

26335 Pte. E. Crook, 252nd Coy., M.G. Corps (Bolton).

For great gallantry in action. He was in charge of a blockhouse during the four days of the enemy attack on Tarassovo, being under heavy shell fire during that time. On the last day he repulsed three attempts to capture his post, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. He remained at his post until almost surrounded before bringing his section and gun safely away. He showed great courage, and set a splendid example to others.

66222 Sjt. F. G. Hofman, 2/10th Bn., R. Scots. (Liverpool).

For most conspicuous gallantry and determination on October 6th-8th, 1918, at Middle Borok. This N.C.O., with two men, held a completely isolated Lewis gun post under heavy and continuous fire, repulsing three determined attacks, and materially contributing to the success of the defence of the village until it was burnt to the ground by enemy gun fire.

66002 Sjt. J. Peet, 2/10th Bn., R. Scots. (Devon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire. He successfully carried out all orders, and set a splendid example to the men. During previous operations he has always done excellent work.

87985 Sjt. S. Todoreca, 6th Bn., Midd'x R. (U.S.A.).

For conspicuous gallantry and ability. He has done excellent work as a patrol leader, being daring and resourceful. Throughout operations at Tulas during November and December, 1918, he has been a prominent factor in several patrol actions near enemy's lines, in which enemy patrols were driven back, casualties inflicted, and enemy blockhouses destroyed.

#### CANADIAN FORCE.

41438 Sjt. W. F. Armstrong, M.M., 16th Bde., Can. Fd. Arty.

For marked gallantry and devotion to duty in command of his gun, which he ran out of the pit, faced the rear, and fired for 6 hours over open sights. He set a splendid example to the rest of his men; one man was killed beside the gun, and there were a number of bullet hits on the shield. He showed complete disregard for his personal safety.

302618 Gnr. W. Birkett, 16th Bde., Can. Fd. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as gunlayer of 18 pr. gun on armoured

train from Oct. 14th-17th, 1918. When engaging the enemy armoured train he showed great coolness and ability under accurate fire, setting an admirable example and materially assisting in twice driving off the enemy train. On 16th, when engaging the enemy's position at V.P. 445 over open sights, by a burst of rapid fire he assisted in inflicting many losses on the enemy and in driving off the train.

34728 Vet.-Sjt. F. J. Frappe, Can. A.V.C., attd. Can. Fd. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He played a decisive part in the first phase of the attack. Gathering together a number of drivers, he took charge and fought stubbornly, falling back slowly in face of superior numbers. He himself accounted for several of the enemy, this work contributing largely to the saving of the situation. By this check on the enemy time was given for preparation of the defence of the guns.

2100340 Gnr. J. N. Jordan, 16th Bde., Can. Fd. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry near Yevsievskaia on March 1st. He volunteered to take a message to the village, having previously repaired the telephone wire many times when cut by shell fire. In taking the message he was shot through both legs; he raised himself and signalled back his inability to go on. He showed great pluck and coolness.

89733 Cpl. R. L. Seaman, 16th Bde., Can. Fd. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of the forward signallers and advanced with the infantry engaged in the attack on Kodish, December 30th. He was responsible for communication with front line and company headquarters, and several times went forward in front of infantry under heavy fire to establish his line. It was due to his untiring energy and splendid example that communication was kept up. Throughout the operations he behaved admirably.

300812 Cpl. F. E. Wheeler, 16th Bde., Can. Fd. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He did excellent work in the first phase of the attack. He collected a number of drivers about him and fell slowly back through the town, inflicting casualties on the enemy, and himself accounting for six. This first check to the enemy did much towards saving the day. Later he took a party to the beach and brought back small arm ammunition though heavily sniped all the way.

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