

that they were held up by a sniper, he went forward alone, and located and killed the sniper himself. He afterwards captured a nest of the enemy who were holding up the advance. His conduct throughout was marked by courage and fine leadership.

11467 Sjt. T. C. M. Phippin, G. Gds. (Portland).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In spite of constant shelling, by which the cable was frequently broken between Brigade and Battalion Headquarters, he personally organised a party and laid five lines himself, maintaining communications at a critical time by his gallant and prompt action. On the following day he displayed similar initiative and skill in connecting up the forward companies with their Battalion Headquarters.

45139 Cpl. S. H. Pickard, Surr. Yeo. (Streat-ham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of a patrol. While withdrawing from the enemy's position his left flank got into difficulties with the enemy's wire. Though his men were widely extended and under continuous heavy fire, he succeeded with great coolness and courage in withdrawing his entire patrol without a casualty. He has shown great dash and resource at all times.

48525 Pte. A. Piggott, Manch. R. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst on his return alone from delivering a message, he noticed movement at the entrance to a dug-out. He at once entered, and found it occupied by an N.C.O. and seventeen of the enemy. Covering them with his rifle, he made them put up their hands and leave the dug-out. On reaching the top they attempted to return, but by means of signs and shots which he fired over their heads he collected the party and marched them alone to the Divisional cage, where he handed them over. His coolness and determination were beyond all praise.

40650 Cpl. W. H. Pinchin, R. Scots. (York).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a strong hostile raid in a thick fog upon his post, he was in charge of a Lewis gun team which was attacked from the front and rear. For some time he succeeded in keeping off the enemy on his front with the gun, and with the aid of bombs and rifle fire in resisting the attack from the rear. Finally, however, finding himself unable to keep them off any longer, he collected his team, four of whom were wounded as well as himself, got out of the trench, and firing his Lewis gun from the hip, made his way into No Man's Land, and fighting his way through the enemy, finally rejoined his company in the rear of the position, where he again brought his gun into action. His splendid courage and determination were worthy of the highest praise.

17982 L./Cpl. B. J. Platten, Suff. R. (Oulton Broad).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company was held up by machine-gun fire, he and a comrade went for-

ward on their own initiative, knocked out the gun, and killed the entire team, in spite of heavy machine-gun and rifle fire. This gallant act enabled the advance to continue and secure ground of vital importance. Throughout the operation the gallantry and determination of these two men set a splendid example to all ranks.

Z/1378 Pte. E. W. Plowman, Rif. Brig. (Reigate).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Finding himself in an isolated post on the left of his battalion, with the N.C.O. in charge of his section a casualty and the enemy working round his flank, he took charge of his Lewis gun and section with the greatest promptness and presence of mind. Quickly realising the situation, he took up a position in a shell-hole, and opened fire with such good effect that the enemy were driven back. He was suffering badly from the effect of gas at the time, but this in no way affected the pluck and determination with which he maintained his position against every effort of the enemy until reinforcements could be brought up.

50417 A./Sjt. A. Pool, R.F.A. (Bristol).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his gun and gun-pit were knocked out by a direct hit, another gun was sent up, and had to be placed in the open. He and another gunner kept the gun in action throughout the day, although two of his detachment of four were wounded, and he had been hit himself. A few days later, when the gun detachment next him had all been killed or wounded, he took over the gun and brought it into action again at once, together with his own. He has consistently set a fine example of coolness and devotion to duty throughout a very trying time.

4939 Pte. A. Poole, North'd Fus. (Bilston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a Lewis gunner during an attack. After the remainder of his team had been killed or wounded, he continued to push forward with the advance, and accounted for a large number of the enemy. He set a fine example to all.

5099 A./Sjt. W. S. Poole, R.I. Rif. (Cambridge Heath).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He held a most advanced post with ten men. He was heavily attacked on all sides, but held his ground, although the flanks had fallen back. He kept up rifle fire until all his ammunition was exhausted, and accounted for several of the enemy. He set a fine example of determination and courage.

70378 Sjt. A. G. Porteous, R.F.A. (Woolwich).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in action with his battery. During an exceptionally trying period, lasting for three weeks, he displayed marked and consistent gallantry and coolness under fire. He was indefatigable in his efforts to dig out wounded men under heavy shell and gas-shell bombardments, and it was due to his gallant conduct, and that of the officer with whom he was working, that the wounded men