire. He worked incessantly under most trying conditions, and displayed great initiative in maintaining communication throughout the operations.

240275 Pte. J. Lane, M.M., N. Lan. R. (Little Hulton).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative during an enemy counter-attack. He assumed command of his section and himself took up an advanced position, single-handed, engaging the enemy for an hour and a half until his bombs were exhausted and the enemy had retired in confusion. He finally withdrew his section most skilfully. He set a splendid example of courage and determination.

G/61061 Cpl. W. Lawrence, R. Fus. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry during a successful night attack. By his promptitude and fearless leadership he put many enemy machine guns out of action before they were able to inflict casualties. On two occasions he personally killed the whole team, and with his platoon was responsible for rounding up over 50 prisoners. He did magnificent work.

17406 L./C. B. Leicester, Manch. R. (Northwich, Cheshire).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid. He attacked an enemy trench mortar which was firing from a position in rear. He led his section to within bombing distance, rushed the position, destroyed the gun, and captured or killed the crew with the bayonet. He showed splendid courage and determination.

25909 Sjt. A. Lester, R.F.A. (Stoke-on-Trent).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as acting battery serjeant-major. He assisted in getting the battery into action under intense shell fire, and moved about in the open collecting the detachments with utter disregard of danger. He set a splendid example of courage throughout the day, which was largely responsible for the steadiness shown by the whole battery.

38351 Pte. R. G. Lindsay, R. Scots (Springburn).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while acting as runner. He was severely wounded in five places while carrying urgent orders to the most advanced company: but sent a man who came to his help with the message and refused to be carried away until the man reported the message de-

livered. He then got himself carried to battalion headquarters and reported the orders delivered. He behaved splendidly.

30474 Pte. J. Locherty, E. Lan. R. (Dundee).

For conspicuous gallantry and determination during an attack. Together with a comrade he rushed forward and bombed an enemy machine-gun post, killing four and bringing back two prisoners and knocking out a machine gun. His splendid act cleared the way for the advance of his company.

35071 Pte. T. J. Lock, Welsh R. (Senghenydd).

He manœuvred his Lewis gun into position against an enemy machine gun that was holding up our advance, and engaged it with great effect, putting fourteen of the enemy out of action and capturing the gun. He was wounded later in a similar enterprise. During several days' hard fighting he set a splendid example of courage and determination to the men with him.

55786 Sjt. W. Lockley, Notts. & Derby. R. (Arnold).

For conspicuous gallantry and resource. When his company was strongly counter-attacked he led a determined charge against the enemy, and, advancing under a shower of bombs, put out of action an enemy machine gun which had held up the attack. He set a magnificent example of courage and initiative.

11037 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) J. Lord, E. Surr. R. (Richmond).

When a company was being held up during the attack, by heavy rifle and machine-gun fire he rushed across an exposed piece of ground swept by enemy fire, and, taking up a favourable position, he killed the crews of several of the machine guns. Later on he took part in the assault and was one of the first in the rush which captured the enemy trench with 70 prisoners and 12 machine guns. His personal gallantry and dash were admirable, and he set a splendid example to all ranks.

6445 C./S./M. H. Loughman, Bord. R. (Salford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid. He was with the leading platoon, and when the first lines of his company were held up by hidden wire and very heavy machine-gun fire, he dashed forward with a few men and rushed two machine guns one after another, killing or capturing the teams. This action enabled his company to reform and successfully rush the objective. He showed magnificent courage and rendered most valuable service.

241087 L./Cpl. T. Love, H.L.I. (Glasgow).

He successfully attacked and put to flight a party of six of the enemy who were enfilading our line with a machine gun. In spite of impediments of wire, he got his Lewis gun to bear, and he finally charged with three other men and routed them. His initiative was worthy of great praise, as he

acted entirely of his own accord, the only officer near him having just been hit. His dash and gallantry were admirable.

203156 Pte. W. H. Lowther, York. R. (South Bank, Yorks.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. With an officer and party of three he penetrated the enemy's main position. He attacked a large party of the enemy and killed a number of them both with rifle fire and bayonet. He then assisted his officer to clear up two large enemy dug-outs, killing all who resisted, and afterwards helped him to take back twelve prisoners. Throughout the operation this young Private showed a magnificent fighting spirit and the utmost contempt of danger.

265555 Sjt. F. Luckman, R. War. R. (Coventry).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative during a raid. When his platoon became disorganised by heavy rifle grenade fire on nearing the objective, he immediately collected a few men, entered the trench and bombed down, clearing trench and dug-outs, killing about thirty of the enemy and capturing many prisoners. He personally cleared all dug-outs, setting a splendid example of courage. He afterwards organised his men, and formed a defensive line.

34671 L./Cpl. J. Lumb, Lan. Fus. (Rochdale).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was wounded at the beginning of an attack, and being unable to walk, crawled after his section to the most advanced post of the battalion, where he remained for thirty-six hours helping in the consolidation. He set a splendid example of courage and determination.

514122 Sjt. C. McAllister, Lond. R. (Port William).

He commanded his platoon in two attacks on a village, and on both occasions he led his men under heavy machine-gun fire with gallantry, judgment and determination to their objective. On the second day he was wounded severely in the back, but refused to leave his platoon or have his wound dressed until the battalion came out of action. His example greatly inspired his men.

330526 C./S./M. J. C. McCarten, M.M., L'pool R. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative in an attack. He led a platoon with great dash and skill under heavy machine-gun fire, bombed his way along the enemy trench, which he then consolidated and held. Later he showed splendid resource in forming a defensive flank.

14556 A./C./S./M. W. J. McClean, R. Ir. Fus. (Portadown).

During an attack he got round the flank of a machine gun that was causing casualties to our men, and killed four of the team and put the gun out of action. When the enemy counter-attacked, he skilfully disposed two Lewis guns, and opening fire on the enemy at point-blank range, he broke up the counter-attack on his front with very

heavy losses. He displayed great gallantry and very high qualities of leadership and initiative.

8625 L./Sjt. J. McCreedy, R. Ir. Fus. (Belfast).

When his platoon commander had been killed he took command, and controlled his men with great ability during a difficult and trying time, when an intense bombardment was causing many casualties. He held on to his own position, and helped another platoon to reach their objective by pushing forward the remnants of his men and opening a heavy fire on the enemy. He displayed great gallantry throughout the operations, and very high qualities of leadership and determination.

241012 Sjt. A. MacDougall, H.L.I. (Greenock).

For conspicuous gallantry and determination during an attack. Under heavy machine-gun fire he rallied his men, and when the attack was held up he rallied a small party, and brought in wounded from in front of the enemy wire. Three days later, when an enemy machine-gun post was holding up his company, he got his Lewis gun directed on it from a flank, and single-handed went forward and captured the gun. He set a splendid example of courage to his men.

203406 Pte. D. McFarlane, H.L.I. (Glasgow).

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his battalion relieved another unit in the front line, this man was one of an advanced post under Cpl. D. F. Hunter, V.C., H.L.I., which was established in shell holes close to the enemy. The following afternoon the enemy drove back the posts on their flanks and established posts in close proximity all round them, thus completely cutting them off. On the second night this man and another went out to try and get into our lines and bring back rations and water. The other man was killed, and he himself was badly wounded. After wandering about "No Man's Land" for five hours he succeeded in reaching another of our posts, and gave information as to the position of his party. He showed magnificent courage and determination.

51812 Sjt. C. McGregor, Ches. R. (Hoole, Chester).

When the advance of the battalion was held up by the enemy machine-gun fire, he went out single-handed and killed the detachment and captured the machine gun. His gallant action saved the battalion many casualties. Throughout the day he set a splendid example of courage and devotion to duty.

250234 Cpl. W. Mackie, R. Scots (Edinburgh).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. He kept his Lewis-gun section together, and inspired them by his cool behaviour until they had all become casualties. Later he collected remnants of companies and formed them into a series of posts, preventing the line being penetrated. Later, when seriously wounded, he remained at duty encouraging his men. He set a splendid

example of cool courage and devotion to duty.

S/23852 Sgt. J. MacIver, Sea. Highrs. (Cronarty).

For conspicuous gallantry while acting company serjeant-major during an advance. When company headquarters were fired on by a machine-gun from some ruined houses just in front he at once worked round the gun team and dislodged them, killing one and scattering the others. His initiative and daring saved many lives. Throughout the advance he was of the greatest assistance to his company commander.

11007 Sgt. H. McMahon, H.L.I. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, acting as company serjeant-major. He rendered invaluable assistance to his company commander, and when a very heavy barrage, including gas, was put on the area through which the company had to move forward he showed great coolness and absolute disregard for personal safety while collecting the company and getting them started off.

R/4640 Sgt. J. McMahon, K.R.R.C. (Walthamstow).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative. He was one of the first to reach the objective in an attack, and then saw that the advance of the battalion on his left was checked by machine-gun fire. He went forward alone, located the machine gun, and then organised Lewis-gun fire, which silenced the enemy gun. Throughout five days' operations he displayed great energy and contempt of danger.

17418 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) H. J. Maddock, D.C.L.I. (Edmonton, N.).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. When his platoon officer was wounded he took charge and led the platoon to its objective in face of heavy machine-gun fire. Later, he took out a patrol and established a post, and then returned and led his company through without a casualty with a large capture of prisoners. He rendered valuable service.

5758 C./S./M. J. Mahoney, Manch. R. (Oldham).

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership in an attack. He took command of his company when the company commander was wounded, and led it with the greatest determination at a critical time. He led a platoon to attack an enemy machine gun, which he captured, with nine prisoners, and enabled the advance to continue. He set a splendid example of coolness and resource.

58210 Cpl. A. Mail, M.G. Corps (Derby).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst commanding a machine-gun team under very heavy shell fire. When the enemy counter-attacked, and his gun and tripod had been blown down by shell fire, he mounted it again in a shell hole and continued to fire on them. His action materially assisted in breaking up the enemy counter-attack.

240698 Cpl. J. H. Manchester, Linc. R. (Barton-on-Humber).

For conspicuous gallantry and resource in an attack. He led a charge against a strong point which was holding up the advance, put several of the enemy out of action, and captured the position and a machine gun. He then followed up the retreating enemy with a few men and took four prisoners. Throughout the operations he showed splendid courage and initiative under heavy fire.

785759 B.S.M. G. W. Markham, R.F.A. (Neepsend, Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during recent operations. Through heavy shell fire he took up a convoy and got all ordered ammunition up to the guns, which were within a short distance of the front line. He then pushed back through the fire a second time to refill. Through his speed and resolute courage all ammunition was delivered at the cost of only two horses and one wagon body.

13833 C.S.M. J. Marsden, N. Lan. R. (Preston).

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership. He took command of his company in an attack when all his officers were casualties. He organised the company and established posts when the position was very critical, and attacked and captured a machine gun which was inflicting casualties on the company. He set a splendid example of determination and resource.

16777 Sgt. H. T. Merriçk, M.G. Corps (Rickmansworth).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative when in command of a sub-section of machine guns. He led his men forward under intense bombardment and got his guns into action with the advancing infantry. On the following day he got his guns into action in a very exposed position, from which he could bring direct fire to bear on the enemy from a flank. By his action the infantry were able to advance and gain their objective.

200212 Pte. (L./C.) H. Merriman, O. & B. L.I. (Thame).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative during a raid. He cleared several dug-outs with bombs, and on reaching one out of which the enemy refused to come he entered himself and emptied his rifle into the occupants. He then seized the rifle of the nearest enemy and fired the contents into them, causing them to surrender. He did fine work.

418077 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) J. Meston, M.M., R.E. (Stonehaven).

Within fifteen minutes of the occupation of an important position by our troops he ran out a line from brigade headquarters to the most advanced posts, working under heavy fire all the time. He maintained and repaired communication with this position throughout the day, it being a matter of vital importance, as a heavy counter-attack was impending. His disregard of danger and devotion to duty were admirable.

331233 Sjt. J. Midghall, L'pool R. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership in an attack. After all his officers and the company serjeant-major had become casualties he took command of the company and other troops in the vicinity, and led them to their objective under heavy machine-gun fire. He consolidated the position and, reorganising his men, formed a defensive flank. He set a magnificent example of courage and initiative.

