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*War Office,
3rd September, 1918.*

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of a Bar to the Distinguished Conduct Medal to the under-mentioned Warrant Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, and Men:—

179 Sjt. J. Anderson, D.C.M., M.M., Sea. Highrs. (Anerley, S.E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was wounded in the arm and twice buried by the enemy's bombardment. He remained in command of his platoon throughout the action, his fine control being the direct source of heavy casualties to the enemy and saving the right of his line. He is a great fighter.

(D.C.M. gazetted 18th July, 1917.)

203809 C.S.M. H. Atkinson, D.C.M., Yorks. R. (Saltburn-by-Sea).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This warrant officer was most capable and energetic in rallying the front companies at a critical stage, when the left flank had given way under intense machine-gun fire. When the commanding officer and all senior

officers had become casualties he assisted the officer who assumed command in collecting stragglers, reorganising the battalion, and establishing a system of defence, until wounded a day or two later.

(D.C.M. gazetted 28th March, 1918.)

5824 C.S.M. V. Batty, D.C.M., R. Lanc. R. ("E" Leicester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He personally led a bombing party and drove the enemy from a section of the line. He then pursued them hotly and established a block in the trench, far in advance of the original post. In reorganising the defence, and by his courage and determination, he rendered valuable service and set a fine example to all ranks.

(D.C.M. gazetted 30th June, 1915.)

325753 C.S.M. H. Betts, D.C.M., Camb. R. (Nr. March, Cambs.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During ten days' very hard fighting this warrant officer, who had taken over the duties of regimental serjeant-major early in the operations, showed an impressive example of courage and coolness under heavy

fire on all occasions. On one occasion the battalion, which had been very much reduced in numbers, both of officers and men, delivered a successful counter-attack, driving back the enemy a considerable distance, and capturing men and machine guns. Company Serjeant-Major Betts was conspicuous for the fearless manner in which he attacked the machine-gun positions, and his behaviour had a marked effect on the men.

(D.C.M. gazetted 26th November, 1917.)

240734 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) W. Bourne, D.C.M., R. War. R. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He personally covered the retirement of an exposed flank with a Lewis gun, and inflicted heavy losses on the advancing enemy. He displayed great courage and rendered fine service at a critical moment.

(D.C.M. gazetted 28th March, 1918.)

240321 (formly. 1714) R.S.M. J. Brammall, D.C.M., York. R. (Scarborough).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He selected a position for a machine gun and worked it until the corporal of the section arrived. He showed great initiative and kept the gun fed with ammunition. His conduct throughout was most conspicuous, and by his untiring efforts in getting ammunition up to the front line a superiority of fire was maintained and the position held.

(D.C.M. gazetted 3rd June, 1916.)

9136 C.S.M. T. Brannan, D.C.M., R. Scots (Shorncliffe).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty under heavy shell fire. When the enemy tried to advance he accounted for several of them by sniping until wounded in the throat. Though unable to speak he refused to leave his post until he saw that the enemy attack had been definitely stopped, nor would he leave his company until he had reported the situation to his company commander. He set a very fine example by his coolness and courage.

(D.C.M. gazetted 30th June, 1915.)

5820 C.S.M. W. Biddle, D.C.M., Glouc. R. (Anerley, S.E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all communication failed with battalion headquarters, and the enemy were working round in the rear of his company, he attacked with a dozen details and drove them back. He did the journey (1,200 yards) between his company and battalion headquarters under heavy bombardment three or four times during the day when runners failed to get through.

(D.C.M. gazetted 14th November, 1916.)

-H/46673 (formly. 5820) Sqdn. /S.M. D. Brunton, D.C.M., Hrs. (Aldershot).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when, at a very critical moment, under heavy shell fire, this warrant officer set a splendid example of coolness and command in checking the leading troops of the squadron, which had got momentarily out of

hand, and bringing them up in the direction which had been signalled.

(D.C.M. gazetted 17th December, 1914.)

17229 C.S.M. H. E. Bufton, D.C.M., M.M., Shrops. L.I. (Ludlow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This warrant officer was in charge of some 200 non-commissioned officers and men when a hostile attack appeared imminent. With prompt initiative he pushed forward with his command to an advanced position, whence he delivered a heavy and accurate fire upon the enemy, causing him such losses that the development of what might have proved a serious attack was prevented. Throughout the operation his courage and leadership were conspicuous.

(D.C.M. gazetted 22nd October, 1917.)

50773 (formly. 21146) Pte. F. H. Burke, D.C.M., M.G.C. (Queensland).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when he kept his gun firing till all gunners, except himself and a signaller, had become casualties, inflicting severe losses on the enemy. He only retired when attacked on both flanks by bombers, after destroying his gun.

(D.C.M. gazetted 30th Mar. 1916.)

18327 Cpl. A. Burnett, D.C.M., M.M., M.G. Corps (Leith).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. was in charge of a machine gun, his flanks being protected by infantry, when about 500 of the enemy attacked. On the infantry withdrawing to a fresh position he covered the movement and remained firing his gun from the top of a disused dug-out, inflicting severe casualties, and helping to break up the attack. He was all the time under machine-gun fire.

(D.C.M. gazetted in this Gazette.)

201098 C.S.M. J. C. Cairns, D.C.M., Ox. and Bucks. L.I. (E. Ham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. During a withdrawal he collected a mixed force when the situation was most critical, and held the enemy in check while the remainder of the battalion reorganised. In ten days of heavy fighting he showed the utmost courage and resource in rallying and organising men, and his quickness to grasp the situation was of the highest value.

(D.C.M. gazetted 22nd October, 1917.)

200001 C.S.M. J. R. Carpenter, D.C.M., Shrops. L.I. (Shrewsbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under heavy shell and machine-gun fire, this warrant officer established and maintained connection with our front line. Subsequently, owing to casualties among the officers, he was in charge of half the company, in which capacity he displayed admirable qualities of initiative and resource, and, although badly wounded, he remained at his duty until the operation was complete. He set a very fine example to his men, which encouraged them at a critical and anxious time.

(D.C.M. gazetted in this Gazette.)

7869 C.S.M. J. Carter, D.C.M., Leic. R. (Leicester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. When all his officers had become casualties he took command of the company and conducted a retirement in very good order. Later he led a counter-attack over the open, under heavy machine-gun fire, and gained his objective. He was slightly wounded. His courage and initiative were most marked.

(D.C.M. gazetted 4th March, 1918.)

267438 Cpl. J. Collins, D.C.M., M.M., Sea. Highrs. (Newtongrange).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Throughout a week's fighting this N.C.O. set a fine example in organising the men in trying situations. He rallied a platoon of another unit which was withdrawing leaderless, and put it in position. He reorganised fragments of another brigade. By a personal reconnaissance he obtained good information and placed troops to cover the flank. He brought a wounded man out of action on his back, and on every occasion used his rifle with good effect.

(D.C.M. gazetted 22nd October, 1917.)

50662 B.S.M. V. G. Cook, D.C.M., R.F.A. (Tonbridge).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the battery wagon-line was shelled, and several horses killed, he got the teams away to safety and then went back to the assistance of a wagon team which had casualties and got it away under heavy shell fire. Later, when an ammunition wagon with a broken pole was left behind, he procured a new pole and went back to the stranded wagon, eventually getting it away through a barrage of shell and machine-gun fire.

(D.C.M. gazetted 17th December, 1914.)

6884 C.S.M. J. Cooper, D.C.M., R.W. Kent R. (Gravesend).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy advance. When his company officers had all become casualties he took charge of the company and by his organisation and coolness under heavy shell and machine-gun fire he held it together until relieved of his command by an officer. He set a fine example to all.

(D.C.M. gazetted 25th August, 1917.)

14727 Sjt. J. Dare, D.C.M., S. Wales Bord. (Llankilleth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This non-commissioned officer was in command of a platoon at a strong point when the intense barrage resulted in the burial of several men and both machine guns. He at once set to work to dig them out, then cleared the guns, mounted them, and reopened fire. Later in the day, he established a Lewis gun post on a threatened flank at a critical moment, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy.

(D.C.M. gazetted 1st January, 1918.)

325485 C.S.M. S. C. Dockerill, D.C.M., M.M., Camb. R. (Cambridge).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He carried an important message

through a heavy enemy barrage, and guided reinforcing troops up to the front line under heavy fire. He set a fine example to his men.

(D.C.M. gazetted 26th May, 1917.)

52569 Sjt. F. Doleman, D.C.M., L'pool R. (Oldham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When put in charge of a Lewis-gun section he covered a withdrawal, inflicting heavy casualties. Finally he successfully withdrew his section and gun, stopping to aid a wounded N.C.O., and helping to carry him away, though the enemy were close upon him.

(D.C.M. gazetted 28th March, 1918.)

354100 Sjt. H. E. Dowling, D.C.M., R.A.M.C. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the very heavy enemy shelling prevented the ambulance cars getting forward to evacuate the wounded, this N.C.O. established a post for the cars to come up to, and by passing several times through the barrage succeeded in maintaining communication between the advanced dressing station and the collecting post. His fine example to the stretcher-bearers ensured the evacuation of a large number of wounded.

(D.C.M. gazetted 3rd June, 1918.)

550040 C.S.M. S. C. Drury, D.C.M., R.E. (Queen's Park, W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during recent operations. When his company were advancing in the open to occupy a flank position, and were met by very heavy machine-gun fire, he walked up and down in front of the line encouraging the men and ensuring that the line was maintained in good order. Later, under heavy fire, he withdrew the company in good order, and later assisted a pioneer battalion to fight a rear-guard action, maintaining in his troops a spirit of cheerfulness and grit which his own magnificent example inspired.

(D.C.M. gazetted 14th January, 1916.)

476012 C.S.M. C. E. Gillott, D.C.M., R.E. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This warrant officer was returning from work with two sections of sappers when he encountered the enemy advancing along the road between two villages. At once realising the seriousness of the situation, he assisted in digging two strong posts within 400 yards of the enemy, and held on through the night under heavy fire until the infantry had had time to consolidate behind.

(D.C.M. gazetted 1st January, 1918.)

926310 Sjt. S. H. Good, D.C.M., R.F.A. (Lee, S.E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As acting serjeant-major at a gun position, under heavy fire from gas shells, his disregard of danger and conspicuous cheerfulness had a very fine effect on the steadiness of the battery and the accuracy of their shooting. He was continually moving up and down the position, arranging for the replacement of casualties, and eventually worked a gun en-

tirely single-handed, when all the detachment had become casualties.

(D.C.M. gazetted 3rd June, 1918.)

11/1456 Pte. (L./Cpl.) J. Hackitt, D.C.M., M.M., E. York. R. (Doncaster).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He repeatedly went forward in charge of parties to collect wounded. Under heavy fire he was responsible for removing twenty men to a place of safety who would otherwise have been made prisoners.

(D.C.M. gazetted 28th March, 1918.)

20478 S./Sjt. J. W. Hastings, D.C.M., R.A.M.C. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He helped a medical officer to establish a walking wounded post, and frequently brought in casualties caused by heavy hostile barrage. Though frequently under shell fire he was untiring in attending the wounded, and set a splendid example to all.

