

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 man 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