17159 Pte. F. Millward, R.W. Fus. (Buckley).

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership. He led his section in a flank attack on an enemy strong point, and captured a machine gun and its team. He then went forward and killed an enemy sniper who was harassing the company. He showed splendid initiative on this and several other occasions.

68951 L./Bomdr. W. Milne, R.G.A. (Arnage-by-Ellon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of the telephone exchange at the battery position. He carried on his work without any cover during a two-hours' bombardment of the position, until he was severely wounded by a direct hit on the exchange. He rendered assistance to those who were wounded by the same shell, setting a splendid example of courage and determination.

7722 Sjt. J. A. Mitchell, Rif. Bde. (Dublin).

For conspicuous gallantry and resource. He showed great initiative throughout two days' operations, and ably assisted in the establishment of a line of advanced posts after an attack. Later, finding himself the senior non-commissioned officer in the company, he directed the consolidation and held his position in spite of heavy fire. He set an excellent example to his men.

S/9810 Sjt. J. Monteith, Gord. Highrs. (Stranraer).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. His platoon commander having been wounded, he took command and led his men forward to the objective. He led an attack on a quarry held by the enemy and inflicted heavy casualties. He then entered several dug-outs and either killed or captured the occupants. He did splendid work.

305968 Sjt. C. W. Moody, L'pool R. (Blackpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership in an attack. When his platoon was heavily engaged by three hostile machine guns he initiated an enveloping movement, which resulted in the capture of the three guns and their crews. He then cleared the captured position and inflicted further casualties on the enemy. It was undoubtedly due to his splendid example of courage and resource that the operation was successful.

5/4582 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) A. C. Moore, M.M., K.R.R.C. (Canning Town).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as one of a battle patrol. He led an

attack on an enemy machine-gun post, captured a gun and killed two of the team. He then assisted his officer in working the captured gun against a reinforcing enemy party, and subsequently did invaluable work in repelling enemy bombing attacks. He personally accounted for at least five of the enemy, and throughout showed fine courage and leadership.

71773 Sjt. J. Moran, M.M., M.G. Corps (Earlstown).

When his section officer had been wounded he took command and made able dispositions to repel a heavy counter-attack that was impending. In reconnoitring to the front he came under fire of an enemy machine gun, but he shot three of the crew with his revolver and disorganised the immediate counter-attack. His courage and efficiency have always been a great inspiration to the men under him.

230436 Pte. W. W. Morris, Shrops. L.I. (Bewdley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He continually attended wounded under very heavy fire, and undoubtedly saved many lives. He went out six times a long distance in full view of the enemy, and each time brought in a wounded man. He did splendid work.

1175 C./S./M. C. W. Mutters, M.M., Manch. R. (Reading).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his men brilliantly to the attack after his officers had become casualties. Though wounded he remained at duty, directing and assisting in the protection of an exposed flank until the line was handed over to a relieving unit. He set a splendid example to his men.

305886 A./Sjt. H. Newey, R. War. R. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and resource. During the night after an attack his company was heavily fired on by an enemy machine gun from a flank. He led his section behind the position, bayoneted the team and captured the gun. He showed splendid initiative and courage.

201212 Sjt. W. J. Nickson, N. Lan. R. (Preston).

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership. He took command of his platoon when his officer was put out of action at the beginning of the attack. He led his men under heavy fire against an enemy machine-gun which was causing heavy casualties, put the crew out of action, and captured the gun. His prompt and determined action enabled the advance to continue.

17998 Cpl. L. Nunn, York. L.I. (Doncaster).

For conspicuous gallantry and skill in handling his Lewis gun during an attack. He rushed forward with his gun to protect a Tank out of action which the enemy were endeavouring to bomb, and with one other man established his gun beyond the Tank and shot down several of the enemy. He thus saved a wounded officer and two other

ranks of the Tank Corps from falling into the enemy's hands.

46942 Pte. M. O'Hara, R.A.M.C. (Heywood).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When he and three other bearers were bringing a wounded man to the advanced dressing station a shell burst and wounded two of the bearers and killed the third. He at once carried the wounded men into shelter, and then went under heavy fire and collected three more bearers and brought all wounded back to the advanced dressing station. He behaved splendidly.

G61149 Sjt. G. W. Orbell, R. Fus. (Hackney).

For conspicuous gallantry and fearless leadership during a successful night attack. Finding a nest of enemy machine guns which threatened to hold up his sector of the advance, he worked forward in front of his men and rushed them from a flank, killing the first and compelling the surrender of the other teams. He did magnificent work.

30501 Pte. E. Pagington, Som. L.I. (Malmesbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an advance. He carried messages to forward companies through very heavy fire of all kinds, and after three runners had been knocked out he volunteered and successfully delivered an urgent message to the front company. He showed fine courage and determination.

201108 A./Cpl. F. Palmer, M.M., Lan Fus. (Radcliffe).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On two occasions when his team and his officers were buried in dug-outs by enemy shell fire, though he had been buried himself, he at once assisted in digging them out, and by his promptness undoubtedly saved several lives. When an S.O.S. call was received soon afterwards, though his men were badly shaken, he brought his gun into action under heavy enemy shelling and fired it until the attack was beaten off. He set a splendid example of determination.

45078 Cpl. W. J. Pattimore, K.R.R.C. (Jersey, C.I.).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative during an attack in which hundreds of prisoners, many machine guns, and three field guns were captured. With a handful of men he occupied and held the outpost line, which was the day's objective for the battalion, until reinforcements could be brought up; and on one occasion covered with his rifle an enemy post which his officer rushed. Later, he dragged in a wounded comrade under heavy machine-gun fire. He set a very fine example of courage and devotion to duty.

11052 C./S./M. C. G. Pearce, Dorset. R. (Wimborne).

For conspicuous gallantry and resource. When the enemy counter-attacked some advanced posts, he drove off the attack and succeeded in advancing his line. He led half a company in an attack on a village, and

when he was attacked on three sides he held his ground, and later covered the flank of the battalion, which was hard pressed by the enemy. He took command of the company when all the officers were casualties, and set them a magnificent example of courage and determination.

3205 Sjt. T. Pearson, H.L.I. (Houghton-le-Spring).

For conspicuous gallantry and resource during an advance. He was detailed to protect the left flank, and did so most ably, with few casualties to his platoon. Later, he took a fighting patrol through the enemy lines, and when attacked by vastly superior numbers he killed many of the enemy before skilfully withdrawing his men. He showed marked courage and devotion to duty.

3/7352 Cpl. W. Pennycock, Bedf. R. (Paddington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He so distributed his platoon as to protect the left flank of his battalion, and successfully beat off three determined attacks on his position. By his fine leadership and cool courage under the hottest close-range fire he set a splendid example to his men.

14822 Sjt. F. W. Perry, Midd'x R. (Hoddeston, Herts.).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack on a village. When an enemy trench mortar was causing numerous casualties by point-blank fire, this non-commissioned officer immediately collected six men and successfully rushed it, killing all the team and enabling the line to advance. He showed fine courage and promptitude.

305379 Pte. P. J. Perry, Tank Corps (Crewe).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his Tank was "ditched" and on fire he stayed with his officer and put out the fire, but they were eventually obliged to turn the Tank homewards on bottom speed and walk in front of it, as the fumes of the phosphorus bombs made it impossible to stay inside. The enemy were all round, but Pte. Perry kept them at bay with his revolver, while he also supported his officer; who was quite exhausted and nearly collapsed. Eventually they all got back and the Tank was saved. Pte. Perry's gallantry and determination were admirable, and worthy of the highest praise.

200062 Pte. J. L. Phillips, H.L.I. (Glasgow).

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his battalion relieved another unit in the front line, this man was one of an advanced post under Cpl. D. F. Hunter, V.C., H.L.I., which was established in shell holes close to the enemy. The following afternoon the enemy drove back the posts on their flanks and established posts in close proximity all round them, thus completely cutting them off. Though almost entirely without food or water, this party maintained their position, repelling enemy attacks, until the evening of the third day, until a counter-attack relieved them, preceded by a heavy barrage which came

down right upon their post. As soon as the barrage lifted this man came back to try and get touch with our attacking troops. He succeeded in reaching advanced headquarters, and volunteered to return with the relieving platoon to show them the exact position. He showed magnificent courage and endurance, particularly in volunteering to return with the relieving party in his exhausted condition.

269818 L./Cpl. J. Pope, Notts. & Derby. R. (Ely, Cambs.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. He was wounded in both arms before reaching his objective, but carried on, and by his fine example inspired all in his platoon. He was one of the first to rush a machine gun.

77365 Cpl. W. Prest, Tank Corps (Hull).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. On several occasions he led his Tank on foot under heavy machine-gun fire to ensure crossing over difficult places. Seeing the enemy escaping beyond the barrage, he drove his Tank through it and inflicted heavy casualties on them. Later, in co-operation with another Tank, he attacked and captured a battery of field guns in the open, and caused some two hundred of the enemy to surrender. He rendered magnificent service.

79527 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) J. Raeburn, R.E. (Tranent).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in removing land mines from the streets and roads of a town from which the enemy had been driven. He carried out his duties with the greatest energy and determination under shell and machine-gun fire.

64818 Sjt. J. Ralph, R.F.A. (Dundalk).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as acting battery serjeant-major. After the battery had been shelled and gassed for three hours, he assisted in bringing it into action under heavy fire when an S.O.S. call was received. He set a splendid example of courage to his men on this and many other occasions.

19251 Sjt. D. Rees, Welsh R. (Maesteg).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During four days' heavy fighting he was always in the forefront, leading his men in a very gallant manner and steadying and encouraging them by his splendid example of coolness and composure under the heaviest fire. He took a prominent part in the capture of a machine gun and its whole team.

57224 Cpl. J. E. Rees, Welsh R. (Cardiff)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his section with great dash and gallantry against an enemy machine gun that was causing heavy casualties. He killed the team and captured the gun, thus greatly assisting the advance.

200516 Sjt. W. Reid, R. Scots (Edinburgh).

For conspicuous gallantry during an advance. When his company was held up by machine-gun fire he organised and led on out-flanking patrols, capturing the gun and enabling the company to advance. Throughout the operations he showed great courage and devotion to duty.

203062 C./S./M. J. G. Reynolds, Lond. R. (St. Pancras).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all his company officers had become casualties this warrant officer took command and carried forward the attack in spite of heavy enfilade machine-gun fire, and captured three enemy machine guns. Later on, though wounded in two places by a grenade, he declined to retire, but led on the men, showing them a splendid example of courage, initiative and endurance.

25922 Cpl. (A./L./Sjt.) A. Roberts, W. Rid. R. (Crowborough).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on enemy trenches. He kept his platoon well in hand under very heavy machine-gun fire during the preliminary stages of the advance, and finally, with a few others, pushed right through the enemy position to the final objective, although the enemy was holding out on both sides of him. His conduct throughout was splendid.

205712 Cpl. E. C. Roberts, Wilts. R. (Chorlton-upon-Medlock).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After a position had been captured, and when an enemy machine gun was causing casualties, he went over with another non-commissioned officer to the enemy trench and put the gun out of action, killing or capturing the crew. He displayed great courage and saved many lives.

27632 A./Cpl. J. Roberts, Bord. R. (Wansford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of a Lewis-gun post in a forward position, which was attacked by the enemy in large numbers. Though half his team were put out of action and there was a large gap on his right, he held his ground and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy. He showed splendid courage and determination under heavy fire on this and many other occasions.

35453 Sjt. W. Roberts, Welsh R. (Rhyl).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On two occasions all the officers of his company became casualties; he took command each time, and led the men with gallantry and determination. In a later attack he was three times wounded, but declined to retire, and led his men in another attack two days later. He set a splendid example of resolute courage and endurance and great initiative.

15739 Sjt. C. Robinson, M.M., Notts. & Derby. R. (Alfreton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. He did splendid work

with a bombing section, and later when his platoon officer was killed he remained behind with a runner to carry his body back to his lines. He displayed great coolness and able leadership throughout.