(D.C.M. gazetted 14th November, 1916.)

G/495 Sjt. H. Havers, D.C.M., Midd'x R. (W. Norwood).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He rallied his men under heavy machine-gun fire and opened a steady fire, causing heavy losses to the enemy. Later he collected and organised a party of men of other units and continued to resist the enemy, finally withdrawing them skilfully with few casualties. He set a fine example by his energy and coolness under fire.

(D.C.M. gazetted 22nd January, 1916.)

F/3055 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) J. J. Hickman, D.C.M., M.M., Midd'x R. (Notting Hill, W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during five days' operations, notably when his platoon commander was wounded and his platoon surrounded he fought his way out. In doing so he was attacked by three of the enemy: the first he bayoneted, the second he shot, and disposed of the third with the butt of his rifle. He set a magnificent example to the men of his company.

(D.C.M. gazetted 19th November, 1917.)

33896 B.S.M. F. Howes, D.C.M. R.F.A. (Silvertown, E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This warrant officer was at the battery position when it was heavily shelled and there were twenty-two casualties. He walked from gun to gun, steadying the men, who were much shaken, and keeping them at their posts. Shortly afterwards the forward wagon-lines were shelled, causing more casualties. He ran over at once and superintended the evacuation of the remaining horses, though salvoes of shells were bursting.

(D.C.M. gazetted 25th November, 1916.)

L/10361 R.S.M. F. Huband, D.C.M., R. Fus. ([E] Hounslow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On two occasions this N.C.O. stopped men who were retreating in disorder and rushed them forward into good positions. He took charge of a large frontage of divisional details, and controlled their fire, keeping them supplied with small arm ammuni-

tion, and visiting isolated posts under heavy machine-gun fire.

(D.C.M. gazetted 22nd January, 1916.)

4800 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) G. Jeffrey, D.C.M., Sea. Highrs. (Dunbar).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After an enemy attack had been repulsed this N.C.O. took out a fighting patrol, and by his daring leading succeeded in surrounding and capturing several of the enemy and bringing in some machine guns.

(D.C.M. gazetted 26th July, 1917.)

6391 Sjt. F. Johnson, D.C.M., R.A.F. (Kettering).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in encounters with enemy aeroplanes, with the following results:—Attacked and crashed a Pfalz scout, drove down an Albattross out of control. On previous occasions he had destroyed four enemy aeroplanes and driven three down out of control.

(D.C.M. gazetted 26th April, 1917.)

62146 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) W. Jordan, D.C.M., M.M., R.A.M.C. (Dunston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He guided a motor ambulance to a regimental aid post under heavy fire, and continually visited aid posts to see if there were casualties to clear. By his untiring energy and his pluck he saved many lives.

(D.C.M. gazetted 26th November, 1917.)

28522 Sjt. A. G. Lee, D.C.M., M.G.C. (Rustington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of a section of four guns. Though his position was continuously attacked by large bodies of the enemy, he used his guns on the larger masses and kept off small parties with his revolver and bombs. His fine courage and cheerfulness were a great support to his men.

(D.C.M. gazetted 22nd October, 1917.)

200122 (frmlly. 1405) Sjt. J. McCartney, D.C.M. Manch. R. (Wigan).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when he did most excellent work in organising troops of other battalions who had been forced to retire. By repeatedly taking forward battle patrols he obtained valuable information.

(D.C.M. gazetted 29th November, 1915.)

14/15416 A./C.S.M. W. McIlveen, D.C.M., R. Ir. Rif. (Belfast).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a determined enemy attack, preceded by a heavy bombardment, this N.C.O. walked up and down the positions in the open, encouraging the men. A portion of our line having been forced back, he collected a party of nine men, and, opening rapid fire, checked the advance of the enemy, and, leading our men back to their original positions, restored the line. The next day, when the enemy, having penetrated our positions on the right flank, attacked us from the rear, he again collected a small party and fought a gallant rearguard action. Though almost surrounded he led his men in a charge against the enemy, and succeeded in extricating them from a difficult situation.

Two of his men being wounded, he went back some fifty yards with two other men and rescued them under heavy machine-gun fire and fire from a hostile aeroplane.

(D.C.M. gazetted 25th August, 1917.)

4804 C.S.M. J. McQuillan, D.C.M., H.L.I. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When ammunition was running perilously short he disregarded all personal danger in effecting a new supply and husbanding what was left, his splendid example steadying the men. Later, he went out 300 yards to the front to bring in a wounded man, and rendered aid to wounded generally under heavy fire. Again, when his company was ordered to reinforce, he headed the leading platoon in a most gallant manner. Although badly wounded, he remained with his men until exhaustion overcame him.

(D.C.M. gazetted 17th September, 1917.)

7424 C.S.M. A. L. Mavor, D.C.M., Scots Gds. (Aberdeen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When some small arm ammunition and stores were buried by intense shell fire he twice organised and distributed new supplies under continuous fire. At all times his fearless example of fighting spirit in face of the enemy was a great moral example to all ranks.

(D.C.M. gazetted 1st April, 1915.)

13353 Sjt. A. Moore, D.C.M., Norf. R. (Fakenham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in organising and personally leading a bombing party and recapturing a trench. After all the officers in his company had become casualties he took command of the company and displayed great courage and skill during the remainder of the operations.

(D.C.M. gazetted 20th October, 1916.)

23530 Sjt. L. J. Moore, D.C.M., M.G.C. (Hackness).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed consummate disregard for danger while controlling the fire of the two guns under his charge, and successfully engaged an enemy battery of artillery at a range of 200 yards. He did splendid work.

(D.C.M. gazetted 3rd June, 1918.)

5/14369 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) G. J. Morris, D.C.M., S. Wales Bord. (Newport).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He commanded two platoons with great ability, and showed magnificent coolness and contempt of danger under most trying circumstances. It was largely due to his example that the company did so well.

(D.C.M. gazetted 3rd June, 1918.)

5702 C.S.M. W. H. Nash, D.C.M., Glouc. R. (Abertillery, Mon.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Both in attack and defence he was an indefatigable example of courage and determination, and was of inestimable value to his company commander. He afterwards assisted in the very difficult evacuation of his company, which was accomplished successfully.

(D.C.M. gazetted 26th January, 1917.)

28580 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) M. Newman, D.C.M., M.M., Welsh R. (Pontypridd).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack on our lines this N.C.O. organised a defensive position by collecting men from various units under heavy shell fire, checking the attack for some hours. He also went forward with a patrol into the enemy's lines, capturing two prisoners, killing others, and bringing back valuable information.

(D.C.M. gazetted 26th July, 1917.)

31649 Sjt. A. Pengelley, D.C.M., R.F.A. (Athlone).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of an anti-Tank gun. The gun early received a direct hit, and this N.C.O. then led his detachment to reinforce neighbouring infantry. He also took part in a bombing attack. Later he organised a party to take a wounded officer to the dressing-station. Finally he took command of a platoon of infantry and held a position for two days, until he found out where his own battery was and rejoined it. He rendered valuable service.

(D.C.M. gazetted 15th September, 1915.)

12007 C.S.M. H. Pugh, D.C.M., L'pool R. (Sandhurst).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company had been cut off he volunteered to reconnoitre the position of our front line in broad daylight. He found his objective, returned to his company commander, and pointed out to him the route by which to cross the enemy's position and return to our own line. By so doing he saved his company. At all times during the operations his courage and cheerfulness were conspicuous.

(D.C.M. gazetted 1st January, 1918.)

8005 C.S.M. (A./R.S.M.) F. H. Radford, D.C.M., Devon. R. (Ealing).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed marked ability and fine leadership in organising and leading remnants of two companies that had lost all their officers, and clearing a large area of wood of the enemy. He set a splendid example to his men.

(D.C.M. gazetted 22nd October, 1917.)

1219 R.S.M. R. Rankin, D.C.M., R.W. Kent R. (Edinburgh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during enemy attacks. He did invaluable work in assisting in organising defensive positions. Throughout very heavy fighting he showed untiring energy and fine courage. Thanks to him the men in the forward posts were never short of ammunition.

(D.C.M. gazetted 1st January, 1917.)

9808 C.S.M. W. H. Reece, D.C.M., Glouc. R. (Eastbourne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack this warrant officer personally supervised the replenishment of ammunition in all his company posts in the front line. Throughout a long and trying day he was of great assistance to his com-

pany commander, and set a fine example to all ranks.

(D.C.M. gazetted 14th January, 1916.)

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

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During recent operations this N.C.O. showed exceptional courage and resource. It was largely his courage and total disregard of danger that so inspired his gunners and enabled the guns to be saved under extremely difficult circumstances.

(D.C.M. gazetted 17th September, 1917.)

2/5499 R.S.M. J. Ring, M.C., D.C.M., R. Muns. Fus. (Limerick).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. volunteered to go with a party to retake a position on the flank which had been occupied by the enemy. It was largely owing to his efforts that the attack was entirely successful and the enemy driven out, leaving three dead. The flank was thus secured, and this enabled the main position to be held for some hours.

(D.C.M. gazetted 1st April, 1915.)

12844 (formerly 4967) Sjt. A. E. Seton, D.C.M., Lrs. (Rotherhithe).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion in action. When in charge of the right section of a front line, about 200 yards of it, on the right of the regiment, broke and retired. Realising the danger he, by his fine example of courage and coolness, steadied his men, who retained their position and beat back a heavy attack, thus saving the whole line from being turned.

(D.C.M. gazetted 16th January, 1915.)

241337 Sjt. B. Siswick, D.C.M., W. Rid. R. (Paddock).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an enemy attack, when the front company ran short of ammunition, this N.C.O. organised a party, and in spite of intense machine-gun and rifle fire made three journeys, leading the way himself, and bringing up sufficient ammunition for the company to meet the next attack.

(D.C.M. gazetted 26th July, 1917.)

12316 Sjt. J. Smith, D.C.M., Shrop. L.I. (Llangollen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the officers of his company had become casualties he took over the command, moving up and down his company front under heavy artillery and machine-gun fire, steadying and encouraging the men. He controlled the fire to such good effect that he kept the line intact against the enemy attack.

(D.C.M. gazetted 19th November, 1917.)

2831 B.S.M. T. Smith, D.C.M., R.G.A. (Tottenham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a retirement. He controlled the supply of ammunition to the guns under most difficult conditions, enabling 700 rounds to be fired by one section, and he personally helped to carry badly wounded men under cover and saw to their evacuation. He displayed marked courage and determination

when guns had to be moved under heavy shell fire, and he and a party of men of the battery man-handled a heavy howitzer for some miles. Throughout he behaved in a magnificent manner.

(D.C.M. gazetted 4th June, 1917.)

240991 C.S.M. W. Stewart, D.C.M., R. Highrs. (Buchin).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under very heavy gas shelling he was of the greatest assistance to his company commander in repelling enemy attacks and inflicting heavy casualties on them. His cheerfulness and courage were an example to all.

