

14873 Cpl. H. Randall (Notting Hill, London, W.), R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an infantry attack. He personally shot with his revolver an enemy officer, and took five men prisoners. He then returned to the attack, and assisted to bomb and surround an enemy dug-out, in which a number of prisoners were captured. It was mainly owing to his gallantry and determined offensive spirit that this operation was successful.

795382 Sjt. E. Richardson (Bradford), R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when under heavy gas shell bombardment with his battery. Amidst terrible gas fumes he left his dug-out, and went to the assistance of four men who had been buried in the adjoining one. Assisted by three others he extricated a badly injured man and carried him to the dressing station all the while under a heavy and ceaseless shower of gas shells. The following day he went out into the open to the rescue of his battery commander, who had been seriously wounded and lay helpless and exposed to heavy shell fire. His conduct throughout a strenuous and lengthy bombardment has been magnificent.

93487 2nd Cpl. A. Ritchie (E. Glasgow), R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading a party to repair a bridge under continuous and accurate enemy shell fire. He replaced casualties and completed the work with great initiative and courage. Shortly afterwards, whilst repairing another bridge, he was blown into the river by a shell, but though very severely shaken, he continued to work unceasingly, displaying marvellous pluck and determination.

48823 B.S.M. E. H. Simmonds (Leytonstone), R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in assisting his officer to clear the road of dead and wounded men and horses at a moment when his battery had been thrown into great confusion, coming under heavy fire whilst changing position. His coolness and energy were of great assistance to his officer in controlling the remaining vehicles under fire.

18687 Sjt. E. B. Smith (Hednesford, Staffs.), S. Staff. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a platoon. Coming under heavy shell fire he split it up into small parties and personally conducted each out of the shelled area. He then returned and carried a wounded man to a dug-out, afterwards proceeding to dig out three men who had been buried. He was successful in this, and his splendid gallantry under heavy shell fire cannot be too highly praised.

4582 C.S.M. J. D. Smith (Glasgow), H.L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an intense hostile bombardment of a farm. He kept continually going round the posts, heedless of personal risk, and although twice knocked down and partially

buried he kept on at his duty encouraging all N.C.Os. and men to "stand to" at a critical stage. His gallant conduct was largely instrumental in the successful defence of the farm.

15426 Sjt. T. Southworth (Accrington), E. Lan. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack on enemy trenches. Having followed his officer into the enemy lines he killed three of the enemy, and when his officer was wounded took command, leading his platoon ably during the subsequent operations. He did splendid work in consolidating the position, and his personal example had much to do with the success of the attack.

19043 Spr. (A./L./Cpl.) J. Stevenson (Southampton, E.), R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in surveying battery positions under shell fire. He completed his work with accuracy and success, notably on one occasion when he was in the midst of heavy hostile shelling.

86483 Spr. J. Stewart (Dundee), R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy had entered one of our mine galleries he and an officer attacked them with revolvers and caused them to retire. A mine was then exploded within a few feet, and his officer was overcome by gas, but, though badly shaken himself, Spr. Stewart assisted to rescue the officer until overcome by gas himself. It was due to the daring and gallant manner in which he assisted his officer that the enemy failed to secure a large portion of our mine galleries.

8536 Sjt. A. Sturgess (Reading), R. Berks. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on enemy trenches. He attacked a machine gun single-handed, putting it out of action and killing and dispersing the team with bombs. He afterwards carried a wounded comrade back to our lines, having shown throughout the operation great dash and a fine disregard of danger.

89 Sjt. T. J. Tanner (Ipswich), Manch. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a torpedo party. He was of invaluable assistance to his officer, inserting and firing the torpedo under close range revolver and rifle fire. He afterwards remained out and assisted the raiding party through our own wire, though twice wounded during the operations. He displayed great gallantry and fearlessness under very trying conditions.

8624 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) W. A. Tapsell (Abbey Wood), Linc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in assisting to dig out nineteen men who had been buried in a dug-out by a gas shell. Finding it impossible, owing to the darkness, to work in a gas helmet, at imminent risk of his life he removed his own, and by his efforts successfully extricated some of