238055 Sjt. L. Rockley, Linc. R. (Nottingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a bombing attack he went forward in front of the first wave and materially assisted in the capture of eight prisoners and a machine gun. Subsequently when the enemy counter-attacked he exposed himself without any regard for safety to heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, and himself accounted for six of the enemy. His fine example of courage and determination materially assisted in the complete repulse of the enemy.

9364 C./S./M. H. J. Routledge, M.M., Yorks. L.I. (Loughborough).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an advance. Under heavy fire he led his platoon straight on to the objective and, although he was three times blown over by shell bursts and much shaken, he continued to lead his platoon and captured some machine-gun posts. Next day he assisted materially in beating off a counter-attack on his battalion's position. Throughout he set a splendid example to his men.

39616 B.S.M. G. Rowley, R.G.A. (Leicester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While the battery was in action under an enemy bombardment a gas shell put the whole of one detachment out of action and set fire to some cartridges in the gun-pit. He at once assisted an officer to put out the fire, thereby saving the ammunition and averting what would have been a serious fire. They then got the gun into action and fired it until relieved by a fresh detachment. He set a splendid example of coolness and determination on this and many other occasions.

55413 Pte. W. Rowson, R.W. Fus. (Gloucester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His company sergeant-major was wounded by a machine gun at close range. He ran forward and, in spite of the heavy fire of the machine gun, which was only a few yards off, he lifted the warrant officer into a shell hole, where he was attacked by three of the enemy, all of whom he killed. His company dislodged the machine gun and the advance continued. His gallant and determined action excited great admiration among all who saw it.

9482 Sjt. J. W. Rynn, North'd Fus. (Wallsend-on-Tyne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the enemy trenches. He did excellent work in bombing dug-outs. Though wounded himself, he assisted in carrying in a wounded man. He led his section splendidly all through the raid.

25535 Sjt. E. W. Salt, R.W. Fus. (Bodedern Valley, Anglesey).

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership. On two occasions in the course of an attack he rushed and captured an enemy strong point which had been holding up the advance and captured twenty prisoners on each occasion in the face of heavy fire. He showed splendid resource and initiative.

38051 Dvr. J. C. Sandercombe, R.F.A. (Gosport).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The enemy heavily shelled the wagon lines and several teams stampeded. Ammunition was urgently required at the battery position. Driver Sandercombe took the situation in hand with great initiative and energy and rallied some of the teams, with which he at once started off and delivered the ammunition to the battery, having to pass through heavy barrage to do so. He spent the night searching for the other teams, and having at length got them back to the lines, he took the place of the lead driver of one of them who was wounded and took the remainder of the ammunition to the battery. He displayed admirable determination and gallantry and power of command.

S/24207 Sjt. C. W. Sanders, Rif. Bde. (Dorking).

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership. He took command of his platoon during an advance when his platoon commander became a casualty, and led it to the objective. When one of the flanks became exposed, owing to the troops on the left being held up, he carried out a valuable reconnaissance under heavy fire. He set a splendid example of initiative to his men.

G/5105 Sjt. C. H. Scheurmier, M.M., R. Fus. (Walthamstow).

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership. He led his platoon in an attack with great skill under heavy machine-gun fire and outflanked and captured a large number of the enemy. Though wounded, he remained with his men until wounded a second time. He showed great initiative and determination.

240119 Sjt. A. T. J. Sherwood, Worc. R. (Worcester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. He led his platoon with great dash into the enemy's lines, and then with one man he worked down the trench and killed five of the enemy and made one prisoner. He then returned to company headquarters to make a report, after which he went down the trench with three men, this time accounting for four of the enemy and assisting another party to capture a machine gun and eleven prisoners. He did splendid work.

93000 Pte. W. Sidell, Tank Corps (Swanton Abbott).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His tank became detached in the enemy front line and was hit by a shell, which set it on fire and wounded an officer and two men. He first dressed the wounds

of one of the men, and with the officer's assistance carried him to safety. He then returned to the other man and dragged him back across the open a distance of 400 yards to our line, taking two hours to accomplish this, owing to intense fire from three sides. He undoubtedly saved the man's life by his courage and determination.

51664 Sjt. A. Simpson, R.G.A. (Durham)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While his battery was being heavily shelled, and after he himself had been knocked nearly senseless by a bursting shell, he kept his gun in action throughout the rapid rate of fire necessary in a gas bombardment. Though in a collapsed condition he refused to be relieved, and set a splendid example of pluck and endurance to the whole battery.

265283 Sjt. F. M. Sims, Bedf. R. (Chorley Wood).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a heavy enemy attack. He collected and organised stragglers into a firing line and held off the enemy's advance on his platoon's front; and finding that his left flank was uncovered he established and manned a block. He beat off several enemy attacks during the day, and by his splendid example and leadership prevented the enemy from advancing on his front.

200934 Pte. J. Small, R. Scots (Crumlin).

For conspicuous gallantry during an advance. He went forward single-handed and bombed a machine-gun nest, knocking out the teams and causing the guns to be captured by his platoon. Later, under heavy machine-gun fire, he saved the life of a comrade who had been left in the open seriously wounded. Throughout he showed fine courage and devotion to duty.

9104 C.S.M. E. J. Smith, M.M., O. & B. L.I. (Great Marlow).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. He showed the greatest coolness and devotion to duty under very heavy shell fire. Later, with a few men, he rounded up thirteen prisoners and four machine guns from an enemy strong-point. Throughout the operations he was invaluable to his company commander, and set a very fine example to all ranks.

205707 Sjt. E. J. Smith, R.W. Kent R. (Willesden).

For conspicuous gallantry and ability while acting as company serjeant-major during an attack. After his officers had become casualties he assumed command of the company and by his splendid example and leadership successfully accomplished their share in the attack. Later, he led his company with great skill, securing the flank of the battalion, and eventually bringing his command out of action with a minimum of loss. He rendered most valuable service.

472924 L./Cpl. J. T. Smith, Lond. R. (Chelsea).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the front wave of our attack

was held up by heavy machine-gun fire, this non-commissioned officer volunteered to rush across a very much exposed piece of ground to attack a machine gun. This he did with complete success, putting the machine gun out of action. His gallant action saved many casualties, and his fine example greatly inspired the remainder of the company.

72570 Pte. S. C. Smith, Notts. & Derby. R. (Blackwater).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the whole of a Lewis-gun team in an advanced post had been put out of action by enemy snipers he crawled forward alone and brought back the gun and a wounded man. He killed the sniper by skilful use of the gun, and then collected stretcher-bearers and brought in the rest of the wounded men. He set a splendid example of courage and resource.

205836 Pte. T. Smith, Shrops. L.I. (St. Helens).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while acting as stretcher-bearer. He attended cases all day under heavy fire with complete disregard for his own safety. Later, when badly wounded, he refused to have a stretcher and directed the bearers where to look for other wounded. He set a splendid example of devotion to duty.

266343 Sjt. W. Smith, Bucks. Bn., O. & B. L.I. (Aylesbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. He led his platoon with skill and determination, and set a very fine example to his men. When held up by a machine gun he himself shot the two men working it, and then led a rush which captured the gun and killed the remainder of the crew.

265103 Sjt. W. L. Smith, Sco. Rif. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative during an advance. On the arrival of his company at a sunken road he with one man patrolled to the left of the battalion, which was in the air, and bombed several dug-outs, clearing the flank of the battalion and bringing in eleven prisoners.

202781 L./Cpl. W. Smye, Tank Corps (Cork).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative during an attack. When his Tank had broken down and the crew were carrying on the fight on foot he rushed forward and single-handed attacked an enemy machine-gun, killed the crew and captured the gun. His courageous act saved many casualties.

10210 C./S./M. H. Spalding, R.W. Fus. (Aston, B'ham).

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership during a raid. At the head of a party he completed the mopping-up of the enemy front line, captured fifteen prisoners, and killed or put to flight the rest. He also assisted materially in defeating an attempted enemy counter-attack. Throughout he showed utter disregard of danger, and set a fine example to his men.

200632 C./S./M. J. Stanton, S. Staffs. R. (Walsall).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. With three other ranks he captured two enemy machine guns and turned them on to the retreating enemy, inflicting severe casualties and enabling the advance to continue. Although wounded, he remained with his company and assisted in the reorganisation and consolidation. He set a very fine example of courage and devotion to duty.

30831 Cpl. C. M. Staples, Welsh R. (Abercynon):

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He commanded his platoon during several days' operations, and led it with great skill in three attacks. On one occasion, when an enemy machine gun opened fire after the objective had been captured, he at once led an attack on it killed the whole team, and captured the gun. He showed splendid leadership and resource.

55641 Pte. E. Staples, North'd Fus. (Rotherhithe, S.E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the enemy trenches. He showed rare coolness and pluck. He bombed numerous dug-outs and captured several prisoners. Although wounded, he still carried on, and was wounded again on leaving the enemy's lines.

315358 Pte. H. Stockdale, Lond. R. (Bishop Auckland).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He volunteered to go out under very heavy machine-gun fire and cut gaps in the wire, which he did successfully. On the following day he volunteered for a bombing party, in which he took a leading part until he was severely wounded. Throughout the operations his courage and coolness were a splendid example to his comrades.

55394 Pte. H. Strike, Welsh R. (Hayle).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack his company came under heavy machine-gun fire from the flank. Arming himself with grenades, he proceeded to search for the gun, and having located it, he worked round and attacked it from the rear, and killed or captured the whole team and took the gun. His courage and initiative were worthy of great praise.

110135 Pte. T. Suddaby, Tank Corps (Stalingborough, Lincs.).

For conspicuous gallantry and perseverance as a gunner. Although wounded, he worked his gun for two hours under very heavy machine-gun fire from close range. Later he was again wounded, but continued to fire until he fell unconscious. He showed a magnificent example.

8678 C./S./M. F. H. Sullivan, York. L.I. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. His company commander and two other officers being casualties, he assisted to lead the company forward under heavy machine-gun fire. He got two Lewis guns into forward positions through the enemy wire, thus assisting and covering the advance of the remainder of the com-

pany, and protecting two Tanks which had been put out of action. He showed fine courage and leadership.

17761 Cpl. C. Tattersall, M.M., Bord. R (Wigan).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid. He collected under very heavy fire several small parties of men who were being forced back by the enemy, and led them forward with great determination, driving back the enemy and inflicting heavy casualties. Having gained his objective, he located a very active trench mortar, immediately rushed it, killing the team, and effectively destroyed it by bursting bombs down it until it burst. He set a splendid example of courage and initiative.

202334 Pte. (L./Cpl.) C. H. Taylor, S. Lan. R. (Congleton).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative. When his company was held up by heavy close-range machine-gun fire during an attack, he rushed forward with three men, killed the machine gunners, captured three others of the enemy, and enabled the advance to continue. When the objective was captured he took up a position on the flank, which he held under heavy fire. He showed splendid determination and resource.

9663 C./S./M. W. A. Taylor, R. War. R. (Rugby).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the officers of the company had become casualties, Company Sjt.-Major Taylor took command, and led the company forward to their final objective. Single-handed he attacked and silenced a machine gun, killing three of the team. He set a splendid example of determination and courage to the men, and his leadership was brilliant.

9685 Sjt. R. Teer, M.M., Notts. & Derby. R. (Bulwell).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative. He went to the assistance of a daylight patrol which had been driven back by the enemy from a river bank, and with another non-commissioned officer checked the hostile rush and put a machine gun out of action. He continued to cover the withdrawal until he was almost surrounded, and then jumped into the river. He was forced to remain in the water for over an hour while the enemy were searching for him, but finally succeeded in reaching our line, bringing with him valuable information. He showed magnificent determination and resource.

24864 C./S./M. E. L. M. Temple, Ches. R. (Cheltenham).

For conspicuous gallantry and ability during an attack. He organised attacks on machine-gun posts which were holding up the advance, and until wounded energetically assisted in leading the company to its final objective. His personal example of courage and determination was a great encouragement to the men.

49193 Cpl. G. Thomas, Lan. Fus. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry during a strong enemy counter-attack. He went out with an

officer to within fifty yards of the enemy, and killed three as they were bringing a machine gun into action. The information he brought back enabled fire to be directed at the vital points of the enemy trench, and completely stopped the counter-attack. By his courage and devotion to duty he rendered very valuable service.