(D.C.M. gazetted 28th March, 1918.)

17312 Sjt. G. Still, D.C.M., M.G.C. (Acton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his officer was wounded this N.C.O. took command of the section. Although slightly wounded himself he remained in action two days, assisting in repulsing repeated enemy attacks.

(D.C.M. gazetted 4th March, 1918.)

L/9895 C.S.M. (A./School S.M.) G. W. Taylor, D.C.M., R. Fus. (Sutton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was invaluable in directing and fighting with fresh troops who were fresh to the work. He accounted for several of the enemy himself, and set a fine example of steadiness and courage.

(D.C.M. gazetted 25th November, 1916.)

9444 Sjt. E. Thomas, D.C.M., E. York. R. (Wandsworth, S.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When leading a platoon he single-handedly bombed the enemy out of a trench, establishing communication with the unit on his right. Later, he occupied a pill-box with his platoon, and forced the enemy to evacuate a trench which was threatening his rear. He did magnificent service.

(D.C.M. gazetted in this Gazette.)

9589 Sjt. E. R. Vickers, D.C.M., G. Gds. (Dunstable).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. was acting as C.F.M. to his company when it attacked, and when all the officers of the company became casualties, owing to a withering cross-fire of rifles and machine guns, he took up the command, and was alone responsible for the repulse of two hostile attacks, in both of which the enemy far outnumbered his own men. His handling of the company showed great skill and determination.

(D.C.M. gazetted 4th March, 1918.)

7494 B.S.M. S. C. Walton, D.C.M., R.G.A. ("E" Portsmouth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When it became necessary, owing to the near approach of the enemy, to withdraw the guns, this W.O. set a fine example to all ranks, supervising the withdrawal of each gun under heavy fire. Afterwards, he volunteered to join a cavalry regiment which

was forming up preparatory to a counter-attack.

(D.C.M. gazetted 18th July, 1917.)

8048 Sjt. G. Warren, D.C.M., Hamps. R. (Tadley, nr. Basingstoke).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company was ordered to return and hold the line, he dashed forward in face of heavy machine-gun fire and aircraft attack, and regained the position. Later, he returned to the position after it had been evacuated, to find some men who were sniping, and reached it under intense machine-gun fire. Throughout he did splendid work.

(D.C.M. gazetted 22nd October, 1917.)

19606 C.S.M. S. Waywell, D.C.M., High. L.I. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He made several journeys under very heavy machine-gun fire with ammunition, and later took up a position in the open swept by fire, and fired off several boxes of rifle grenades, which formed a most effective barrage. By his fine example of coolness and determination he greatly encouraged the men.

(D.C.M. gazetted 3rd June, 1918.)

10968 C.S.M. W. West, D.C.M., M.G.C. (Clapton Park).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an enemy bombardment two officers were buried by a shell bursting on the parados. After working for 40 minutes in this exposed position, he successfully extricated them. He showed fine disregard of personal danger.

(D.C.M. gazetted 19th November, 1917.)

308874 Sjt. G. White, D.C.M., R.G.A. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed great courage in dismantling the breech of his gun under heavy fire when the enemy were approaching it. His officers had all become casualties, and he collected his men, led them back to the rear section, and assisted in working their guns.

(D.C.M. gazetted 1st January, 1918.)

203174 Cpl. (A./C.S.M.) R. P. Wilcox, D.C.M., W. Rid. R. (Oldham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. All the company stretcher-bearers having become casualties, this N.C.O., under heavy artillery and trench mortar fire, visited the whole of his company forward posts, and personally dressed the wounded. The ground between the posts being swept by machine-gun fire, his action showed fine courage, and was the means of saving the lives of several wounded.

(D.C.M. gazetted 28th March, 1918.)

CANADIAN FORCE.

2788 Cpl. A. W. Mitchell, D.C.M., Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when, as a motor cyclist, he carried messages under heavy fire right up to positions almost surrounded by the enemy. Later, the handles of his machine were shot

away by a shell, and he himself badly shaken, but he obtained new handles and continued to carry messages with great gallantry.

(D.C.M. gazetted 14th January, 1916.)

73821 Pte. F. R. Phillips, D.C.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the enemy's trenches. Observing his raiding party being held up by a machine-gun post, he rushed round a flank and with one comrade bayoneted the crew and put the gun out of action. At this moment he was wounded, but he rushed into a trench which was strongly held by the enemy, and bayoneted two and shot and bombed others. He did splendid service.

(D.C.M. gazetted 22nd September, 1916.)

AUSTRALIAN FORCE.

2779 Sjt. W. E. Brown, D.C.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As scout serjeant he did splendid work, crawling through a barrage across "No Man's Land" to find out the enemy's intentions. He took a Lewis gun with him and used it with advantage. During three and a half hours of attack, he was indefatigable, collecting information, sniping and bringing up ammunition.

(D.C.M. gazetted 25th August, 1917.)

2486 Cpl. E. C. Morrison, D.C.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a heavy enemy attack. Though suffering from two wounds, he continued to take up exposed positions and fire rifle grenades and throw bombs on the enemy, inflicting heavy casualties on them. His fine courage and skill greatly inspired the men of his platoon, and caused the enemy attack to be stemmed.

(D.C.M. gazetted 25th August, 1917.)

1306 Cpl. J. Nancarrow, D.C.M., Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of an electric power station and cable. During an enemy attack he continued to operate the power plant and repair the cable under heavy shell and machine-gun fire. By his courage and devotion to duty he did most useful service.

(D.C.M. gazetted 3rd June, 1918.)

2504A. Pte. C. J. Shang, D.C.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He volunteered for an O.P. at start of operations, and reaped a harvest with his rifle till his post was blown up. He then made several trips as runner through the enemy's barrage, and continued to carry ammunition until the withdrawal, which he covered with a Lewis gun.

(D.C.M. gazetted 25th August, 1917.)

NEW ZEALAND FORCE.

2/181 B.S.M. J. J. Riddett, D.C.M., Fld. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the battery position was too

heavily shelled for occupation, this W.O. was of great assistance in bringing up the teams and removing the guns to a safer place. With the help of a N.C.O. and one man he limbered up the six guns in turn, under heavy shell fire.

(D.C.M. gazetted 11th December, 1916.)

39681 Sjt. R. McMurray, D.C.M., Rifle Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While in charge of an advanced platoon post under hurricane enemy bombardment, he commanded his men with great courage and ability, repulsing a strong enemy raiding party, and personally killing the officer. He set a magnificent example to his men.

(D.C.M. gazetted in this Gazette.)

His Majesty The KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Distinguished Conduct Medal to the undermentioned Warrant Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, and Men, for gallantry and distinguished service in the Field:—

275 C.S.M. R. Abbott, Lanc. Fus. (Bolton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a counter-attack he set a magnificent example by penetrating further into a village than anyone else and bringing back valuable information as to the location of the enemy. Hearing that an enemy officer had entered a house about 300 yards in front of the line, he crossed "No Man's Land" in daylight and cleverly captured him, thus securing an important identification.

15383 Serjt. G. A. Abernethy, L'pool R. ("E" Birkenhead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of the signallers, and went out continually under heavy shell and machine-gun fire to repair the lines. On one occasion he went forward through an enemy barrage to repair a cable, remaining in the open about two hours during an enemy attack and in their full view.

47249 Sqd. S./M. H. Adams, Hrs. (E. Lothian).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He located an enemy machine-gun in a house, from where it was enflading the line and causing numerous casualties. Calling for three volunteers, he crawled round to the side of the house and put the gun out of action, himself accounting for two of the crew. Later, when it was discovered that the garrison had been driven out of a village, he led a party back, and established a line half-way up the main street. He then, at great personal risk, set fire to a dump of ammunition to prevent it falling into the hands of the enemy.

30746 Sjt. H. G. Adams, R.G.A. (Prittlewell).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In spite of very heavy shelling, he kept his gun in action. When on three occasions severely gassed, he led his detachment to his gun in gas-masks, remaining in action under shell fire. He retired through a barrage in excellent order with a lorry-load of

stores and his gun. He acted with uncommon courage.

4803 R.S.M. T. Adams, L'pool R. (Halifax, Nova Scotia).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty and steadiness under two days' continuous bombardment of H.E. and gas shell. By his efforts many men were prevented from being gassed, and he rendered invaluable assistance in establishing the various positions which had to be taken up during the period.

S/8084 Sjt. J. Adamson, M.M., Sea. Highrs. (Motherwell).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This non-commissioned officer led his men in a counter-attack in the face of very heavy machine-gun fire, with the greatest gallantry rallying them if they began to waver, and encouraging them by his example. When the final position was reached no officers were left in his Company, of which he then took charge and consolidated the position.

67143 Sjt. A. Agnew, R.F.A. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when bringing his gun into action on open ground. He covered the retirement of the rest of the battery, firing into the enemy over open sights, making the retirement possible.

715119 Sjt. A. Aikens, R.F.A. (Maryport).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His battery was in action in a sunken road under heavy shell, machine-gun and rifle fire. When the order was given to retire, the exit to the main road was blocked by dead horses and waggons, and this N.C.O., with great courage and skill, got his gun out and away over old trenches and sent it to the place of assembly. He then went back and assisted in getting two other guns out. His was a very fine performance.

9082 B.S.M. R. T. Ainge, R.G.A. (Bristol).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When two officers and some men of the battery were badly wounded and buried in a dug-out this Warrant Officer did splendid work in getting them away under continuous shell fire, showing a total disregard for his own safety. On another occasion he voluntarily went into a camp near his battery to remove some men who were wounded and unable to move. The camp was being heavily shelled at the time.

7701 Sjt. R. Ainsworth, K.O.S.B. (Blackburn).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in rallying and steadying his men and taking leaderless men under command during a retirement. On one occasion, when the company was suffering severe casualties through a sniper, he crept forward under heavy machine-gun fire and shot the sniper.

306801 L./Cpl. H. Airey, Lanc. Fus. (Shap, Westmorland).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He fired his

Lewis gun from a shell hole with such good effect that the attack was broken up. At one time his gun jammed, but he put it right with the utmost calmness and brought rapid fire to bear just as the enemy were close upon him.

37352 Sjt. A. R. Albury, R. Berks. R. (Pangbourne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty throughout ten days' operations. On one occasion, when all the company officers had been killed or wounded, this N.C.O. took command and held up the enemy for two hours.

8461 C.S.M. T. Alderson, W. York. R. (Padiham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations, when he kept his company together under most difficult circumstances after a counter-attack had been broken up, and organised it against the enemy, who had nearly turned his left and endangered the whole brigade front. His courage and ability were most marked.

8777 L./Cpl. C. J. Alexander, M.M., Hamps. R. (Grately).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O., who was in charge of the battalion stretcher bearers, displayed great devotion to duty during a hard day's fighting. He kept touch with the advancing companies, notwithstanding heavy shell fire, and was able to arrange for the removal of the wounded as soon as they fell, establishing a relay post between the front line and the regimental aid post, which greatly accelerated their evacuation. With complete unconcern for his own safety he worked incessantly and without food for twenty-four hours, his initiative and unflagging energy being the means of saving many lives. He set a fine example.

