

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