18556 Pte. T. Thompson, W. York. R. (Leeds).

For conspicuous gallantry in action. When an enemy machine gun was firing at point-blank range, he stood and fired at the gunners, killing the man on the gun; he then rushed forward and bayoneted another man who was bringing the gun into action again, thus allowing the advance to continue. Later he went into the enemy's positions, and returned with an officer and six other prisoners. Throughout the operations he showed splendid courage, and captured at least twenty-five prisoners and two machine guns.

34762 Sjt. J. Thornton, Y. & L. Regt. (Middlesbrough).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. When, on nearing the enemy's wire, rapid machine-gun and rifle fire was opened on his section, he got his men down, and by opening rifle fire on the enemy was mainly responsible for the remainder of the raiding party being able to rush through the wire and occupy the enemy's trench. His party silenced a machine gun and accounted for several of the enemy. Throughout he showed admirable coolness and leadership.

S.P. 4372 L./Cpl. R. M. Tinkler, R. Fus. (Ulverston).

For conspicuous gallantry and splendid leadership during a successful night attack. When the senior non-commissioned officers became casualties he took command of his platoon, which, led by him, took part in the hottest fighting. Whenever pockets of the enemy were discovered barring the advance he was the first to dash forward and overcome them. He killed many of the enemy.

200020 Sjt. A. Tomlinson, R. War. R. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and fine leadership during a raid. When his platoon was cut off from the platoon commander he rallied them and led them forward, and when his platoon commander was wounded he assumed command and carried on, bombing the enemy dug-outs. He alone rushed an enemy post, and took the garrison prisoners. He remained in the enemy lines for an hour and a quarter with a few men, and did excellent work. Throughout he set a magnificent example to all ranks.

236148 Sjt. H. Bickers, M.M., E. Lan. R. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership. He took command of his platoon in an attack and captured two machine guns in the face of strong opposition. He organised his platoon for defence, repulsed four determined counter-attacks, and maintained his line intact under heavy fire. The success of

the operation was largely due to his courage and determination.

231746 Sjt. H. Vincent, M.M., Lond. R. (Maida Vale).

During two days' hard fighting his conspicuous gallantry and fine leadership when in charge of Lewis gun teams had a great effect on the success of the operations, and enabled the advance to proceed with comparatively few casualties. He attacked enemy machine guns with great boldness, capturing some, putting others out of action or causing them to move to less effective positions, and displayed admirable initiative throughout.

7758 C./S./M. P. A. Wager, Ches. R. (Harvington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With the company headquarter details he covered the withdrawal of the company in face of heavy machine-gun fire. His courage and cheerful confidence did much to steady and encourage those around him in a difficult situation.

20588 Cpl. F. E. Walker, Ches. R. (London, W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an advance the line was held up on two occasions by the machine-gun fire of the enemy. On each occasion he went out alone and bombed the machine guns, accounting for the teams and capturing the guns. His courage and determination enabled his company to continue their advance and reach their objective. He set a splendid example of dash and initiative.

240284 Sjt. A. Wallace, N. Staffs. R. (Uttoxeter).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the advance was held up by the fire of a machine-gun post, he took out a patrol and attacked the post with great skill and determination. He captured the gun and accounted for its whole crew, and our advance was able to proceed unchecked for 1,000 yards. He has always been conspicuous for his good leadership and gallant fighting spirit.

265033 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) T. Walton, R. Lanc. R. (Blackburn).

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership in an attack. He took command of his platoon when his officer became a casualty and materially assisted in the capture of the objective by his company. He silenced two enemy machine guns, capturing the teams, and frustrated repeated attempts by the enemy to turn the right flank of the battalion. He kept up a stiff resistance during sixteen hours' fighting and finally when he was cut off, though wounded, he brought back his platoon and his wounded men at night through the enemy's lines and rejoined the battalion. He set a magnificent example of courage and determination.

202323 Sit. D. Waters, K.O.S.B. (Dundee).

For conspicuous gallantry and fine leadership in an attack. After the final objective was reached he observed a party of the enemy

attempting to reorganise. With his platoon he immediately rushed them, killing or capturing the whole thirty. He then went forward alone and spotted a machine gun nest which he engaged with his platoon and accounted for the whole team and two machine guns. He rendered magnificent service.

294391 Sjt. T. A. Watson, R.G.A. (Stockport).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his battery was heavily shelled, he carried a dangerously-wounded man through a severe barrage to a place of safety and applied first aid, thus probably saving his comrade's life. He took charge of a party to carry another wounded man back under intense fire to a place where transport could be obtained to take him to a hospital, that in the opinion of the medical officer being the only hope of saving the man's life. Throughout the day his splendid example of coolness and courage had a very marked effect on the non-commissioned officers and men under his command.

260319 Sjt. H. W. Wedlock, R. War. R. (Ealing).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed great gallantry and exceptional powers of leadership in command of a platoon during an attack, and later in a retirement when he withdrew his men under heavy fire with perfect coolness and in excellent order. Subsequently he rendered very good service by the way he took charge of reinforcements and utilised them to the best advantage. His reports to headquarters were excellent.

27925 Pte. J. H. White, R. Lanc. R. (Nottingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and resource during an attack. Single-handed he rushed an enemy machine-gun crew of six men who were using their rifles after their gun had been knocked out and captured them all. Later, he carried messages under heavy fire, and when wounded crawled to company headquarters and delivered a message before he collapsed. He showed splendid determination and devotion to duty.

200569 Sjt. W. T. White, R. Berks. R. (Woodley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when commanding a platoon during a raid. He attacked a large party of the enemy, captured seventeen prisoners, cleared several dug-outs, and then disposed his men to cover the withdrawal of the leading company. Throughout he showed great courage and initiative.

76264 Sit. A. J. Whitehouse, R.F.A. (Brewood. Staffs.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while acting as battery serjeant-major. Under very heavy shelling, during which he was blown over once and afterwards wounded, he remained with the battery and was responsible for the supply of ammunition. Later, when unloading ammunition under heavy shelling and gas, a wagon was

overturned, beside casualties to men and horses; he immediately took charge, and by his coolness and ability enabled the ammunition supply to proceed.

36663 Pte. A. Williams, Som. L.I. (Sparkbrook, Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as one of a party chosen to clear an enemy machine-gun post. He was the first man to rush forward, and killed the machine-gunner. Later he formed one of a party to follow a Tank, and, although wounded, refused to leave until forced to do so through exhaustion. He showed fine courage and determination.

16100 Sjt. D. Williams, Welsh R. (Ynysybwl).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During several days' hard fighting, he set a splendid example of courage and determination to all ranks. On one occasion, when the last remaining officer of the company was hit, just before the attack started, he took command and led the men to the objective in the face of strong opposition, and kept his direction with great skill, in spite of many difficulties. As his was the directing company, this was a matter of great importance to the success of the attack.

45167 L./Cpl. E. Williams, R.W. Fus. (Aberhosen, Montg.).

For conspicuous gallantry and resource in an attack. When his platoon commander and serjeant had become casualties he took command of the platoon and led it to the final objective, which he captured and consolidated. He showed splendid leadership and initiative.

21442 Sjt. J. T. Williams, R.W. Fus. (Bangor).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the officers of his battalion had become casualties he took command and carried out the retirement, which became unavoidable, with admirable coolness, judgment and skill. He kept his men well in hand and his fine example was a very valuable encouragement during a difficult operation.

96533 L./Cpl. H. Wilson, Tank Corps (Bethnal Green).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the officer commanding was wounded, and the Tank disabled by a direct hit, he gave the order to evacuate the Tank while he himself remained behind and kept down the fire of machine guns, though exposed to the fire of a field battery at close range. He covered the retirement of the wounded officer and of the crew, which they made good, and then, when his Tank had received two more direct hits, and was on fire, he himself also got out and retired and took charge of the crew. His gallantry and presence of mind were admirable.

202337 Pte. S. J. Wilson, M.M., Lond. R. (Leytonstone).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was acting as stretcher-bearer, and repeatedly crawled out of the front line trench into "No Man's Land," under very

heavy fire, and brought in wounded men. It was owing to his untiring perseverance and energy and great courage that so many wounded were brought in, and much of the work was done when he was the only stretcher-bearer left, as all the others were casualties.

423351 L./Sjt. F. Withrington, Lond. R. (Clapton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. By his brilliant leadership and marked ability in handling a difficult situation he was mainly instrumental in the capture of an important quarry position, which dominated the advance of the brigade on the flank. Several officers and over 150 men were taken prisoners, with several trench mortars and heavy machine-guns and a considerable quantity of light machine guns. The capture of the position enabled the troops operating on the flanks to continue their advance. His courage and skill were productive of important results.

8041 C./S./M. C. Woodroffe, E. York. R. (Leytonstone).

For conspicuous gallantry and resource. He took command of a platoon when it was held up during an attack and led it to the objective, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. In a later attack he took command of half a company when the officers became casualties, and led his men forward with great skill and determination. He set a splendid example to all ranks throughout the operations.

76588 Pte. W. M. Woodside, Tank Corps (Chiswick).

For conspicuous gallantry and resource in an attack. When his Tank was approaching the first objective he saw that the infantry in rear were held up by a machine-gun which had been overlooked. He at once left his Tank, under machine-gun fire, and attacked the two gunners from behind, killing one and capturing the other. His prompt and courageous action enabled the infantry to continue the advance.

G/1441 Sjt. E. Woodward, M.M., R. Fus. (Harefield).

For conspicuous gallantry in charge of a fighting patrol. He penetrated deeply into the enemy's position, and after capturing a machine-gun and killing all the crew, he brought back most valuable information. He set a very fine example of action required from a fighting patrol, and displayed first-class leadership.

24289 Cpl. J. Woodward, R.W. Fus. (Pontypridd).

For conspicuous gallantry and resource. When an enemy machine gun opened fire on the flank of an attack he at once opened fire with his mortar, holding the barrel between his knees without waiting to fix the mounting. He kept down the hostile fire until the other mortars were brought into action, when the enemy's retreat was cut off and twenty of them surrendered. He also drove some machine guns from a village and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy as they withdrew. He set a splendid example of courage and initiative.

202601 Cpl. A. Worboy, M.M., Lond. R. (Highgate Road).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed great gallantry and encouraged the men around him by his example and cheerfulness when they were shaken and inclined to waver. He crossed an open fire-swept zone to a Lewis gun whose team required helping and fired twelve drums, causing many casualties to the enemy and keeping down their fire. He then succeeded in rallying some men who were falling back and, bringing them forward, he finally took place in the line himself. His fine courage and power of leadership were invaluable at a critical moment.

25127 L./Cpl. H. Wright, R. War. R. (Leicester).

For conspicuous gallantry and resource. When an enemy machine gun was interfering with the work of consolidation after an attack, he went forward and attacked it with bombs. At the second attempt he killed four of the enemy and captured the gun and seven prisoners. He showed splendid determination and initiative.

16274 Pte. (A./L./Cpl.) G. Yates, S. Staffs. R. (Tipton).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. He was in charge of a Lewis gun, and showed great initiative in pinning down enemy machine guns with fire while rifle sections worked round their flanks. By this method the company rounded up twenty machine guns, which would have undoubtedly held up the attack. He rendered most valuable service.

7725 C./S./M. R. J. Yaw, Som. L.I. (Taunton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While his company was advancing under very heavy enemy barrage, his fine example of coolness and determination inspired the men. When the objective was reached he showed great initiative and daring in going forward by himself to clear up the situation. It was entirely due to him that a difficult position was successfully consolidated and that two machine guns and 130 prisoners were captured.

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54273 C./S./M. C. Allan, Infy.

After the officers of his company had become casualties he showed great leadership in keeping the men together and pushing the attack home. On the way he led a small party against a strong post, which was obstructing the advance, killing several, and capturing fifteen prisoners. His untiring energy and initiative were a great asset to the men of his company.

466334 Sjt. C. T. Anderson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. When his officer became a casualty he took command of his platoon and carried them forward under heavy fire. He succeeded in capturing or

killing the crews of four enemy machine guns. His excellent leadership and great personal courage enabled his men to overcome heavy odds.