325027 C.Q.M.S. J. Allan, Arg. & Suth'd Highrs. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, showing initiative and personal courage during five successive days' hard fighting. On one occasion he restored a dangerous situation by organising the defence of an exposed flank with the stragglers of different units and three Lewis guns, which he got into position, and with which he inflicted heavy losses on the enemy. His fine example was no less valuable than his sound dispositions on this occasion.

265216 Serjt. A. W. Allen, Hereford R. (Cheshunt, Herts.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He remained to the last and alone fired his Lewis gun on the advancing enemy, inflicting enormous casualties. When surrounded by the enemy he fought his way out. By his magnificent conduct he stopped the enemy's advance for some time.

13/14 Pte. E. Allen, York & Lanc. R. (Smithies, nr. Barnsley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed excellent work as a runner and never failed to deliver a message safely and correctly. On one occasion he was sur-

rounded by the enemy, when he hid in a ditch, concealing important papers in his box respirator, eventually succeeding in crawling away and handing in his message safely.

201107 Pte. H. Allen, Lin. R. (Waddington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He several times took his Lewis gun out into the open under heavy shell and machine-gun fire to obtain a good view of the enemy, and was observed to inflict considerable casualties on him. When his company's right flank was turned and the company ordered to withdraw, he stayed to the last, covering the retirement with his gun, and then brought it back over five hundred yards of open ground under a hail of machine-gun bullets. His care for his gun's safety rather than his own was an example of the highest order to his comrades.

27318 Pte. R. Allen, Manch. R. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when acting as a stretcher-bearer. He managed to bring a wounded man back successfully from a front position under full fire from an advancing enemy, and during the following week he repeatedly brought in wounded men under heavy machine-gun fire. He was eventually wounded while attending to a case.

32293 B.Q.M.S. W. J. Allen, R.G.A. ("E" Newhaven).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went as a volunteer through heavy shell fire to the guns. Throughout the day he showed absolute disregard of danger. He kept food ready, collected stores, and remained to the last to burn what could not be removed. He has given evidence of energy, initiation and resource to a marked degree.

267507 Pte. A. Ambrose, Sea. Highrs. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. His section leader becoming a casualty, he assumed command of the section and a party of stragglers, and by fine powers of leadership he controlled this party splendidly and inflicted severe losses on the enemy.

42156 R.S.M. A. Ambrose, Midd'x R. (King's Cross, N.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He was untiring in seeing to the supply of rations and ammunition, and showed great coolness and ability in rallying men under heavy fire, causing considerable casualties to be inflicted on the enemy.

531876 L./Cpl. C. S. Amsden, Lond. R. (Muswell Hill).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during our retirement when in command of a Lewis gun section. Nearly all his detachment had become casualties; nevertheless, he kept his gun in action, inflicting severe losses on the enemy, taking up successive positions as the retirement developed and bringing his gun out of action

under fire. Eventually becoming separated from his battalion, he attached himself to another unit which was also in action, and rejoined his battalion the next morning, still carrying his gun and some ammunition.

201211 C.S.M. A. Anderson, R. Highrs. (Frenchie).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in temporary command of a company. After covering the retirement of other troops he behaved with the utmost courage and coolness in conducting his withdrawal and inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. He commanded the company for ten days, and showed great powers of leadership.

17831 Sjt. J. I. Anderson, M.M., R. Innis. Fus. (Altmore).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He filled up a gap in the line by collecting a number of men under heavy fire, and drove out some enemy machine gunners. Owing to his action a subsequent attack by a small body of enemy cavalry was thrown back at this place. Next day he showed fine courage in bringing up supply ammunition under heavy fire. He set a high example to his men.

242018 Pte. W. Anderson, M.M., Sea. Highrs. (Dalwellington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. As a battalion scout he carried out many valuable reconnaissances under heavy machine-gun and artillery fire. He was invaluable in rallying stragglers and guiding them back to their companies, and in discovering dispositions both of our own and of the enemy's. Throughout he did very fine service.

351801 Pte. F. Andrew, Manch. R. (Ash-ton-under-Lyne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when the men took a Lewis gun to an exposed shell-hole to get a better field of fire. They remained there for 12 hours, doing tremendous execution to the enemy, and were largely responsible for breaking up the enemy attack and driving it off.

54007 Cpl. Motor-Cyc. A. J. P. Andrews, R.E. (Southwold).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action, when, on several occasions, he carried, through a heavy barrage of gas and shrapnel, important despatches to headquarters. His courage, energy and determination in the performance of his duty cannot be too highly praised.

66656 Cpl. W. W. Andrews, R.G.A. (Halberton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, when for nine hours he kept up communication with Brigade Headquarters until wounded. When getting the lines mended he showed great contempt of danger, and as well made a most gallant attempt to extricate a wounded man from a blown-in dug-out.

305145 Sjt. W. Ankers, L'pool R. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. and man proceeded about 100 yards with the object of capturing five enemy observers, but on approaching they discovered a party of fifty with several machine guns. They held their ground, shouting and shaking their bayonets, assisted by shouts of men behind, which induced the enemy to surrender. They captured thirty men and four machine guns.

241468 Sjt. T. Annand, Gord. Highrs. (St. Fergus).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He managed to escape, with a few of his platoon, from the enemy after being captured, and later, when his platoon commander had been wounded, he took command, and by his coolness and firmness set a fine example to his men.

154169 Fitter W. Ansell, R.F.A. (Coventry).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under intense shell fire he went over the open from gun to gun doing minor repairs and keeping the guns in action. Subsequently he did gunner's work as well as his own, often working for twenty-two hours out of twenty-four. Later, whilst making some minor repairs to a gun he was knocked down and stunned by a shell which burst very close. On recovering consciousness he carried on as if nothing had happened, keeping all the guns in action. He has been throughout a fine example of courage and devotion to duty.

45584 L./Cpl. T. Appleton, M.G.C. (Newmarket).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of two guns after his serjeant had been wounded, and by his excellent control of fire he broke up several hostile attacks. After being wounded he refused to leave his post until the situation was cleared up.

70119 Cpl. S. H. Archbold, Tank Corps (W. Ealing).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Single-handed, with a Lewis gun, he carried the gun and ammunition to a position, and fired the gun and loaded his magazines without assistance for twenty-four hours, during which period he assisted in breaking up two attacks. Later, he was wounded in the head by a sniper, but continued to work his gun until ordered by his officer to the dressing station.

51041 Sjt. A. Archer, M.G.C. (Wheathamstead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion in action. He displayed the greatest courage and determination whilst in charge of a machine-gun post on an exposed flank. The infantry having retired, he refused to leave, and continued with his gun in action, although wounded, under intense hostile machine-gun and artillery fire. Not until the situation had become normal did he consent to have his wound dressed. It was largely owing to his gallantry and endurance that the enemy attack was held up.

240732 Cpl. J. H. Archer, Notts. & Derby. R. (Buxton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of a Lewis-gun post which had been rushed and lost all its garrison except him, single-handed he drove off the enemy, killing five with his gun, and, when this jammed, killed three more with his rifle. Later, he went 300 yards back and brought in a wounded man, although almost surrounded, and on all occasions his conduct has been superb, for he was always the first to make a stand and the last to withdraw.

265658 Cpl. R. H. Archer, M.M., North'd Fus. (Durham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After a counter-attack this non-commissioned officer, accompanied by one other man, went forward and attacked and captured an enemy machine gun, with its detachment of six men.

17176 Sjt. J. Armit, H.L.I. (Wishaw).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On several occasions he accompanied his company serjeant-major on reconnaissance of enemy strong points and dug-outs, and then led his platoon to the attack with great skill and determination. On one occasion, going with his C.S.M. into a large dug-out, they brought out a complete battalion staff, some forty-eight prisoners. His personal example was an inspiring incentive to the men of his company.

10622 Pte. H. Armstrong, Ox. & Bucks. L.I. (Rowley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of a section of guns during an enemy attack. The enemy approached his position from the rear in a thick fog, but he blew up one gun and escaped with useful information to battery headquarters. Subsequently he showed courage and untiring devotion to duty.

16529 C.Q.M.S. B. Arnold, M.M., Linc. R. (Leeds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy had obtained some success in their attack on the front line this W.O. rallied the men by his example and courage, organising a new line of defence, which he established in spite of heavy shell and machine-gun fire, though he was wounded at the time.

20095 Cpl. F. E. Asbrey, Northants. R. (Kettering).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in carrying out most useful work on patrols. On one occasion he went forward alone, bombed an enemy post and captured a machine gun. He was subsequently blown up by a shell, but refused to leave the line.

13672 Cpl. J. Ashton, S. Lanc. R. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when, the enemy having penetrated into our lines, he organised and led a bombing squad, which captured this party of the enemy. His courageous action undoubtedly saved the situation at a critical moment.

17775 L./Sjt. T. Ashworth, M.M., L'pool R. (Doncaster).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of regimental stretcher bearers. For six days he attended the wounded under tremendous difficulties, although wounded in the foot and in great pain; and when the M.O. was evacuated sick he took charge himself and arranged for the collection and evacuation of the wounded, dressing the wounds of a large number of men himself.

15380 Sjt. J. Astley, K.O.S.B. (Warrington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a lengthy retirement. When his officer had become a casualty, he took command of the platoon, which he handled with marked ability and great personal courage, fighting a hard rearguard action until all but surrounded by the enemy.

24347 Sjt. P. Atkin, North'd Fus. (Derby).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy had forced us to withdraw, this N.C.O., in command of an outpost position, rendered valuable service by maintaining touch with the flanks and obtaining information of the enemy movements in front. When our counter-attack took place he led his platoon forward with great dash, and his energy and courage were an inspiring example to his men, weary with hard fighting, at a time when there were few officers left, after many days' prolonged action.

202703 Sjt. A. Atkinson, L.N. Lanc. R. (Southport).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy had gained a footing in part of a strong point, this N.C.O. held them up by throwing bombs, until they were ejected. Later, he went out with an officer into a lane which was occupied by the enemy, and recaptured a Vickers and Lewis gun, both of which were brought into action. Although wounded, he refused to leave the firestep till dusk, setting a fine example to the other men.

38896 Pte. J. Atkinson, Dur. L.I. (Newcastle).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He volunteered to take an important message to the front line over open country, and over a light railway embankment in full view of the enemy. He was wounded, but reached the front line. He was again wounded, this time seriously, but managed to deliver his message. His loyal devotion to duty and resolute determination could not be surpassed.

41358 Pte. A. Atterbury, M.G.C. (Luton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in keeping his gun in action in an isolated position all day. Eventually he was surrounded, but, assisted by a N.C.O., he picked up the gun and rushed it back, refusing to surrender it when called upon to do so.

62627 Sjt. T. J. Aven, R.F.A. (Cwmmlery).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was sent forward with a single gun to cover retirement of infantry. He fired on the advancing enemy, though under heavy machine-gun fire, until they were within five hundred yards and he had expended all his ammunition. At a later date, when the battery had been forced to remain behind, he carried in a badly wounded sergeant.

