

55426 Cpl. T. W. Holding, Welsh R. (New-ton 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-