817815 Cpl. W. Appleby, M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and good work during an attack. He went forward as a scout and brought back valuable information to his section officer. He guided his crew through heavy fire and brought it into action on several occasions, inflicting heavy casualties. His gun also put two field guns out of action.

75155 Cpl. A. Armstrong, M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. When his officer became a casualty he took charge of his platoon on the left flank when the troops on the left were forced to temporarily withdraw. He used his few remaining men as a flank guard to cover the withdrawal, maintained his position, and brought covering fire to bear on the enemy, enabling the flank troops to come forward. During the whole of this time he was exposed to very heavy fire and cut off from the remainder of the battalion. His courage and able leadership were most marked.

2448321 Pte. J. Asteriades, Infy.

When their platoon was being held up by snipers and machine-gun fire, this man, along with a comrade, rushed two positions under very heavy fire, killing or capturing five in one and seven in the other. This enabled the platoon to continue the advance to the final objective.

785124 Pte. W. Ayers, Infy.

When a machine gun held up the advance of his company, he advanced at great personal risk to a position about fifty yards on the flank, and opened fire, causing the crew to surrender. Later in the advance he pushed on in front of his company, and took up a commanding position, from which he inflicted heavy casualties by his fire. Throughout he used his gun with great effect, being responsible for many casualties.

282788 Cpl. H. R. Barnaby, Infy.

This non-commissioned officer led his machine-gun section with great skill and initiative. Twice held up by machine-gun nests, he on each occasion organised a charge from both flanks, capturing the guns and killing both crews. His disregard of danger was a splendid example to the men.

748807 Sjt. T. Barron, Infy.

This non-commissioned officer, after his platoon commander became a casualty, took command and handled it through an artillery barrage and machine-gun fire with determination and ability. The next day he led his platoon against a machine-gun post, and dislodged the enemy with heavy losses, he himself killing two of them. He then led his men on to the final objective.

847085 Sjt. A. Bastien, Infy.

This non-commissioned officer was in charge of the left flank of the company, and met strong opposition from an enemy block, which repeated assaults failed to dislodge. Taking one man, he went forward and rushed the post with bomb and bayonet, forcing the enemy out. Twenty yards further on he disposed of a similar block, and before reaching his objective he had successfully led rushes on six strong points. He made a passage through the last block by rushing forward with his rifle wire-cutters. His determination and energy set a fine example.

147451 Pte. J. Belasko, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack on a village. When the battalion was checked before the village he went forward alone, locating an enemy post and killing an officer and two men. He continually went alone to close quarters with the enemy, and throughout the fighting set a very fine example of courage and determination.

27666 Sjt. W. R. Bell, Infy.

While advancing through a wood in close support of the main attack the platoon which this non-commissioned officer commanded met an enemy machine-gun nest of two guns which the first wave had passed. He made a skilful flank attack, killing both crews. On reaching the final objective, the colour serjeant-major having been wounded, this N.C.O. superintended the reorganisation and consolidation under heavy fire. He displayed brilliant leadership through the day.

449278 Sjt. E. Bellanger, Infy.

This non-commissioned officer was in charge of a platoon in the attack, and handled his men with skill and determination. He captured a machine-gun nest of three guns and fifty men, personally inflicting many casualties. During the two days' fighting his coolness and determination were a great factor in the success of his company.

62245 Sjt. P. Benoit, Infy.

As acting colour serjeant-major he rendered valuable service prior to the attack, organising the company and distributing munitions, etc., while throughout the fighting he was the mainstay of the commanding officer. He organised a successful rush on an enemy field gun which was firing point blank and inflicting heavy casualties. Through the artillery barrage and machine-gun fire he remained quite cool, and set a fine example to the men.

422919 Sjt. R. Benson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. When his officer became a casualty he took command of his platoon and carried them forward under heavy fire. He succeeded in killing or capturing the crews of six enemy machine guns. His excellent leadership and great personal courage enabled his men to overcome heavy odds.

24574 Sjt. R. C. Bigland, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while acting as sergeant-major during an attack. He rallied and organised sections, and at one strong point successfully led a section against a machine-gun post, capturing the gun and killing the crew of five. His example of courage and determination to his men throughout was of great value.

24107 Cpl. P. Bowman, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. Single-handed he rushed an enemy machine gun and killed the entire crew, enabling the advance to be resumed. His marked courage, initiative and devotion to duty were a great incentive to his men.

65106 Sjt. G. L. Bradley, Infy.

At the beginning of the attack all the crew of a Lewis gun became casualties. He immediately picked up the gun, organised a new crew, and carried on the attack. When the advance was held up by the enemy from a wood he worked his way to a flank and opened fire with a Lewis gun, killing four and capturing or driving off the remainder of the garrison. He was the only N.C.O. left with the platoon when the objective was reached, and he immediately set to work re-organising and consolidating with energy and initiative.

652250 Pte. J. Bucheven, Infy.

This man acted as stretcher-bearer during an attack on a village, and worked unceasingly in the open under heavy fire. During an enemy counter-attack a few days later he continued attending to the wounded although he himself was also wounded, until he was taken prisoner. He however succeeded in escaping and got back to the lines. His energy and untiring devotion to his duty were worthy of the highest praise.

823713 Sjt. H. Bucklee, Infy.

After his officer had become a casualty, this N.C.O. handled the platoon with skill and judgment, pushing forward against stiff resistance, and being responsible for the destruction of two enemy strong posts, with the killing or surrender of the garrisons. Throughout the entire operation his conduct was magnificent.

427537 Cpl. F. Camm, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative in an attack on a village. He led his section with the greatest dash against enemy nests and successfully dealt with them. He personally killed seven of the enemy and wounded many others. He was an inspiration to his men by his resolute and fearless conduct.

240504 Sjt. J. Campbell, Infy.

When in charge of a section, this N.C.O. twice rushed machine-gun posts, capturing two guns and 20 prisoners. When his section came under heavy shell fire he steadied the men, and by his cheerfulness and coolness

encouraged them in their advance on the final objective. He was of immense assistance to his platoon officer.

22985 A./Cpl. W. Cooper, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. When a strongly entrenched enemy party with two machine guns were holding up his company, he led eight men forward and captured the post together with 50 prisoners and two machine guns. His prompt act of courage and determination enabled his company to continue their advance.

491153 Sjt. J. Copland, Infy.

In an attack on a village, when the left company was unable to advance on account of direct fire from a 7.7 c.m. gun and machine-gun fire, this N.C.O., with another N.C.O. and a section of nine men, crept round the flank, and, using smoke bombs, rushed the post with only three men who were left. They killed one officer and 17 men, putting the guns out of action. The two N.C.O.'s were the only men of the section who were not wounded, and their gallant effort enabled the line to advance.

62176 Sjt. C. Corneloup, M.M., Infy.

Prior to the attack this N.C.O. organised the company at its jumping-off ground, and, during the attack, with a party of ten men, he captured 75 prisoners. The next day one of the platoon commanders having become a casualty he took command and led it with great dash through heavy machine-gun fire to the final objective. Although wounded in the head he superintended the consolidation of the line, setting a fine example to all ranks.

502802 Sjt. J. J. Coyle, M.M., Engrs.

This N.C.O. was with a party of Engineers under his officer, following the infantry attack. By his personal example he forced through the work of clearing and repairing the main road under heavy fire, so that guns and ammunition could be got up. He had been wounded two days earlier, and was again wounded while assisting another wounded man under fire, but refused to leave. He also assisted in the capture of eight men and one machine gun, which the infantry had passed.

799377 A./Sjt. A. Craig, Infy.

This N.C.O. under intense fire dashed forward and charged an enemy machine gun post single-handed. He shot the No. 1 of the gun, and turned it on the rest, causing them severe casualties. This personal act of courage contributed largely to the success of the attack.

46830 Sjt. H. Davis, M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He rushed two enemy machine guns single-handed, killing the crew and capturing the guns. He also with several other men captured a battery of

heavy guns. He displayed splendid courage and leadership.

1968 Sjt. F. H. Dent, A.M.C.

This N.C.O. was in charge of seven bearer squads during an attack on a village; despite heavy shelling, machine-gun fire and thick mist, he succeeded in keeping in close touch with the infantry, and directing the evacuation of the wounded. His courage and coolness were a help to all around him.

55821 C./S./M. H. Dewar, M.M., Infy.

He showed exceptional ability in leading his party in the attack, and when the objective was gained continued his good work in reorganising and consolidating under difficult conditions. His coolness and leadership throughout were of the greatest assistance to his company commander.

814453 Cpl. J. Disley, Infy.

During an attack this N.C.O. pushed a Lewis gun forward, bringing enfilade fire to bear with telling effect on enemy machine-gun posts. The following day he covered the right flank of the attack, and at a critical moment, by the fire of his Lewis gun, not only prevented a serious check, but cut off twenty of the enemy, being wounded just as he was taking them prisoners.

435841 L./Sjt. A. B. Dixon, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry in an attack. He led his platoon splendidly, and his fine spirit gave confidence to those under him and caused them to gain their objective. He was twice wounded, but cheered his men on in face of very heavy fire. He showed great courage and devotion to duty.

104025 Sjt. J. S. Donaldson, M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He assumed command of half the company after his officers had become casualties, and successfully led his men over five thousand yards in face of strenuous opposition to their objective. He displayed determined courage and fine leadership.

193462 Sjt. C. Doolittle, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon with great skill and dash in an attack, capturing three machine guns. Later, though wounded, he encouraged and directed his men forward. His fine example of courage and determination inspired all under his command.

404579 L./Sjt. J. Dormer, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of the Lewis gun section during an advance. He got his section through a heavy barrage at a certain point without casualties. When held up by an enemy machine gun he personally rushed the post, killing the crew. On nearing the objective, he rendered invaluable assistance in manœuvring three Lewis gun crews, and by

their action on the flanks enabled the platoon to advance. He showed marked courage and ability.

463259 Sjt. W. Draper, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He organised a party and rushed a machine gun, capturing the gun and killing the crew, most of whom he accounted for personally. His prompt and fearless action enabled the advance to be continued, and throughout the whole of the attack his splendid work inspired his men to great efforts.

150068 Sjt. M. Duffy, M.M., M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an advance. His section commander being early wounded, he took command, and showed great dash and disregard for his own safety. He went forward alone many times, reconnoitring positions and approaches, and brought his guns into action most effectively, inflicting great losses on the enemy. He set a splendid example to those under him.

41499 Sjt. D. C. Duncan, F.A.

This N.C.O. was in charge of a section in support of an infantry attack, close up to deal with machine-gun nests. Before moving off the section had eight drivers wounded and eight horses killed. With great coolness and resource he replaced the casualties and moved the guns to a flank, from where they were able to give efficient support to the infantry. His work has always been of a high order.

55414 C./S./M. W. T. Dyball, Infy.

When held up by a machine-gun post, this W.O. organised a small party, and in face of great odds succeeded in capturing or killing the crew. Although severely wounded in the foot at the beginning of the fight, he refused to stop until the final objective was reached. His coolness and leadership were a great asset.

2223345 Pte. J. Egan, M.G. Corps.

During an advance this man was severely wounded, but persisted in carrying his gun forward from point to point until the critical phase of the action was over. His determination to carry on despite the painful nature of his wound inspired all with him.

748956 Pte. C. A. Elliott, Infy.

Along with his officer he helped to guide a company in the attack, skilfully evading the heavy field of fire, and assisting to capture and destroy the concealed machine guns and crews which were holding up the advance. Although seriously wounded, his resource and devotion throughout was of the highest order.

231029 Cpl. H. Ellis, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of a Lewis gun section during

an advance. Though early wounded, he carried on, and was with the first to reach the final objective, where he was again wounded. His fine courage and leadership instilled the greatest confidence in his men.

790909 Sjt. R. G. Evelyn, M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative during an attack. He discovered a machine-gun post in a church tower which was inflicting heavy casualties. He led his men forward, and succeeded in killing the crew and capturing the gun under extremely heavy fire and difficult circumstances. His behaviour throughout the whole of the attack was splendid.