240639 C.S.M. A. G. Avery, E. Lanc. R. (Burnley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action, when he collected a party of fifty men, and, leading them forward through heavy shell and machine-gun fire, he reinforced a front line at a time when reinforcements were urgently needed. During seven days of continued fighting, and until he was wounded, he showed the greatest courage and determination, and set a magnificent example to his men.

950245 Bomdr. W. P. Aylward, R.F.A. (Blackheath).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He made a daring reconnaissance and brought back valuable information. He then went forward and signalled back information. He behaved with the utmost gallantry and coolness.

27225 Pte. G. F. Badcock, Wilts. R. (Peckham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as battalion runner. He repeatedly carried messages over ground swept by machine-gun fire, and on one occasion through the heaviest possible barrage, when he succeeded in safely delivering a message of vital importance to a company commander in the front line. By his courage and untiring energy he was largely instrumental in enabling the battalion to evacuate a position and thus avert complete destruction.

200491 L./Cpl. F. A. Badger, L'pool R. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the buried cable route to Brigade Headquarters became disconnected, this N.C.O., though not responsible, volunteered to try and find the break. He eventually opened up visual communication with Brigade Headquarters. He had only one other signaller to assist him, though four would be the number normally required. At night one other signaller was sent to assist, and these three men worked the station until relieved after about 48 hours, all under shell fire.

13/15 Pte. W. Bailey, E. Yorks. R. (Hull).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a strong enemy attack. He was sent to a spot with two signallers to establish communication with battalion headquarters. The spot indicated was occupied by the enemy, but he managed to signal successfully with his towel from a farm close by, having placed his men in a secondary position. He subsequently crept

back to his secondary post under machine-gun and shell fire, and from an exposed position successfully maintained communication for two days.

1314 C.S.M. J. Baines, Lanc. Fus. (Bolton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a heavy enemy attack. When the platoon commander was wounded, he took charge, rallied the men, and drove the enemy back. He set a splendid example, and the gallant stand the company made was in no small measure due to his initiative and courage.

9661 C.S.M. J. Baines, R. Ir. Rif. (Preston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He gave invaluable assistance to his company commander when the subaltern officers had become casualties.

6427 Cpl. W. N. Baldwin, R.F.C. (Grim-sargh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a withdrawal he collected a party of men, and, under heavy bombing attacks by low-flying enemy aircraft, succeeded in saving a quantity of valuable stores. He directed his men with great zeal and energy, and set them a splendid example of coolness and determination.

78018 Gnr. A. H. Ball, R.F.A. (Finsbury Park, N.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was signaller at the O.P. when all wires were cut by heavy shelling. He volunteered to take a message through the barrage, a duty which he successfully performed. When he returned to the O.P. he found the F.O.O. severely wounded, and though he himself was much exhausted, he with another man carried him back. He went out several times though ordered to rest, and mended wires in an area that was being heavily shelled. When the Battery Commander was mortally wounded, this man was the first to assist him. Later, when a new F.O.O. went out, he volunteered to accompany him, though actually unfit to walk even a few hundred yards. It is only by the exceptional courage and endurance of signallers, of which Gunner Ball's behaviour was such a very fine instance, that batteries are able to deal with new targets in battle, and it is difficult to exaggerate the value of such services.

97474 Sjt. W. Ball, M.M., R.E. (Southport).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took a small party of infantry and carried up ammunition and bombs to the front line under very heavy fire. On his return he led this party forward in a counter-attack, and together with some of his own men held the ground gained. He did fine work.

295819 Sjt. P. Ballinger, M.M., R.G.A. (Jarlington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. withdrew his gun under intense shell and machine-gun fire, and then helped to withdraw the other gun of the

section. For several days after this he kept his gun in action night and day, when it was most important to bring every possible gun to bear on the enemy. He set a splendid example of courage and endurance

66866 Sjt. W. Bamford, 53rd Bty., R.F.A. (Burslem).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while with the two forward guns of his battery during an enemy attack. When one gun was destroyed and the detachment killed, he fought the other, eventually in the open, till every round of ammunition was expended. He then destroyed the gun and withdrew the detachment. He put up a splendid fight.

16492 L./Sjt. J. E. Bancroft, Som. L.I. (Winscombe).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Being in the support line during an attack and finding the leading companies held up by M.G. fire, he rushed forward with his Captain, and, throwing his platoon into the front line, he led them forward. His timely action and gallant leading largely helped to bring the whole line forward in a difficult situation, and later, when clearing a village, he was conspicuous for his good work. His courage and ability during the enemy's counter-attack, which he helped to repel, were worthy of the greatest praise.

89811 Pte. L. Bannister, M.G.C. (London, N.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a very heavy bombardment, when the officer and section serjeant had been killed, and the other N.C.O.'s wounded, this man took charge of the section, and, with only nine men left, kept all four guns in action until he handed it over to another officer who was sent up. His coolness and initiative inspired the men with him.

67008 Sjt. W. Barker, M.M., R.E. (St Albans).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed great coolness under heavy fire, and when withdrawal was ordered, he returned and brought in his wounded officer. Later, he attempted with an officer to silence an enemy machine-gun which was causing casualties, and only desisted when both his companions were killed.

8500 L./Sjt. W. Barlow, Sco. Rif. (Roy-ston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a counter-attack made by his company he acted with great courage and determination in getting his platoon forward, twice reorganising it under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire. He showed also great skill in the use of his own rifle in order to cover the advance of another portion of the line, and accounted for fifteen of the enemy himself.

200343 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) W. A. Barnby, M.M., E. York. R. (Hull).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed great coolness in organising and reforming his men under heavy fire. Later he showed fine leadership and courage

in rallying his men under heavy shell fire, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy.

21821 B.S.M. A. D. Barnes, R.G.A. (Dover).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when for about 12 hours he remained in the open behind the battery under a nearly continuous fire, assisting his officer to control his section, and by his indifference to danger and fine example materially contributed to the successful move of the guns and ammunition to a new position.

200301 Sjt. G. H. Barnes, Lan. Fus. (Bury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy attacked and got round the right flank, this N.C.O. was detailed to remain and cover the company's withdrawal, which he did, beating off the enemy pressure. He then withdrew his platoon by sections, with a minimum of casualties, and took up a fresh position, again being attacked. He set a fine example of coolness and ability to his men.

G/14923 L./Cpl. (A./Cpl.) J. A. Barnes, R. Suss. R. (Elsworth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a counter-attack. He led his two sections brilliantly, gained his objective, and then brought rifle and Lewis gun fire to bear on the enemy. He afterwards made a daring reconnaissance under heavy fire. He did fine work, and set a splendid example of cheerfulness and determination.

16547 B.S.M. C. W. Barnett, R.G.A. (King's Cross).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the battery, which was in action in a forward position, receiving orders to pull out as the enemy were advancing, this W.O., under heavy gas and high explosive bombardment, and indirect machine-gun fire, displayed great courage in helping to pull out the guns, setting a wonderful example to the men, and keeping perfect control over them, though a shell actually landed in the gun pit within 2 yards of him whilst he was directing the movement of the gun.

266447 Pte. W. F. Barnett, M.M. Gord. Highrs. (Old Meldrum).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. A great devotion to his duty as stretcher-bearer and an absolute disregard for his own safety marked the conduct of this man during five days' severe fighting. No matter how heavy the artillery bombardment or the machine-gun fire, this man was always to be found attending to the wounded, dressing their injuries and getting them to the dressing stations. He undoubtedly saved many lives. On two particular occasions he brought his stretcher up to the front line through heavy artillery barrages, and having attended to their wounds, succeeded in getting the casualties to places of safety.

S/5691 Sjt. C. Barnicle, M.M.; Sea. Highrs. (Southall).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst acting as C.S.M. during an enemy attack. He took forward a Lewis gun team and prevented the enemy working

round a flank, exacting heavy casualties. His promptitude and initiative were of great service.

16106 L./Cpl. J. Barratt, M.G.C. (Nuneaton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After a three-hours' hostile bombardment, during which he was badly wounded, he mounted his gun and was the first to open fire on the advancing enemy. He would not leave his position until ordered to do so after the enemy attack had been definitely repulsed.

21413 Sjt. W. H. A. Barratt, Leic. R. (Leicester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a hostile attack. When all the officers of his company had become casualties, he assumed command, and, although wounded, kept the company under perfect control until fresh officers came up to take it over. In spite of his wounds, he refused to retire, and did splendid work, not only by encouraging and cheering the men, but also by superintending the issue of rations and ammunition.

D/20040 S.S.M. (A./R.S.M.) L. F. Barrett, M.M., Dn. Gds. (Stockbridge).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a difficult period. He kept touch between regimental headquarters and squadrons of two other regiments. He took all important messages himself, and organised runners and despatch riders. Throughout the fighting he displayed the greatest gallantry. His coolness and the perfect touch he maintained while entering or leaving villages were of the greatest value.

13697 C.S.M. P. Barrow, Manch. R. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He successfully resisted an enemy attempt to bomb down the trench, and personally shot six. He set a very fine example of courage and energy, both in fighting the enemy and in causing his own wounded to be saved.

45722 Pte. G. Bartlett, Devon. R. (Camelford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In defence of a bridge-head, when an enemy armoured car advanced, killing two men alongside him, he kept his Lewis gun in action, and forced it to retire, saving a critical situation.

500154 Cpl. W. F. Barton, R.E. (Patchway).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst commanding a cable detachment. He controlled his men under very trying conditions, and by his fine example caused the detachment to do excellent work.

60804 Sjt. E. G. H. Basher, R.F.A. (S. Africa).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. was of invaluable assistance to the two officers in charge of the corps' ammunition dump established in four different places successively. Though suffering from severe concussion from the explosion

of a shell, he insisted on remaining at duty in spite of pain and fatigue. When, for military reasons, the Labour Company had been withdrawn from work at the dump, Sjt. Basher collected all the details in the vicinity, and setting them a very fine example of calm devotion to duty and disregard of danger, he maintained the issue of the ammunition in spite of heavy shelling and many fires and explosions. During five days' hard and difficult work, when each dump at which he was on duty became in turn a favourite mark for enemy shells and air bombs, he was of the greatest assistance to the officers responsible for the supply of ammunition during severe fighting. His behaviour was splendid.

686818 B.S.M. W. T. Baudains, R.F.A. (Athlone).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the two forward guns of his battery had been surrounded by the enemy, he pushed forward alone, and on his own initiative, from our front line to reconnoitre the position and ascertain if it were possible to get the guns back. Finding this to be hopeless, he returned under very heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, and was largely instrumental in saving the other four guns from falling into the hands of the enemy. The fine example of gallantry set by this warrant officer throughout the operations had a most inspiring effect on the men.

99480 Cpl. W. C. Bawn, M.G.C. (Redfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of a Battalion Scouts reconnoitring patrol. He rallied infantry under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, and held them to their ground. He carried out very valuable reconnaissances, commanded his Scouts with great ability, and set a magnificent example to all ranks.

