

*10537 1st Class Air Mechanic M. H. Church, R.F.C. (Leyton "E").

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He did excellent work as wireless operator during a long period and carried out his duties with great skill and determination during several engagements. On one occasion his station was destroyed by shell fire while he was at work.

241532 Sjt. V. F. Clark, Worc. R. (Studley S.O.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his party in a raid into the enemy trench and attacking and killing two parties of the enemy. He then got his men on to the enemy parapet and drove back a counter-attack across the open. When seriously wounded he re-organised his party and handed over to his corporal.

201249 Pte. G. H. Clayton, Midd'x R. (Hornsey).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. A party of five of the enemy, having penetrated the wire between two posts, attempted to rush a sentry post from the rear. He, being the sentry on duty, fiercely attacked three of the enemy and eventually succeeded in driving off the whole patrol, although himself wounded. His gallant action liberated one man, who had been knocked down, and defeated the enemy's object of obtaining an identification.

L/28759 Sjt. C. S. Cloke, R.F.A. ("E" Upton Park).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of his battery on three separate occasions after all officers had become casualties. During a barrage the battery was very heavily shelled. When a shell fell in a gun-pit, killing one man and wounding three others, he got the wounded clear, and then continued to fire a gun which would otherwise have been out of action owing to casualties.

325010 Pte. F. Coker, Lanc. Fus. (Hampstead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Having reached the enemy's lines, he had his foot blown off by an enemy bomb, but he refused to leave his post, and continued for an hour to assist in the consolidation. On a stretcher-bearer coming to assist him to an aid post, he refused to go, directing him to more serious cases. He only left his post when ordered to do so by an officer, and encouraged many on his way by his wonderful cheerfulness and spirit.

11962 Sjt. E. J. Constable, Oxf. & Bucks. L.I. (Banbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. An enemy attack drove out his section from a post, but, collecting some men, he went round by a trench and regained it. Later, after the fuses had been lit for the demolition of a lock, he voluntarily went right down through the lock to the basin, to make sure that all the garrison had escaped. He displayed the most magnificent courage throughout.

388362 Pte. A. Cook, R.A.M.C. (co. Durham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He formed part of a stretcher squad, and, while bringing in a wounded stretcher case, they were heavily shelled. In conjunction with the others, he lowered the stretcher and, with an absolute disregard of danger to himself, protected the wounded man with his body. Though wounded himself, he, with great determination and pluck, helped to carry the wounded man to safety.

680694 Sjt. S. Cook, Lond. R. (Deptford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his men with the greatest ability in an attack and rushed an enemy battery with the bayonet. He set a magnificent example of courage to all.

530608 Sjt. E. Cooke, London R. (Clapham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. When the C.S.M. was killed, he took over his duties, and displayed great courage and resource throughout the operations, although suffering severely from gas and partially blind. Subsequently, after all the officers had become casualties, he kept the remains of the company together, fighting his way back to the strong point allotted to it.

L/34987 Sjt. F. C. Cooper, R.F.A. (Leicester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a convoy of pack animals taking up ammunition. Owing to heavy shelling half his convoy were cut off. He decided to send them through the barrage two at a time, but when the first pair were killed he led the remainder personally at great risk.

19583 Sjt. W. S. Cooper, M.M., G. Gds. (St. Albans).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the attack he showed the utmost gallantry. Volunteering to try and clear up a doubtful situation, he went forward and gained valuable information as to the strength and position of our advanced troops. Later, on discovering a hostile machine gun in action, he killed two of the crew. The man accompanying him was wounded four times, but he succeeded in getting him back. His skill and courage on this reconnaissance were of the highest order.

R/13366 Rfn. L. V. Coppin, K.R.R.C. (Hull).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a raid this man, followed by another, crossed the second line of wire and took up a position to cover the main party, who were dealing with a "pill-box," from counter-attack. Under very close machine gun fire from the flank he and another man held up a counter-attack with rifle fire and bombs for ten minutes, and had just broken it up by the time the "pill-box" was cleared. Being the last of the party to return, he stayed outside the wire with a N.C.O. to examine the wounds of one man, then proceeded to fetch a stretcher, which he brought back under heavy fire, also carrying