5665 Sjt. H. J. Faulkner, M.M., Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. He went forward with one signaller under heavy fire, and kept in touch with lamp station at advanced brigade headquarters until within two hundred yards of the objective. Here the ground was heavily swept by machine-gun fire, and he was only saved by the action of a Tank, which cleared the position. He set a splendid example of enterprise and devotion to duty.

436148 Pte. J. W. Faulkner, L.T.M. By.

Pte. Faulkner, with a N.C.O. and nine men, annihilated an enemy machine-gun nest and a 7.7 c.m. gun crew during an attack on a village. The approach was made in the face of intense fire under cover of smoke bombs, but at the finish, after completely destroying the crews of the gun and machine guns, Pte. Faulkner and the N.C.O. were the only members of their party who were not casualties. Owing to this gallant effort the whole line at that point was able to advance.

1093048 Pte. A. R. Fenwick, Infy.

Although his Lewis gun crew, with the exception of one man, became casualties, he pressed forward and put out of action three successive machine guns, following this up by capturing four machine guns and one officer and twelve men. The destruction of these posts enabled his platoon to go forward without delay.

33253 S./Sjt. J. Ferguson, A.M.C.

This N.C.O. displayed exceptional devotion to duty under heavy fire in personally organising his stretcher-bearers, so that the battlefield in his vicinity was rapidly and efficiently cleared of wounded.

1982 Sjt. F. Foster, A.M.C.

During an attack on enemy positions in front of a village, in thick mist, this non-commissioned officer controlled and directed his bearer squads with coolness and resource, dressing cases in the open under heavy fire, and managing to keep up with the advance. His disregard of danger materially assisted in the speedy evacuation of the wounded.

736580 Sjt. J. W. Foster, Infy.

When his platoon was suffering from heavy machine-gun fire, this non-commissioned officer went forward, and at great risk located the machine-gun nest. Returning to his platoon, he organised and led an attack, capturing the post, and opening the way for the advance of the company. His coolness and resource throughout were an inspiration to his men.

138574 Sjt. T. E. Fudge, Infy.

With one other man this non-commissioned officer rushed a machine-gun post, killing eight of the enemy and taking two prisoners. This feat enabled his platoon to push forward. His coolness throughout the attack was most noticeable.

5664 Sjt. W. Fullerton, M.M., Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He and his party followed the centre battalion, laying and maintaining the line as they went forward. He behaved with marked courage, energy and devotion to duty under heavy fire.

81299 Sjt. W. J. Garratt, M.M., Can. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. After his officers had become casualties he assumed command of half the company and successfully led them over five hundred yards through heavy fighting to their objective. He displayed determined courage and fine leadership.

469861 A./C.Q.M.S. W. F. Gauld, M.M., Infy.

When his platoon was held up by a field gun firing point blank, he assisted his platoon commander in leading a party round the flank, where they opened fire with a Lewis gun, and, charging the post, put the gun out of action. After his commander was wounded he led the platoon with great skill and daring in attacks on two villages. He then volunteered to gain touch with the company on the left, which he succeeded in doing under very heavy fire.

69319 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) J. F. Gilbert, M.M., Infy.

When the platoon commander and senior non-commissioned officers had become casualties, this warrant officer, at a critical period of the advance, took charge, and led the platoon to its objective. Although wounded, he refused to leave until the objective was gained. The success of the attack was largely due to his coolness and initiative.

657512 Cpl. T. D. Gilbert, Infy.

In the first day's fighting on a river, this non-commissioned officer assisted his company to clear several nests of enemy machine guns, which enabled the attack to be brought to a successful conclusion. The next day, when the attack was held up, he directed the fire of his Lewis-gun section, and then, rushing forward, captured a machine gun and crew single-handed.

434249 Cpl. T. C. Greenwood, M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and ability during an attack. He led his men splendidly, and outflanked a strong enemy garrison and captured three machine guns. He took forward and used one of these guns against another enemy position, which he captured, together with ten prisoners. He displayed courage and leadership of a high order.

919393 Pte. C. H. Grögg, Infy.

Just before reaching its objective the battalion was held up by machine-gun fire. This man rushed his gun forward for over 150 yards of open ground and opened fire on the enemy. He was severely wounded, but kept on firing until a stretcher-bearer arrived and dressed his wound. While being dressed he fired several bursts, and his dashing conduct no doubt saved many lives.

174582 Sjt. C. Harley, Infy.

During an advance a trench on the right flank of the battalion offered stubborn resistance. This non-commissioned officer detached a party of twenty men and rushed the position in the face of strong opposition. After bombing the post and bayoneting many of the garrison the remainder surrendered, over 100 prisoners and four machine guns being captured.

A36221 Sjt. R. S. Harris, M.M., M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He brought his guns into action under heavy machine-gun fire and successfully dealt with the enemy machine guns. He took command of the section when his officer was wounded, and most ably controlled and guided them through heavy shell fire. His courage and ability won the confidence of all under him.

696120 Pte. R. A. Harrop, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. With two other men, under heavy fire, he captured an enemy machine gun and crew, which was the more difficult as the gun was firing from the apex of two belts of wire. Later, when his company was forced to fall back, he undertook to bring out his wounded platoon officer, and did so successfully at great personal risk. He behaved throughout with marked courage and determination.

648409 Pte. H. E. Heggart, M.M., Mtd. Rif.

When the line was being consolidated, this man, as stretcher-bearer, although wounded, rescued two wounded machine-gunners, crossing an open space of fifty yards, swept by fire, four times. He rescued many wounded by his coolness and disregard of fire.

171786 Sjt. A. K. Hibbert, M.M., Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of forward signal com-

munication for the brigade. Under extremely trying conditions he successfully maintained communication by telephone with the storming battalions. The area over which he worked was continuously shelled and swept with machine-gun fire. He showed great initiative throughout and rendered valuable service.

797119 Pte. (A./Lce.-Cpl.) W. G. Hill, Infy.

This non-commissioned officer, whilst guiding a body of scouts, encountered an enemy machine-gun post in a wood which was difficult to locate owing to mist. Placing his men under cover, he crawled forward and, capturing the look-out man, called to his comrades, who encircled and dislodged the post, capturing the gun and crew. His judgment in handling a difficult situation was most praiseworthy.

229295 Sjt. G. F. Hilliard, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. He led a party of men against a strong enemy post in a wood, and with one other N.C.O. and six men was responsible for the capture of twelve machine guns and two hundred prisoners. His splendid courage and initiative cleared the way for his battalion's advance, and he rendered invaluable service.

742204 C./S./M. G. G. K. Holder, M.M., Infy.

When the right flank of the company was held up by a machine-gun post this W.O. took charge of the men on the left and rushed forward with them, capturing the guns and clearing the advance. He gave his company commander great assistance in re-organising the company when the objective was reached.

745086 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) R. Hollidge, M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. When his platoon was held up by a machine-gun post he and his officer started to rush it. His officer was killed, but he seized the gun and turned it on to the crew, killing the whole six. He then turned it on to the enemy in rear, causing them many casualties. Later, he was among the first to enter a village, and did splendid work with a Lewis gun. Throughout he showed the greatest courage and determination.

414908 Pte. C. Hopton, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative during an attack. Single-handed he attacked and captured an enemy machine gun, killing the crew. Later, he accounted for several of the enemy. He behaved with splendid courage and determination.

223311 C./S./M. J. Hudgins, Infy.

During an advance over open flat country, under heavy machine-gun and snipers' fire,

this warrant officer was continually in and out amongst the men, cheering them on, and assisting in directing the fire, and finally leading them in a successful assault. Later, his energy and disregard of danger were most helpful in consolidating the position.

7866 Sjt. F. Hughes, Infy.

This N.C.O., acting as C.S.M., rendered invaluable service in two days' fighting, by keeping close liaison between platoons and the company commander, under intense fire of every description. He made a reconnaissance with his company commander of machine-gun posts which were holding up the advance, which resulted in their being outflanked and destroyed. He showed tireless energy throughout the operations.

A34735 Cpl. E. M. Hume, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative during an attack. He led his platoon cleverly round an enemy strong point and rushed it, killing five of a gun crew and capturing the gun and 30 prisoners. After being wounded he continued to lead his section with great gallantry, and throughout set a splendid example to his men.

210436 Pte. C. N. Hurd, Infy.

This man approached within a few yards of a post which was strongly resisting, and opened fire with a Lewis gun. This did not effectively silence the enemy, so with another man he worked up a trench and rushed the post, killing at least ten.

63491 Sjt. J. J. Jackson, Infy.

This N.C.O. took charge of the company when his company commander and three platoon officers were wounded, making an advance of 50 yards through a heavy machine-gun barrage and drove the enemy out of a village. He was wounded the next day, after most efficient work.

202138 L./Sjt. R. H. Jackson, Infy.

When his platoon officer and serjeant had both been killed while attacking a machine-gun nest, he took command, and, reorganising the men, cleverly manœuvred them and captured the post of two machine guns and 18 men. He then led his platoon to the final objective, saving casualties by his skilful handling. He was a splendid example to his men.

171911 L./Sjt. W. Jennngs, Infy.

This N.C.O. single-handed rushed two enemy machine-gun posts and bayonnetted the crew. On nearing the final objective there was a machine gun at some cross roads which held up the right flank of the advance. He worked round it, tackling the entire crew of six men by himself. He bayonnetted five, but the last man wounded him severely. His work and cheerfulness when wounded was an inspiration to his men.

404376 Sjt. J. Jessop, Infy.

When battalion headquarters came under heavy machine-gun fire from a large force of

the enemy, this non-commissioned officer handled his section with firmness, and, though suffering many casualties, continued to advance, and drove the enemy back. The next day he showed courage and resource in repairing telephone wires under heavy fire and restoring communications. He set a fine example throughout the two days' fighting.

809009 Pte. W. R. Johnson, M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. In company with another man, he rushed a nest of snipers working with a machine gun, bayonetting some of the occupants and capturing the remainder. His dash and courage inspired the men of his company. He has consistently done excellent work.

59530 R./S./M. T. F. Jordan, M.C., Infy.

When the left flank of the battalion advance was held up by the resistance of two enemy machine-gun posts, this warrant officer quickly reorganised the men near him and led them to help the company which was dealing with these posts. His prompt action led to the destruction of both posts, one of which was dealt with by his men and himself. He was then seriously wounded. He has set a gallant example on numerous occasions the last three years.

788242 L./Sjt. E. L. Kelly, Infy.

When his platoon became separated from the rest of the company in a thick fog, and his officer was wounded, he took command, and by skilful manœuvring rushed a machine-gun post, which he captured, as well as a brigade headquarters. He then pushed on and joined another company of the battalion, showing great initiative. The next day he skilfully established an outpost line on high ground.

874958 Pte. R. A. Kenney, Infy.

This man, acting as battalion scout, assisted to locate the bridges over a river under heavy fire. Later, in a counter-attack by the enemy, he with four others worked round their flank and rushed a patrol, killing six out of seven. This man was full of resource and courage.

126712 Pte. V. T. Keough, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative during an attack. Single-handed he rushed three machine guns, killing at least fifteen of the enemy. He set a splendid example of courage and devotion to duty.

416782 Pte. E. Latour, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative during an attack. Single-handed he captured fourteen of the enemy, besides killing over fifty with his Lewis gun. At the consolidation he used his gun to great advantage on the retreating enemy. He showed great courage and rendered invaluable service.

144933 Cpl. J. C. Long, Infy.

When nearing the objective this Cpl.'s section met a strong enemy bombing post. He organised a flank attack, shooting and bayoneting four and capturing the remainder of the garrison. His gallantry and leadership enabled his platoon to get through an intense hostile barrage.

770045 Pte. J. Loveridge, Infy.

This man did valuable work as a stretcher-bearer. His courage and initiative saved many lives, and he set a fine example to his comrades.

761017 Pte. W. McCaughey, M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. His cheerful example and fighting ability saved his guns when encircling a wood. He advanced alone when held up by enemy machine guns, and single-handedly bombed and shot nine of the enemy. His action allowed the advance of the gun crew to proceed without interruption. Throughout he showed great courage and determination.

715701 Pte. A. O. McDonald, Infy.

While his section was engaging a machine-gun post from the front, this man, on his own initiative, worked his way round to the rear, capturing the whole garrison of thirty men and eight machine guns. He was exposed to heavy rifle and machine-gun fire.

