

took up a position in front of the infantry line, and from there silenced the fire of two enemy machine guns which were firing on the pontoon bridge. He got his guns forward and came into action on ground raked by cross fire, from which he was able to get short-range fire against the enemy. He did fine work.

18817 Sjt. D. Fynn, M.M., 2nd Bn., Bedf. R. (Bedford).

On 4th November, 1918, during the attack on Preux au Bois, he was in charge of his platoon which met with a great deal of determined opposition from machine guns. On two or three occasions their advance with the barrage was held up, but on each occasion he handled his platoon with great courage and skill. He organised enveloping movements while engaging the guns with Lewis-gun fire, resulting in the guns and crews being put out of action or captured. His fine example and good leadership of his platoon greatly assisted his company to reach its final objective.

8217 Pte. T. D. Gale, 1st Bn., W. York. R. (Liverpool).

At Selency, on 24th September, 1918, he set the finest example of gallantry and devotion to duty under very heavy machine-gun and shell fire. During the attack he killed the crew of two machine guns single-handed and destroyed the two guns. He then acted as platoon runner, carrying messages through the hostile barrage to and from company headquarters over ground swept by machine-gun fire, and where enemy snipers were very active. His courage and determination throughout these operations were most marked, and he contributed largely to their success.

31130 Sjt. F. Gallagher, 1/5th Bn., K.O.S.B., T.F. (Helensburgh).

At Gheluwe, on 14th October, 1918, he showed the greatest gallantry whilst taking part in the attack against Uniform Farm. The attack was held up by machine-gun, trench-mortar and point-blank field-gun fire. With a lance-corporal he rushed the farm from a flank under this heavy fire. On seeing them approaching so close, the enemy bolted, leaving three field guns and two machine guns in our hands. His initiative and fearlessness undoubtedly brought about the capture and saved many casualties.

155753 Cpl. R. Gibbon, M.M., 182nd Coy., R.E. (nr. Durham).

He was in charge of a party detailed to attempt to save from demolition the bridge and locks at the canal, Landrecies, on 4th November, 1918, during an attack. It was due to his fearless example and fine leadership that the party met with such success. They proceeded with the first wave of infantry to the outskirts of Landrecies and from there, under severe machine-gun fire, made a dash ahead for the bridge, being the first to arrive. The enemy blew up the superstructure of road bridge just as the party were approaching, but owing to his prompt action they failed to effect the further demolition intended. He and his party killed several enemy, and took 14 prisoners and a machine gun.

249524 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) T. H. Giblett, M.M., 41st Div. Sig. Coy., R.E., attd. H.Q. 190th Bde., R.F.A. (Twickenham).

On 1st October, 1918, near America line, for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in laying and maintaining telephone lines under heavy shell and machine-gun fire. At a time when communication between the artillery and infantry was of the utmost importance he tied a line round his waist and, running through the barrage, laid a line to the infantry. Though blown over by a shell bursting and badly shaken, he remained at work and maintained the line throughout the night.

13974 Sjt. F. Gibson, 6th Bn., North'n R. (Northampton).

For most marked gallantry and coolness after volunteering to go with his company officer to capture four enemy machine-gun posts in operations on 24th October, 1918, north-east of Bousies. The operation was a success, the four machine-guns being captured and fourteen men taken prisoners. The action was a particularly daring one. Crawling under cover of a hedge to the enemy's positions, he set a fine example to all. He has always been the first to volunteer for any difficult task, and he is the very best type of a British soldier.

16531 Cpl. G. Gibson, M.M., 1st Bn., R. Dub. Fus. (Dublin).

In the operations at Ledeghem on 14th October, 1918, for excellent and gallant conduct during attack. He assumed the duties of company serjeant-major, and performed them excellently in heavy mist and smoke. He collected and reorganised several stragglers belonging to other units, and showed great courage and coolness throughout the whole day, capturing three enemy officers and fifteen other ranks. He took part in capturing the first objective until the position was found untenable owing to enemy field guns firing at point blank range, as well as enemy machine gun and trench mortars. On the instructions of his company commander he withdrew his men to a more favourable position, thereby saving many casualties.

18006 Sjt. S. Gibson, 6th Bn., K.O.S.B. (Sanquhar).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Cuerne from 15th to 17th October, 1918. During the operations on the night of 16/17th October, when a bridge head was formed across the Lys, he rendered yeoman service in establishing touch between the various companies. When the enemy counter-attacked during the night he rallied a party of men of the centre company, reformed them and led them against the enemy. By this timely and vigorous action the counter-attack was broken and a critical situation averted.

238149 Pte. A. J. Gifford, 1st Bn., Worc. R. (Cottenham).

On the night of the 13th/14th October, 1918, he was attached to battalion headquarters as a runner and guide. During the night he got through to his company with three important messages, under heavy