

18566 Sjt. H. Butler (Ash Vale), R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He worked continuously for thirty-six hours under heavy shell fire, and it was largely due to his daring, coolness, and splendid leading that the battlefield was so rapidly cleared of wounded.

44807 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) L. B. Castle (E. Greenwich), R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of brigade signalling. He laid all the lines under heavy shell fire, and though they were continually cut by enemy barrage, he continued to repair them, rendering most valuable service, with total disregard of danger. He was instrumental in getting the brigade forward party across a canal under heavy fire, and it was mainly due to his gallantry and devotion that the telephone service was maintained.

W/147 Drvr. W. H. Church (Bridgend, Glam.), R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when bringing up ammunition to a battery position. He had four horses killed under him on different occasions, and on the last occasion was severely wounded, and his lead driver killed. In spite of this he controlled his team and carried on under heavy shelling until his wounds caused him to collapse, having set a magnificent example of pluck and devotion to duty.

200161 Sjt. R. H. C. Cooke (Liverpool), L'pool R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a daylight raid on enemy trenches. When his officer was wounded, he took command and led his platoon with complete success, capturing nine prisoners. He was wounded five times, on the first occasion whilst rendering first aid to his Commander, and he set a splendid example of gallantry and determination throughout the operation.

10161 Pte. (L./Cpl.) W. V. Cooper (Glen-garriff), I. Gds.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On his own initiative he determined to capture a blockhouse which commanded our position, and from which snipers were inflicting casualties upon our troops. Posting eight men to give him covering fire, he worked round the flank with four others, rushed the blockhouse, and killed and captured the garrison, over twenty in number. His splendid leadership and skilful disposition materially strengthened our position by the capture of this most important point.

47644 Drvr. A. Currie (Belfast), R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in getting ammunition through to his gun position under difficult conditions. When the driver and the greater part of his team had been wounded, he unhooked the lead and centre horses and took the wagon on with the wheelers. The road was under very heavy fire the whole way, and but for his promptness and initiative the battery would have been short of ammunition. He has on many previous occasions displayed the

utmost coolness and gallantry under trying circumstances.

21629 Sjt. J. Dugdale (Blackpool), N. Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in rushing forward under heavy rifle fire to assist his officer in rescuing the pilot of an aeroplane which had fallen in "No Man's Land" some distance in front of our advanced posts. He and a stretcher-bearer succeeded in carrying the wounded pilot to safety, after the other bearer had been killed. His courage and coolness set a splendid example to all that witnessed the action.

129271 L./Cpl. D. Eaglem (Walworth, S.E.), R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of mortars. He remained at his post, which had become flooded with lethal gas to such an extent that the detachment had been compelled to leave in order to adjust their masks, merely adjusting the mouthpiece of his own mask. By this courageous act, and the splendid example which it afforded, the teams were induced to return, and he continued throughout to direct the serving of his own guns and of an adjacent one with complete success, keeping the fire up to the prescribed rate. His conduct has repeatedly shown similar proofs of gallantry and devotion.

191 Pte. H. Edgington (Dorking), E. Surr. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With two comrades he held a block in our trench against a strong party of the enemy at a most critical moment, when our advanced posts had been captured. Subsequently he posted himself and his comrades in shell-holes, causing such casualties to a fresh hostile attack that the enemy bolted back to cover. By the very great initiative and exceptional gallantry of these three men a very awkward situation was got well in hand.

16742 Cpl. A. J. Edwards (Liverpool), S. Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when with a Lewis gun during an attack. When ordered to withdraw, all the officers having been hit, he took command of the whole company, making skilful and effective dispositions. Later, he searched "No Man's Land" for a missing officer, remaining out for a long time exposed to constant fire.

240351 Sjt. J. Elliott (South Kirby, Yorkshire), York. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion during a raid upon enemy trenches. He led his party into the trench against great opposition, successfully dealing with the enemy and setting a splendid example to all by his determination and fine leadership.

680625 B.S.M. W. Ewan (Preston), R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty under very heavy shell fire. He assisted in handling two of his guns to another position, and on the following night, after re-