79862 Sgt. (A./C.S.M.) J. McIntosh, Infy.

After his platoon officer had become a casualty he took charge of the platoon, and by skilful leading captured a strong post. Later, when his platoon was held up by a machine-gun post, he rushed ahead, attacking and dispersing the crew. His conduct and coolness were a great example to his men.

766443 Cpl. P. McIntosh, Infy.

When his platoon officer and serjeant had become casualties, he took command, and under heavy fire worked his men to the final objective with great skill, killing and capturing many of the enemy. His work was an example that inspired all ranks.

529620 Pte. A. F. Mackinnon, A.M.C.

This man led his squad into a wood under heavy shell and machine-gun fire, and succeeded in clearing into safety many wounded. A few days later he again did exceptional work under heavy shell fire in a village, attending to wounded. His coolness and judgment were responsible for the safety of many wounded.

79953 L./Sgt. C. R. MacKinnon, Infy.

This N.C.O., seeing a light enemy field gun coming into action, rushed ahead with a Lewis gun, and put it out of action, killing and wounding the entire team. Later, he prevented a party of the enemy capturing one of our small Tanks, which was out of

action. When his platoon was held up by a machine gun, he dashed forward, bayoneted three men, and captured the gun. He showed splendid courage and coolness throughout.

476805 Dvr. J. M. G. McLane, F.A.

During a bombardment by aircraft at night the wagon lines were heavily bombed, a number of casualties being caused to personnel and horses. This driver organised rescue parties, and sent for ambulances. For more than an hour the place was bombed, the work of rescue being made more dangerous by the explosion of an ammunition dump. His coolness and organising ability inspired those with him, and saved many lives.

844844 Pte. C. L. McLean, Infy.

During an attack this man, with some of his platoon, worked his way up to an enemy strong post. He then rushed it, capturing three machine guns, two light trench mortars and three prisoners, besides inflicting heavy losses on those who retreated. His courage and dash set a splendid example to the men working with him.

687962 Sgt. D. H. McLean, Infy.

This N.C.O., in charge of a scout section, preceded his battalion in company with an officer. He successfully led his section against four machine-gun posts, and on each occasion captured the guns and killed, wounded or captured the crews, personally accounting for at least twelve himself. A few days later he led a small party against a strong post, killing two and capturing the remainder of the garrison.

426252 Sgt. H. S. McLennan, Infy.

This N.C.O. showed great ability in organising for the capture of machine guns and strong points, which impeded the advance at different times, and did not fail in any instance to put them out of action. He showed confidence in himself and resource, which kept all up to concert pitch during a long advance.

187214 Sgt. G. H. McNeill, Infy.

On his platoon officer being killed, he led the platoon to its objective through heavy machine-gun and rifle fire. After this he led another platoon to a flank, where he broke up an enemy counter-attack. He then crept forward with one man and captured a machine gun and twelve men in a wood. Although severely wounded he continued at duty until ordered to leave. He showed great determination throughout.

633512 Pte. A. McPhee, Infy.

After his Lewis gun crew had suffered heavy casualties, he continued to move forward with only one man, and with daring initiative outflanked a bombing post, which he put out of action, killing the whole garrison. Later, he destroyed a machine-gun

post. On reaching the final objective, he rushed a heavily manned trench, and caused the surrender of the officer and nine men. He set an inspiring example.

412410 Cpl. A. McWade, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. He first cut a lane through ours and the enemy wire, and in the attack led his platoon, most gallantly jumping into a machine-gun emplacement and killing the crew. Although early wounded he continued to lead his men with splendid courage and determination, and personally killed more of the enemy than any other man in the company.

1009911 Pte. L. McWhinnie, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. Though early wounded he continued to direct his section throughout the operation, and successfully rushed a machine gun nest, capturing three machine guns and killing or capturing the crews. He himself killed four of the enemy. His courage and devotion to duty were a splendid example to all.

147664 Sjt. D. Madowell, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. Under very heavy fire and through fog mixed with gas he led his men to the final objective. When held up by an enemy machine gun he went forward alone and put the crew out of action and captured the gun. His conduct throughout operations was excellent, and his courage and able leadership most marked.

292216 Sjt. C. N. Mains, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. After his officers had become casualties, he took command of the company, rallied them under heavy machine-gun fire, and led them successfully in the final attack. He showed marked courage and ability to command.

404399 Sjt. W. B. Martin, Infy.

After his platoon officer had become a casualty, this N.C.O. took command and continued the attack, overcoming enemy strong points. He was responsible for killing eight of the enemy with the bayonet, and at the same time handled his platoon with coolness and resource, taking full advantage of cover. His action throughout was an inspiration to his men.

222481 Sjt. J. A. Maxwell, Infy.

This N.C.O. was in charge of a platoon during an attack. He went from section to section as they were held up, and by his skill and coolness cleared the opposition, making the advance possible. When the objective was reached he made an invaluable reconnaissance under heavy machine-gun fire, locating various units, and directing the consolidation.

59649 B./S./M. J. Q. Meeks, M.M., M.G. Corps.

Throughout four days' operations he showed coolness and determination in command of a battery of guns. On one occasion, when the advance was held up by machine-gun fire, he rushed forward alone, and with bombs killed the crew and captured the gun. He showed great skill in handling his guns under difficult conditions.

469536 Sjt. P. H. Mitchell, Infy.

When the company was held up by fire from a machine-gun post, this N.C.O. with an officer and a man rushed it, the officer being wounded and the man killed, but the gun and crew were captured. Later, although wounded, he moved up a Lewis gun section to outflank a machine gun nest, which was blocking the advance; eight machine guns and twenty-five men were captured.

700853 Pte. E. J. Moore, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and determination during an attack. Single-handed he attacked an enemy machine gun, capturing the gun and killing the crew of four. Throughout he set a splendid example of courage and devotion to duty.

461360 Sjt. D. Morrow, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry while leading his platoon in an attack. He went forward and cleared a gap in wire under enemy machine-gun fire at close range, leading his platoon and breaking up the defence at that point. He killed four of the enemy in mopping up, and showed great courage and ability to command.

475468 Spr. (A./2nd Cpl.) E. F. Mount, Engrs.

This man carried urgent operation despatches to one of the assaulting divisions, the headquarters of which was continually on the move. After six hours' search, over shell-torn and congested roads, and despite continuous hostile fire, the concussion from which twice lifted him from his machine, severely injuring him, he finally delivered his despatches, and brought back situation reports. His work undoubtedly assisted in the success of the operations.

736803 Cpl. R. A. Murray, Infy.

When the advance was twice held up by machine gun nests, he led his men beyond the posts, and attacked from the rear. In order to exactly locate the nests he first drew fire on himself, and then, working round the flanks, captured the guns and killed the crews. His coolness, cunning, and leadership were most praiseworthy.

23172 Sjt. W. Myers, M.M., Infy.

Acting as C.S.M. when only one officer and very few N.C.O.'s were left, owing to machine-gun fire, he dashed forward to a heavy belt of wire, and, reconnoitring the passages through it, led a section up, when he

was wounded. His energy and dash were a great incentive to his men at a critical time.

2350356 Pte. W. Neil, Infy.

When his platoon was being held up by snipers and machine-gun fire, this man, along with a comrade, rushed two posts under very heavy fire, killing or capturing five in one and seven in the other. This enabled the platoon to advance to the final objective.

769474 Sjt. J. W. Nutter, Infy.

This N.C.O. led his platoon across the open and charged a machine gun, which was holding up the advance. Although wounded, he insisted on carrying on, and when the front line companies were held up by machine-gun fire near the final objective, he led two sections forward in support, charging up a hill and gaining the crest, where he was again wounded while gallantly pressing on.

142488 Sjt. F. A. O'Donnell, M.M., Infy.

This N.C.O. led his platoon in the first wave of the attack through intense machine-gun fire. Although practically all his men became casualties, he gained the objective. The following day, while acting as platoon sergeant, he was severely wounded by a shell burst early in the attack. He has always distinguished himself.

195181 C./S./M. H. O'Heron, M.M., Infy.

This W.O. went forward with his company, which was checked by terrific machine-gun fire from a bit of ground overlooking the level along which the attack was coming. The company commander and both the officers of the leading platoons became casualties. Without any hesitation he took command and reached the objective. His coolness and resource led to the final success of the company's attack.

919302 Cpl. J. C. O'Toole, Infy.

This man went out with his sergeant against a machine gun which was firing on the company from a wood. They captured the gun and twelve men. Later, he volunteered with another man to establish communication with the unit on the right. The two men ran into an enemy patrol of one officer and twenty men, whom they forced to surrender and brought into the lines.

288033 Sjt. N. W. Pace, M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry while in charge of battalion scouts in forward service during an attack on a village. He was the first to enter the village, continually leading small rushes against enemy parties in face of heavy machine-gun fire. Later, he held an advanced block against enemy attacks, at one time being entirely surrounded. He set a very fine example of courage and determination to his men.

59768 Sjt. J. Packer, Infy.

During the advance he organised all stragglers that had gone astray in a thick mist, and on three successive occasions led

his party against machine-gun nests, killing or capturing the crews. Later, he met a battery of field guns in action in a village, which he charged, killing the crews. His courage and example were of a high order.

A/2390 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) W. E. Pagett, Infy.

During severe fighting this N.C.O. worked his way up a shallow disused trench to a machine-gun post, which he engaged single-handed, killing two and taking the remaining four prisoners. He then turned the gun on to the retreating enemy, and inflicted heavy casualties.

907662 Pte. J. Paton, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. When an enemy machine gun was causing heavy casualties, he dashed forward over seventy-five yards of open ground in face of the heavy fire and rushed the gunner, killing him and putting the gun out of action. By his splendid courage and promptitude he saved many casualties, and greatly facilitated the advance.

A20447 C./S./M. J. Porter, Infy.

This warrant officer rendered most valuable service in assembling his company in the dark, on ground that had not previously been reconnoitred. During the action, when part of the company was held up by machine-gun fire, he organised a flank attack which put it out of action. He set a fine example, and saved many lives by his gallantry and initiative.

178020 C./S./M. E. E. Potter, M.M., Infy.

When a machine-gun post was checking the attack this warrant officer collected a few stragglers, and by skilful manoeuvring outflanked the post, and, rushing it, captured the gun and crew. He has at all times been a tower of strength to his company.

887111 A./C.S.M. R. Quilliam, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry in an attack. He showed marked initiative and resource in handling his men and led them fearlessly in face of heavy fire. On one occasion he, with five other men, rushed and captured two machine guns, killing or capturing nine of the enemy. He set a splendid example to his men.

892273 Pte. R. Rae, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. When his battalion was held up in a wood he rushed an enemy gun pit which held three snipers and killed one of them, while the other two surrendered. Later, when the enemy tried to break through, he used his machine gun with great effect, and was the cause of about forty of the enemy surrendering. He did splendid work and behaved most gallantly.

7677 Sjt. J. Robertson, Infy.

When the company met very determined resistance from massed machine guns this non-commissioned officer's commander was killed. He immediately took charge of the

platoon, and with only one other N.C.O. to help led it through severe fighting in a village, showing all the qualities of leadership and determination.

474200 Pte. C. Russell, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. Although a company runner, he greatly assisted to carry forward the charge of a platoon on two enemy field guns. The gunners were killed or captured and three horses killed. Private Russell mounted a horse, and, regardless of enemy fire, galloped to various parts of the line with messages, rendering valuable assistance in guiding detachments of his company to their objective. He rendered splendid service throughout the three days' operations.

304306 Sjt. E. J. Ryan, F.A.

During the temporary absence of the section commander this non-commissioned officer learnt that some neighbouring troops were held up by a nest of machine guns in a hedge. He immediately brought the fire of the section to bear on this point at close range, thereby neutralising the machine guns and allowing the advance to continue. This non-commissioned officer showed the greatest coolness throughout, setting a splendid example to the men.

835669 L./Cpl. C. R. Salsbury, Infy.

This man was section commander of the leading section, which came under intense machine-gun fire, losing all its Lewis gunners; so he took the gun and brought it into action, neutralising the enemy's fire. Then, with his officer, who was at once mortally wounded, he rushed the enemy post, seizing their machine gun and turning it on the flying enemy, after which he brought his wounded officer back under heavy fire. The following day his work was also a splendid example to all.