14024 L./Cpl. L. Bayley, Leic. R. (E. Kirkby).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of a Lewis-gun section. For five hours he maintained his position and covered the flank of his company, remaining behind until his company had withdrawn and the wounded had been brought back, when he rejoined his platoon and again used his gun with the greatest effect. His courage and devotion to duty were magnificent.

241658 L./Sjt. H. J. Beale, L'pool R. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon commander was wounded, this N.C.O. took command during four days' fighting. On several occasions the breastwork he was holding was blown away by shell fire. He showed coolness and judgment in reorganising the post, and in selecting new positions.

14979 Pte. W. Beardmore, York. R. (Leamside).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This man, with another, was a company stretcher-bearer. These two continually crossed an open gap of about 50 yards, swept by machine-gun fire, attending to wounded and carrying them away. On

another occasion they volunteered to fetch water from a water point exposed to fire, and though a watercan was shot out of their hands while filling it, they managed to bring back three cans full to their company, who were urgently in need of it.

35007 Cpl. H. G. Beasley, 84th Bty., R.F.A. (Uxbridge).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy got close to the battery in a mist, this N.C.O. with a party of gunners armed with rifles, held them off, so that the detachments were able to destroy the guns and get away. He then joined a small party of officers and men, and fought a running fight for two hours, in the course of which they covered the withdrawal of a heavy howitzer battery.

WR268321 A./C.S.M. E. W. Beavis, R.E. (Southampton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On several occasions, in spite of hostile shelling of a very intense description, he brought up trains to advanced R.A.M.C. bearer posts and brought away large numbers of British and French wounded, who could not be evacuated by road on account of the heavy shelling. The railway track was frequently blown up by shell fire, but this gallant N.C.O. immediately had the gaps repaired. The assistance he rendered to the medical services was invaluable, and his cheerful and unremitting devotion to duty was most marked.

04755 T./Sub-Cond. H. S. J. Beckett, A.O.C. (Great Yarmouth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when heavy enemy shelling set several ammunition dumps on fire. This Warrant Officer assisted in moving burning tarpaulins and in removing loaded trucks of ammunition which were in imminent danger of catching fire. He also assisted in putting out a burning cartridge store, and in stopping the fire spreading to neighbouring dumps. Though injured in the knee, he carried on, issuing ammunition during the three subsequent days until the approach of enemy's infantry necessitated the evacuation of the dépôt. All this time he had been under continuous shell fire, and his gallant conduct and the example he set the men were of the highest order.

27029 Cpl. W. Beckett, E. Lanc. R. (Sadden).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of a Lewis-gun team got into position to frustrate a flank attack, and enfiladed the enemy, who were collecting in an orchard. He kept the gun in action after all the team had become casualties, and prevented any sorties from the orchard. When ordered to withdraw he brought the gun back, having used all his ammunition.

240778 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) W. A. Bee, N. Staffs. R. (Lichfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O.'s company was holding some advanced posts, when, after a very heavy barrage, the enemy attacked in large numbers, breaking through the line. A

counter-attack was immediately made, and this N.C.O. was found with an officer and two other men still holding out, though practically surrounded. Although wounded, he remained in the post, rendering valuable assistance.

12072 Pte. T. Belcher, Midd'x R. (Stammore).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of a Lewis-gun post. After the line had fallen back behind him, and all the remainder of the gun team were killed or wounded, he continued to serve his gun from the isolated position until all his ammunition was expended, when he brought his gun away. He behaved splendidly.

S/9142 Sjt. H. G. Bellamy, Sea. Highrs. (Cambridge).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. He took charge of a party of men of different units, organised them, and controlled them with great skill, although under very heavy machine-gun fire. He did splendid work with the bayonet until wounded, and throughout set a fine example of courage and resource.

3/10059 Pte. W. H. Bellamy, North'n R. (Kettering).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy in their advance had brought up a machine gun, Private Bellamy collected his section and attacked and captured the gun, and held on to the position until reinforced and re-organised, though his platoon officer had been wounded early in the battle. When his rifle had been shattered by a shell he armed himself with the revolver of the wounded officer. This soldier displayed exceptional initiative under very adverse circumstances, and his fine example at a critical time was of the greatest value to the platoon.

550065 Sjt. J. Beltram, M.M., R.E. (Westbourne Park, W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy had succeeded in working round a flank, he organised machine-gun positions to defend flank on withdrawal, and himself manned a Lewis gun to cover withdrawal. He showed fine courage.

35794 Pte. F. A. Bennett, Sco. Rif. (Chatham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the rest of the detachment had become casualties this man, who was No. 1 of a Lewis gun, brought his gun, under heavy fire, to the support of an attack on a strong point. Running short of ammunition, he went back and collected some from casualties, and, bringing it up in panniers, resumed action with his gun. Later, when his gun went out of action, he again went back under heavy fire and obtained spare parts, and recommenced firing. His example of cool courage throughout the battle impressed all who saw him.

8508 C.S.M. H. Bennett, R. Highrs. (Edinburgh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of a post after his company commander and subaltern had been killed and the garrison, which originally consisted of two platoons, had been reduced to 12 unwounded men. He showed a complete disregard for his own safety and a firm determination to hold the position at all costs, organising an effective machine-gun and Lewis-gun fire on the enemy's parapet under an intense bombardment.

24458 B.S.M. N. S. Bennett, R.G.A. (Southsea).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the battery position and surrounding farms were being heavily shelled this W.O. entered one of the farms to rescue some wounded men. Throughout the day he showed the utmost disregard of personal safety, and set a splendid example to the men. He was afterwards slightly wounded.

1162 C.S.M. W. Benneworth, Dur. L.I. (Sunderland).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He made a personal reconnaissance under a heavy machine-gun fire over 800 yards of ground, thus saving a very dangerous situation. Later, when in command of a post, he showed great courage and skill in covering the retirement of other troops, killing six of the enemy himself. He set a fine example to all.

5269 Sjt. J. P. Bennington, North'd Fus. (York).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. commanded his platoon with great ability during eight days' severe engagements. His patrol work in obscure situations was very valuable. During a counter-attack under heavy enemy enfilade machine-gun fire he handled his men with great skill, steadying them at trying moments by his example of coolness and courage, and it was largely owing to his gallantry that, though the company commander had become a casualty, the objective was gained in spite of difficulties.

8249 C.S.M. H. S. Benson, E. York. R. (Normanton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Though himself gassed and his position surrounded by the enemy, he cleared a buried Lewis gun, got it into action, and inflicted severe casualties on the enemy. He set a fine example of courage and determination.

11920 Sjt. R. B. Bent, M.G.C. (Wigston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his gun team covered the withdrawal of the infantry, and later of the other machine guns in the line, he remained at his post till last, and did not withdraw his guns till all his ammunition had been expended. Next day he and his team were again last to withdraw. He rendered valuable service and showed fine courage and determination.

330606 L./Cpl. L. Bentley, M.M., L'pool R. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In face of heavy enemy attacks he encouraged his section to maintain a successful resistance. He showed determined courage and set a fine example to his men. He was severely wounded.

16897 Sjt. J. Bertenshaw, Ches. R. (Hyde).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O., in a counter-attack, organised the men round him and pushed forward until, his position becoming untenable, he was ordered to withdraw, which he did, personally carrying two wounded men in under heavy fire. Later, when all the officers had become casualties, he took command and held the position until relieved. His example was excellent, and he acted with coolness and determination.

205181 Sjt. W. J. Betty, Som. L.I. (Taunton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During recent operations, after the officers of his company had become casualties, this platoon serjeant took command of the survivors of his company during the whole of the operations. He showed exceptional coolness and devotion to duty throughout and was a most inspiring example to his men.

676452 Serjt. A. Billinge, R.F.A. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He volunteered to, and successfully brought back a gun of his battery under heavy machine-gun fire. This operation was of a particularly hazardous nature, and brilliantly performed.

113735 Gnr. P. T. Biott, R.G.A. (Darlington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He repeatedly passed through heavy barrage when carrying information. When the observation post became untenable and the officer in charge was found to be suffering from gas, although the enemy were close at hand he remained with the officer and succeeded in getting him to a place of safety.

200243 Sjt. E. T. Bird, R. War. R. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a platoon during a raid on enemy trenches. He showed initiative and leadership in forcing a way through the enemy wire and making a passage for his own and the supporting platoons. His platoon subsequently captured a machine-gun and inflicted considerable loss on the enemy.

G/20400 C.S.M. (A./R.S.M.) H. M. Bird, R. Suss. R. (Cork).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on several occasions.

201597 Fittr./Cpl. R. Birkin, M.M., R.F.A. (Matlock).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a battery was being heavily shelled and most of the guns were damaged he went from gun to gun, repairing

them where possible and keeping them in action when practically all the battery were casualties, until he was badly wounded. He showed great pluck and determination and absolute disregard for danger.

8931 Sjt. A. B. Birkitt, M.M., R. Lanc. R. (York).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. was serjeant of a platoon holding an important sap during heavy fighting. He controlled the fire of the men so skilfully that the enemy, despite repeated attacks, did not even gain a footing in the sap, being cut down by rapid fire at close range. He shot at least twenty of the enemy, and, going forward over the parapet, secured seventeen prisoners and one machine gun. His coolness and example helped largely to the defence of the sap.

275883 Cpl. A. Black, Arg. & Suth'd Highrs. (Denny).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The unit on his flank having been driven out of their trenches, this non-commissioned officer immediately led his section against the enemy, whom he bombed out of a large portion of the captured trench, in spite of strenuous opposition. His initiative, leadership and personal gallantry were worthy of the highest praise.

19378 Serjt. G. H. Black, M.M., M.G.C. (Holloway, N.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He was sent forward in charge of a gun team, and, when surrounded by the enemy, he kept firing to the last possible moment, and finally, though wounded, brought back his gun and team. He set a fine example of coolness and determination.

723 Sjt. E. H. Blackburn, King Edward's Horse (London, N.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a retirement. He commanded a detachment of twenty men of his regiment which formed part of the rearguard. He rallied stragglers of other units on several occasions under fire, and did much to restore confidence. Throughout he behaved splendidly.

72528 L./Cpl. A. E. F. Blake, M.G. Corps (Warminster).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. was in command of a gun team, all of whom became casualties, but he continued to fire the gun until all the ammunition was expended, and he was surrounded; so he blew up the gun and tripod and fought his way out with his revolver. He had held up the enemy for three hours.

31266 Cpl. R. S. Blake, M.G.C. (Canterbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When surrounded by the enemy and endeavouring to reach his own lines, he noticed the enemy using a Lewis gun, and collecting a few bombs, he went forward and, singlehanded, bombed this gun out of action and effected his escape. A fine performance.

16353 Sjt. T. Blakeley, E. Lanc. R. (Wigan).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. was sent with ten men to discover the situation in a village. Finding it occupied by the enemy he attacked and drove them out, holding the village until relieved. During the action he located an enemy machine-gun position which was causing trouble, and silenced it.

340425 Ftr. S./S. W. T. Blowers, R.G.A. (W. Ham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O., who is the battery artificer, kept the guns in action throughout a day's heavy fighting, going from gun to gun, attending to repairs, and helping to serve the guns where casualties occurred. One gun, which was temporarily out of action through a hit by a shell splinter, was repaired and got into action again by him on the spot, though it was really a job for the workshop.

11826 Pte. (L./Cpl.) W. Blyton, Bord. R. (Wigan).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His company forward posts were attacked and driven in by the enemy. A counter-attack was at once made, and, although badly wounded, he rushed from post to post, single-handed killing ten of the enemy and taking four prisoners. His great courage and cheerful spirit so inspired all with him that all the posts were retaken.

B/19945 C.S.M. H. M. Boag, M.M., R. Fus. (Ilford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy offensive lasting several days. His disregard of danger, unflagging energy, and brilliant methods of dealing with critical situations were most marked. On several occasions he collected stragglers of various units, formed defensive positions, and fought continuous rearguard actions, when a check to the advancing enemy was invaluable.

70102 Cpl. (A./Serjt.) B. Boardman, R.F.A. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under heavy shell fire he got all the wounded away safely and later assisted to bring his gun out of action, got a new detachment together, and his gun in action again in a new position. He has done consistent good work.

43702 Sjt. J. Boden, R.E. (Chesterfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took charge of his section and continued to lead the men in a counter-attack against superior numbers until forced to retire, owing to the withdrawal of both flanks. His section officer was killed just after the attack started. He showed fine dash and gallantry.

22362 Sjt. J. Boness, Bedf. R. (Biggleswade).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon with great dash, and rushed an enemy machine gun which was

causing much trouble, and put it out of action with bombs. By this action he saved a great many lives.

19103 Sjt. J. T. Bonham, R. Welsh Fus. (Macclesfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid. He was first over the wire and made straight for a house where the enemy could be seen. He stood on the top of the trench and bombed them, enabling the party to get over. He killed three himself. At the signal to withdraw he and another remained behind under fire until the whole party was through the wire. His gallantry and cheerfulness were largely responsible for the success attained.

202122 Pte. W. J. E. Bonnett, Camb. R. (Bury St. Edmunds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. All through an operation marked by a prolonged period of adverse circumstances, his never-failing cheerfulness and endurance were a fine example to his comrades. On one occasion he rushed an enemy machine-gun position with the greatest courage, single-handed, putting the gun out of action and bringing back a prisoner. This gallant action was carried out with a dash that was the admiration of all who witnessed it.

4229 Sjt. W. Booth, Manch. R. (Stalybridge).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid. He killed a sentry and with his officer led the charge into the enemy trench. Later, he organised his men and detailed parties to carry in the wounded. He twice returned to the scene of action to look for an officer who was wounded and missing, and during the night volunteered to guide a party to again search for him. His courage and energy inspired and won the admiration of all.

202533 Sjt. E. Borrill, Linc. R. (Nottingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On an occasion, when two platoon officers were wounded, he took command of both platoons, and leading them in two waves, made good the second objective. He displayed great gallantry throughout the operation, and his initiative and coolness, at a critical moment, were an admirable example to all about him.

9306 Sjt. J. W. Bourn, W. Rid. R. (Shiremoor).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. All officers of the company being casualties, he took over command and re-organised his men and carried on the work of consolidation. He established communication with the units on his flanks. By his personal example he installed great confidence into the men.

G/4674 Sjt. H. R. Bowden, R. Fus. (Gerrards Cross).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led a party of bombers and drove the enemy back and re-established a post into which the enemy had penetrated. Later, he rendered the greatest assistance to his officer in a counter-attack. Throughout the action

he displayed great coolness and an utter contempt of personal danger, and inspired his men with confidence.

15919 Sjt. F. Bowman, Bord. R. (Keswick).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when his company, having been ordered to counter-attack, he volunteered to go forward and ascertain the position of the enemy in company with an officer and another man, but this party was bombed back. Later, he went out with another officer and a corporal. This time they bombed the enemy out of the trench, enabling the company to occupy it without further fighting.

20803 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) E. Boyce, North'n R. (Great Yarmouth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company was held up by an enemy machine-gun he rushed forward ahead of the company and bombed the position, dispersing the team and capturing the gun. His gallant act enabled his company to advance and take their objective.

47955 Gnr. E. Boyes, R.F.A. (Malton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty under heavy shell fire. He took charge of the sub-section, and kept his gun in action for eight hours. When wounded he had his wounds bandaged, and returned to his gun, remaining with it until the battery retired to another position.

29591 Pte. B. Bradley, L'pool R. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He volunteered to join a bombing party belonging to another company. With another man he captured an enemy machine-gun, and the party ejected the enemy. He behaved with great dash and gallantry.

1027 Pte. (L./Cpl.) W. Bradley, M.G. Gds. (Dripley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a machine-gun in an advanced post. The posts on each side were rushed, and an officer and two men of the enemy entered L./Cpl. Bradley's post. These he killed with his bayonet, enabling the remaining gun number to continue working the gun, which took an important part in the operation in progress.

25197 Sjt. H. A. Brandon, Ches. R. (Lower Bebington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon was isolated on the flank of a position, he commanded it in a most gallant manner after his officer had been wounded, and successfully extricated it under heavy machine-gun fire.

19264 Sjt. W. L. Bray, G. Gds. (Isle of Sheppey).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of two forward posts of his company, which were heavily attacked. By his careful organisation and fire control he inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy. On another occasion this N.C.O. led his platoon up from the reserve under heavy fire, and established a strong point in the support

line, his example on both occasions being highly praiseworthy.

7491 C.S.M. R. Brealey, M.G.C. (Harreton, I. of W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This Warrant Officer twice took charge of limbers carrying ammunition up to each gun position, a distance of over 4 miles, through fire of every description. Later in the evening he guided up pack mules, and personally saw that each of the 16 gun teams were provided with rations and ammunition. He set a fine example at a critical time.

26588 B.S.M. W. Brice, R.G.A. (Yeovil).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during recent operations. For four hours he assisted materially in getting a section of guns into position. During the heavy bombardment which immediately followed, he supervised the service of ammunition with exemplary coolness, and when the battery position had to be vacated he rendered valuable assistance in organising the battery riflemen to assist the infantry.

27645 Pte. (A./Cpl.) E. G. Bridges, Essex R. (S. Chingford):

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of two trench mortars during an enemy attack. He fired until the enemy entered the trench and when most of the team had become casualties, he blew up the trench mortars and the ammunition. He then collected some stragglers and bombed his way through the enemy and took charge of another trench mortar in a reserve position.

8963 Sjt. J. F. Bridges, M.M., Wilts. R. (Swindon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as signalling serjeant, when, through lengthy operations, he showed great efficiency in maintaining communications to all departments. In a counter-attack he advanced ahead with his C.S.M. with a Lewis gun, causing heavy casualties to the enemy, and thereby materially assisted in the success of the operation.

85185 Bomdr. W. Bridson, R.F.A. (Douglas, Isle of Man).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Having had one of his trench mortars put out of action by a heavy enemy bombardment, he completed its destruction, and then made his way, in spite of heavy enemy machine-gun and rifle fire, to another mortar, which he fired on the advancing enemy till all his ammunition was expended. He then destroyed it, thus preventing it falling into the hands of the enemy in anything like a serviceable condition. Under very heavy fire he displayed a courage and resource of a high order.

G./7733 Sjt. W. Brisby, M.M., R. Fus. (S. Hackney).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was with his company in the front line, heavily engaged with the enemy, and the battalions on either flank were forced to retire, which made the position of his own untenable from the heavy machine-gun fire

the enemy were able to bring to bear. This N.C.O. encouraged the men round him in every way during these trying circumstances, his own example of entire disregard of danger being most inspiring. The steady accuracy of his own rifle fire drove off a hostile machine-gun team. Eventually it became necessary to choose between the alternative of rushing back over ground swept by machine-gun fire or submitting to capture. He collected the men who were willing to attempt the former, and led them back. On reaching battalion headquarters he asked to be permitted to rejoin the remainder of the battalion instead of going to brigade headquarters to report the position. The battalion were making a fine resistance under heavy fire to the advance of the enemy, and Serjeant Brisby was wounded while with them, but evaded being taken prisoner.

10837 Sjt. W. Broadfoot, S. Lanc. R. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, when at a critical moment he crawled to a flank and did much execution amongst the enemy. When his company was obliged to withdraw, he was mainly responsible for reorganising the men, and he set a grand example throughout.

20122 Sjt. A. Brodie, M.M., M.G.C. (Blairgowrie).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in keeping his machine gun in action, although isolated with his team, and in covering infantry retirements on two separate occasions, when he inflicted heavy casualties on the advancing enemy. He displayed the greatest coolness and resource, and inspired the men under him by his fine example.

11933 C.Q.M.S. (A./C.S.M.) H. Brogden, D.C.L.I. (Hackney).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the officers of his company had become casualties, he took command and rallied his men. In so doing he checked the enemy's advance for some hours. On numerous occasions he displayed great gallantry and coolness under heavy fire.

L/9567 C.S.M. L. J. Brooker, M.M., R.W. Surr. R. (Redhill).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After all officers had become casualties, he assumed command of the company, and by his fine leadership and courageous conduct he led the company and a number of men of other units through a variety of difficult situations with complete success.

202767 Pte. G. E. Brookes, Lanc. Fus. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his section commander was killed, this man took command of the Lewis gun team, and pushed his gun up to within ten yards of the enemy, maintaining a steady fire at point-blank range. This held up the enemy in front until a party worked round the rear and captured them. This man's initiative thus cleared that part of the line.

11760 Sjt. W. Brookes, Manch. R. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At a critical moment, when the enemy attempted to surround his flank, this N.C.O. collected a mixed party of men, and with a Lewis gun rushed to the threatened position, exposing himself fearlessly throughout the action, and inspiring the men with confidence. His prompt and gallant action undoubtedly saved the situation, and all the time he was under very heavy machine-gun fire.

294477 Gnr. F. Brooks, R.G.A. (Stockport).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When acting as linesman he found it impossible to keep up communication on existing lines, so he volunteered to run out another line, which he successfully maintained for seventeen hours, despite repeated breaks, under heavy fire. On another occasion, whilst repairing lines in a village he was slightly wounded, but continued his duties until communication had been re-established.

41768 Pte. A. E. Brown, Linc. R. (Sunderland).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When our counter-attack on the enemy was being temporarily held up by heavy frontal and enfilade fire, this man rushed forward with the Lewis gun into an advanced position, and put an enemy machine gun out of action. His courage and promptitude enabled his company to advance. When his Lewis gun was rendered useless by shell fire he took up a rifle and did great execution among the enemy, his gallant example encouraging all the men near him.