796597 Pte. P. Shand, Infy.

When his company was in the act of crossing a river it was suddenly fired upon at close range by an enemy machine gun. Without a moment's hesitation this man, with his section commander, rushed the gun, capturing it and four prisoners. This feat enabled the company to continue its crossing of the river.

118096 Sjt. J. M. Shields, Infy.

When about eighty of the enemy were cut off by his platoon and attempted to break through he strenuously opposed them, killing four before he was wounded. He continued in the attack until the objective was reached. He showed absolute disregard of danger, and set a fine example to his men.

416766 Pte. D. Simard, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. Single-handed he captured a machine gun and killed the crew. Throughout he set a splendid example of courage and initiative to younger soldiers.

427464 Sjt. J. P. Smith, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. When his officer became a casualty he took command of his platoon and carried them forward under heavy fire. He succeeded in killing or capturing the crews of four enemy machine guns. His excellent leadership and great personal courage enabled his men to overcome heavy odds.

466132 L./Cpl. F. W. D. Sorby, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and ability during an attack. He employed his Lewis gun to great tactical advantage, killing a large number of the enemy. By giving covering fire with his gun, he was responsible for the capture of two strong points by his section. He rendered most valuable service.

A36226 Sjt. A. Stead, Infy.

When a platoon was scattered by enemy machine-gun fire, this N.C.O. organised the sections and took them forward. He then collected the remainder of another company, and brought them forward through a machine-gun barrage. The word of this N.C.O. constantly inspired the men to push forward, and his leading was of the highest order.

21764 Sjt. J. Stephen, Infy.

This non-commissioned officer's platoon officer was wounded when the platoon was a mile from its objective, whereupon he took charge and led it through. It had to wheel to the left to capture some guns, but by his grasp of the situation and determination the movement was successfully performed, though under heavy machine-gun fire at the time.

425358 Cpl. P. Stevens, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of the battalion signal section during an attack. He showed the greatest initiative and resource, and shortly after the attack had passed a half-way point he had a forward station established with direct communication to brigade. Throughout he showed utter disregard of personal fatigue or danger, and rendered invaluable service.

883210 Cpl. C. Stewart, Infy.

This non-commissioned officer took charge of his platoon after his serjeant was killed, and, though wounded himself, led his men to the attack of a strong post, which he rushed, killing the crew and capturing the gun. He was again wounded, but led his men till the final objective was gained. His utter disregard of danger greatly encouraged his men.

718967 Pte. F. Sumner, M.M. Infy.

This man charged sixteen of the enemy, including two officers, single-handed, killing one officer and one man, and taking the remainder prisoners. Subsequently his platoon officer and serjeant were shot dead by a sniper, and he instantly dashed up at point blank range and killed him. Regardless of

danger, he put many of the enemy out of action, setting a splendid example to his comrades.

829340 Pte. O. G. Swire, M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry in an attack made by another unit. He took charge of a party whose non-commissioned officers had become casualties, and held a block assigned to him for several hours. He killed three of the enemy, and showed great courage throughout.

29028 Sjt. A. R. Taylor, Infy.

Following the advance and in the midst of heavy machine-gun fire and shelling, this non-commissioned officer led his stretcher-bearers, bandaging the wounded, and sending them back to the dressing stations. The promptness and precision with which he organised the evacuation of the wounded no doubt saved many lives.

1431 L./Sjt. N. M. Taylor, A.M.C.

At the risk of his life, under heavy shell fire, this non-commissioned officer dressed many wounded and superintended their evacuation to the R.A.P. He remained out in this exposed position until bearers and wounded had reached a safe place. By his gallant determination he undoubtedly saved many lives.

59969 C./S./M. S. Thomas, Infy.

This W.O. by his initiative and resource was largely responsible in keeping the direction of his company through a heavy mist. He led a party against a machine-gun nest under heavy fire, capturing three guns and shooting six of the crew with his revolver. He set a splendid example throughout the fighting.

79639 Sjt. I. Tidswell, M.M., Infy.

When this N.C.O.'s platoon was held up by a strong machine-gun post he went forward alone, reconnoitred the post, came back and directed his platoon to a flank, then personally rushed the post in front to cause a diversion, and so allowed the platoon to dash in and capture over 30 of the enemy. His conduct in this case and on previous occasions set a splendid example to the men of his platoon.

624758 Sjt. B. M. Tremming, Infy.

This N.C.O., acting as battalion scout sergeant, showed great coolness and resource in assisting to locate bridges under exceptionally heavy fire. Although badly bruised and shaken by a shell burst he continued at his job. A few days later, during an enemy counter-attack, he with ten scouts held a flank. While assisting a wounded man he was himself badly wounded.

602808 Pte. G. Van Valkenburg, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative during an attack. He led his section with great dash and determination, mopping up a number of dug-outs and capturing a

machine gun and killing the crew. He was responsible for the capture of twenty-three prisoners and a quantity of valuable information. He did splendid work.

449002 Cpl. E. Villeneuve, Infy.

This N.C.O. in charge of battalion scouts made several reconnaissances, during one of which he rushed a machine gun, killing the No. 1 and capturing the gun and the remainder of the crew, opening the way for the battalion's advance. After the battalion had consolidated he again made valuable reconnaissances, sending back information of the highest importance to his C.O.

195236 Pte. W. Waterson, Infy.

This man, when a party of infantry were held up, approached to within a few yards of an enemy post, and opened fire with a Lewis gun. This did not effectively silence the enemy, so he with another man worked up a trench and rushed the post, killing at least ten.

77571 C./S./M. J. L. Watson, M.M., Infy.

This W.O. led his men against many machine-gun nests with great coolness and dash, his quickness in attack with the bayonet being most remarkable. Although wounded in the leg he refused to go back until the final objective was gained.

434623 Pte. (A./L./Cpl.) W. G. Watson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. This signaller worked with the greatest energy in keeping up communication under heavy fire. On one occasion he located a nest of eight of the enemy, and together with two men he captured the lot. Throughout the operations he showed an utter disregard for his personal safety.

204396 Sjt. J. H. Wells, Infy.

This N.C.O. was advancing with his platoon through the mist when he ran against an enemy machine-gun post. He immediately dashed forward and single-handed captured the gun, killing some of the crew and taking some prisoners. His quickness and daring were worthy of the highest praise.

696928 L./Cpl. G. E. Westover, M.M., Infy.

This N.C.O. was in charge of a section which could not advance owing to an enemy machine-gun post on the right flank. He rushed at it alone, killing three and captured the rest of the gunners. Though wounded he skilfully directed his section on to its objective, where he fell exhausted.

138728 Pte. D. Whitehead, Infy.

He advanced with the leading wave of the attack, using his rifle with deadly effect, and at a sunken road, where heavy machine-gun fire checked the advance, borrowed a Lewis gun, and, dashing forward, enfiladed the road, absolutely annihilating the garrison. His work throughout that day and the next was consistent with the above.

AUSTRALIAN FORCE.

No. 3 Sjt. J. H. Langley, Arm. Car. Sect.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of a Lewis gun section he twice stampeded enemy machine-gun sections, enfiladed a trench, causing many casualties, and dispersed several enemy digging parties. He captured a machine gun, killing some of the gunners and putting the rest to flight. He showed marked skill throughout.

6590 L./Cpl. (T./Cpl.) A. D. Leighton, Infy.

He was reconnoitring the enemy's position with a patrol and attacked an enemy post, which he captured, taking seven prisoners and killing two of the garrison. Later, he was severely wounded leading a party against an enemy machine-gun position. The courage and dash of this N.C.O. were conspicuous, and he led his men with great determination.

No. 7806 W./O. A. S. Murray, A.I.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. For a prolonged period this warrant officer was engaged on surveying the area between the lines, repeatedly working under machine-gun fire and sniping. In order not to attract attention he usually worked alone his plan table and instruments. Owing to his energy and coolness he has mapped a piece of country accurately, and his work has been most valuable.

NEW ZEALAND FORCE.

23/399 Sjt. A. J. Cunningham, M.M., N.Z. Rif. Bde.

After an enemy counter-attack he noticed a large party of enemy in a trench. He immediately collected twelve men and charged the enemy, who were taken by surprise, and some fifty were captured at the cost of very light casualties. During hard fighting, lasting several days, he distinguished himself by his gallantry and dash.

6/628 Sjt. E. E. Fairhall, Canterbury R.

During an advance an enemy machine-gun post caused a check. This N.C.O. organised a bombing party, and with great skill and daring captured the post, with two machine guns and several prisoners. His bold leadership and gallantry were a very fine example to the men.

28121 L./Cpl. G. C. Ford, Auckland R.

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership in an attack. He led his platoon with great skill and courage, and captured three enemy machine guns and about forty prisoners.

28139 L./Cpl. C. T. Hill, Wellington R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He made a reconnaissance of the ground in front of our line and obtained information which was of great value in the attack which followed. During the attack

he rushed three enemy machine-gun posts and captured four machine guns. He set a splendid example of courage and determination.

34368 L./Cpl. G. Hunter, N.Z. Rif. Bde.

He was in a shell-hole in advance of our line during an enemy counter-attack, and in spite of the heavy machine-gun fire directed on the post he held his ground, inflicting casualties on the enemy. He was wounded three times, but volunteered to take a message back to the main line, which he did successfully, in spite of the heavy fire of the enemy. He displayed conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty.

4/2030 Sjt. S. Marshall, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. He went forward with two forward observation officers and superintended the maintenance of communication from them to brigade headquarters. Later in the day he went through an intense barrage and established visual communication. His conduct was splendid, and owing to his efforts the artillery were able to render great assistance to the infantry.

7/2291 Sjt. W. Murray, Wellington R.

During an attack he captured, with the aid of one runner, a machine gun and crew of five, who were checking the advance. At a later date, when his company's flank was in a critical situation owing to the retirement of other troops, he rallied the troops who were withdrawing, led them forward again under heavy fire, and restored the situation. During ten days' hard fighting he set a splendid example of courage, initiative, and resolution to the men.

53414 Pte. T. M. E. Richmond, Wellington R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On two occasions when he was the only member of his Lewis gun team left, he kept his gun in action for many hours without relief. He showed splendid courage and initiative in handling his gun and by maintaining his position, which was one of great importance, was the means of maintaining the line intact.

3/282 S./S./M. A. Roberts, M.M., N. Zea. M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In face of heavy fire he went forward to reconnoitre bearer tracks, and directed bearer squads. His work throughout was full of resource and energy, and by his disregard of personal danger he set a fine example to those under him.

13/2479 Cpl. T. W. Sharp, F.A.

During a counter-attack by the enemy, a shell burst under his gun, putting it out of action and wounding him and three of his detachment severely. Notwithstanding his injuries, he took command of the next gun, which had lost its No. 1, and carried on

until the counter-attack was repulsed and the order given to cease fire. His gallantry and resolute endurance were a splendid example to the men.

29513 Pte. R. Thomson, Wellington R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as stretcher-bearer. During four days operations he worked continuously bringing in the wounded from the most advanced positions under heavy fire. On one occasion, after three men had been sniped in the attempt, he went out in front of the line of posts and rescued a wounded man. He showed splendid courage and resource.

AMENDMENTS.

The following are the correct descriptions of Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men who have recently been awarded the Distinguished Medal:—

No. 9101 C.S.M. G. E. Walton, Linc. R.
(London Gazette dated 21st October, 1918.)

513275 Sjt. A. C. Anderson, Lond. R.
(London Gazette dated 26th June, 1918.)

No. 763295 Pte. H. Cutler, Lond. R.
(London Gazette dated 28th March, 1918.)

No. 124 Cpl. W. J. Purcell, Aust. Hy. Arty.
(London Gazette dated 3rd September, 1918.)

No. 661 Gnr. C. J. Powter, Aust. Hy. Arty.
(London Gazette dated 3rd September, 1918.)

26034 A./B.Q.M.S. (now Major) W. J. Fenn,
R.G.A.
(London Gazette dated 3rd June, 1916.)

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Infy.
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