86986 Pte. C. Brown, M.G.C. (Waltham Abbey).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion on all occasions. Once, although wounded, and in spite of very heavy machine-gun and rifle fire at close range, he kept his gun in action and caused heavy casualties to the enemy, who were endeavouring to cross a canal. Later, in a counter-attack, he kept his gun firing until it was put out of action and he himself wounded. His courage and devotion throughout was worthy of the highest praise.

290769 Sjt. D. Brown, M.M., R. Highrs. (Kirkcaldy).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As a Lewis gunner this N.C.O. was on all occasions among the last to leave his position, inflicting heavy casualties on the advancing enemy, and holding them up until another position had been established.

No. 61994 L./Cpl. (A./2nd Cpl.) G. Brown, R.E. (Wigan).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was ordered to blow up a pumping engine and borehole. Owing to a defect in the fuse the charges did not explode. He waited twenty minutes and then returned under heavy shell and machine-gun fire, put in a fresh fuse, and successfully completed the demolition when the enemy were close on the borehole.

12302 Sjt. G. W. Brown, Linc. R. (Messingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When acting serjeant-major of the company, he took charge of a platoon who were holding the second objective, and he maintained his position against all attacks, though heavily outnumbered by the enemy and out-bombed. When the enemy counter-attacked in force he withdrew, according to orders, with the greatest skill, fighting hard and inflicting heavy losses on the enemy as they advanced. He behaved with no less gallantry than conspicuous ability throughout the operation.

H/1983 Sqd. S./M. J. Brown, Hrs. (Hampstead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. He volunteered to go and find out the situation in "No Man's Land" at a farm believed to be held by the enemy. He discovered that it was held by our own troops, and at great risk to himself he managed to stop the firing, thereby saving many casualties. Later, he took out a patrol and brought back valuable information which was urgently required. Throughout the operations he showed great courage, and was eventually wounded.

G/1849 Sjt. S. T. Brown, R.W. Surr. R. (Oxted).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When there were no officers left he took charge of the company. Under very trying circumstances he handled them with great skill for 24 hours, and when he handed over command to another officer he continued to be of the greatest assistance. His courage and cheerfulness inspired the men with confidence.

11319 L./Cpl. J. Browning, M.M., Devon. R. (Teignmouth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an enemy attack a heavy barrage had been put down in rear of a position, and the ground was swept by machine-gun fire. Finding a man badly wounded, he bandaged and carried him back through the barrage to the dressing station behind. He did this on two occasions. His courage and coolness under heavy machine-gun and shell fire was most marked.

575 R.Q.M.S. (A./R.S.M.) T. Brunton, R. Fus. (Maxwelltown).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a withdrawal. When the battalion had fallen back, there was a great shortage of Lewis guns and ammunition. Seeing a derelict tank on the flank, he organised a party, and under heavy shell and machine-gun fire, brought back two Lewis guns and a considerable supply of ammunition. Owing to his indefatigable work, performed practically without sleep for seven days and nights, the battalion was never once without rations and water.

240650 C.S.M. S. Bryan, Yorks. L.I. (Cudworth, Barnsley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, when in the attack on a strong point he personally killed several of the enemy, and, the subalterns having become casual-

ties, he assisted the company commander to organise and consolidate, working untiringly throughout the day in complete disregard of danger.

61368 Sjt. A. Bull, R.F.A. (Burton-on-Trent).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During many days hard fighting the behaviour of this N.C.O. has been most gallant, and he has rendered important services. On one occasion, being No. 1 of a gun detailed to cover the withdrawal of the battery, though the enemy had advanced to within a thousand yards and he was subjected to very severe fire and his detachment suffered many casualties, he maintained a rapid rate of fire on the advancing enemy and eventually withdrew his gun with a pair of wheelers, the rest of the team being disabled. On another occasion he was placed in charge of the limbers and wagons, and though under heavy shell fire he managed, in spite of casualties to men and animals, to get the required ammunition up to the battery when it was urgently needed.

41231 Sjt. L. S. Bull, M.M., M.G.C. (Wrexham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of machine guns, with which he repelled, in two days, five successive attacks, but was ultimately surrounded. He then destroyed his guns, and, with the detachments, fought his way back. On several occasions he collected scattered bodies of infantry, and organised defensive positions. Later, after his section officer had been wounded, he took command of three machine guns, and kept them in action at close range until ordered to retire.

246308 A./Sjt. C. Bunnett, M.M., R.F.A. (Norwich).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when his battery had to retire under heavy fire and the infantry were already behind the guns. He commanded a covering party with the greatest skill and coolness, keeping off the enemy with Lewis guns and rifles, until all the guns were clear. He was the last man to leave the position.

240991 Cpl. L. Burford, North'n Fus. (Willington Quay).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In charge of a Lewis gun, he maintained it in action with good effect for several hours, causing heavy casualties, and only retired when it was put out of action by shell fire.

16761 Sjt. J. Burkett, M.G.C. (Wolverhampton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an enemy barrage fire of an unusually prolonged and intense description this N.C.O., by his example and gallant behaviour, steadied his men, and when the barrage lifted and the enemy advanced he was able to bring his guns into action with the utmost effect, and materially helped a successful defence.

18327 Cpl. A. Burnett, M.M., M.G.C. (Leith).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of two Vickers guns, reconnoitring for positions for them under direct hostile fire, and doing the same later in the day for corps machine guns. Again, for tactical skill and initiative when, a flank having been thrown open, he disposed a gun so as to protect that flank, holding on until nearly surrounded and two of his team killed. At all times his conduct in action has merited the highest praise.

375841 Pte. J. Burnie, R. Scots. (Kirkcowan).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack by the enemy, under cover of machine-gun fire. He organised a party and drove the enemy from the trench, in which they had gained a footing. The machine gun, which gave the covering fire to the enemy, was captured and its crew killed. His coolness and courage throughout called for the highest admiration.

9067 C.S.M. E. Burrell, M.M., Linc. R. (Bishops Waltham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He personally made a bombing attack against a party of the enemy who had established a footing in a trench, and drove them out. Throughout operations he rendered invaluable service to his company, setting a very fine example of coolness and cheerfulness in action.

32 Sjt. J. T. Burton, R.F.A. (Oakham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Throughout a very heavy bombardment with gas and high explosive he kept his guns going and maintained the rate of fire. It was due to his personal example and disregard of danger that the detachment kept going in spite of casualties. During the withdrawal from the guns under close enemy machine-gun fire he again set a fine example, covered the withdrawal with rifle fire, and stayed until the last breech block and sights had been removed.

28181 L./Cpl. R. Burt-Massey, G. Gds. (Spalding).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack made by his company on a village he behaved with great gallantry, doing much execution among the enemy, and capturing a light machine gun. Subsequently, when they were surrounded by the enemy, he and his men kept up a heavy fire and stopped three attacks. His courage and example inspired his men to hold on for twelve hours against very superior numbers.

143975 Pte. J. C. Busby, M.G.C. (Poplar).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while one of a patrol of battalion scouts. He rallied a party of infantry and held on to a farmhouse, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy until ammunition was exhausted. He then withdrew his party, and in a new position put up a stubborn defence, with other parties, against the enemy. During following days he did most

useful reconnaissance work, and at all times set a fine example of courage and cheerfulness.

39926 Cpl. W. Bush, Ches. R. (Bromley-by-Bow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when, as section leader, he took part in a successful counter-attack, which regained lost ground, and he held on to the new position against numerous attacks made by the enemy throughout the day, at the end of which only Cpl. Bush and one man remained of the thirteen originally composing the section, who then fought their ways back to their company. Subsequently he collected the remains of the company and led it for four days.

M2/167834 Pte. W. Butcher, A.S.C. (Mildenhall).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when a shell wrecked the bodywork of his Ford ambulance car. Although he had been severely gassed he got a saw and removed the bodywork, and carried on, bringing down wounded on the chassis of the car. While going back under heavy shelling to fetch two wounded his car was blown on to the bank by another shell, and he was badly wounded. He showed courage and tenacity of a high order.

612175 Sjt. A. L. Butler, M.M., Lond. R. (Southwark).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took charge of an advanced post, and during the whole day resisted all attempts of the enemy to dislodge him. He showed great coolness in directing the fire of his men, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. He set his men a fine example.

925996 Sjt. H. E. Butler, R.F.A. (London, N.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After maintaining a heavy fire all day, all battery detachments were compelled to withdraw owing to the rapid advance of the enemy. Volunteers were called for to remain behind and blow up the guns, and Serjeant Butler and another N.C.O., since unfortunately reported wounded and missing, volunteered. Although the enemy were only 100 yards from the gun position, they succeeded in destroying the six guns, and Serjeant Butler escaped. Their tenacity and splendid example was beyond praise.

R/3850 Pte. (L./Cpl.) W. T. Butterworth, K.R.R.C. (Tipton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While the company was being heavily attacked he held on with his Lewis gun until the whole company had been withdrawn, inflicting heavy loss on the enemy, and finally bringing away his gun unaided. And later in the operations, after his company commander and all senior N.C.O.'s had become casualties, he took command of his company and showed great powers of leadership and control over his men.

205807 C.S.M. W. J. Byrne, R.W. Kent R. (Dover).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This W.O., after an ammunition and guncotton dump had been blown up by enemy shell fire, although badly shaken by the explosion, immediately organised rescue parties, and showed both courage and coolness in rescuing soldiers and civilians from the burning buildings, while explosions continued to occur and shells to fall in the destroyed area.

200121 C.S.M. W. Cadman, York and Lanc. R. (Woodhouse, nr. Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company was forced to withdraw he stayed at a post with five men, and successfully covered the withdrawal. He showed fine courage and determination. At all times his work was excellent.

L/2330 Sjt. R. J. Callister, R.F.A. ("E" Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Their guns had to be man-handled over 100 yards of soft and broken ground under the most intense shell fire. They set a splendid example of courage, and it was mainly due to their example that these guns were withdrawn, although the last gun had to be man-handled nearly 150 yards under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire at close range.

201214 C.Q.M.S. F. W. Calvert, Lanc. Fus. (Bury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when at a critical moment he directed the fire of his company headquarters on a hostile machine-gun which had worked round the right rear, and silenced the same. Later he went forward under heavy fire and picked off snipers who were creeping up to our positions.

779 Pte. (L./C.) A. Cameron, M.M., M.G. Gds. (Strontian).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of a machine-gun he was opposing an enemy bombing party working up from a flank, and was also heavily engaged by two hostile machine-guns in front. He continued to fire on the bombing party, and dispersed them, and then silenced one of the machine-guns. By his coolness in disregarding what to him was the most serious danger, he undoubtedly repulsed a dangerous and well-organised attack on our line.

265904 Pte. J. Cameron, Sea. Highrs. (Elgin).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This man was a stretcher-bearer, and under heavy bombardments he attended the wounded of his own and other units, making journey after journey through machine-gun and rifle fire to the rear with wounded men, many of whom he carried on his back after his stretcher had been destroyed by shell fire. His gallantry was conspicuous, and his devotion to duty an example.

S/6377 Pte. W. Cameron, A. & S. Highrs. (Stirling).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After our attack, when our posts had been pushed forward, he acted as "runner" between the front line and the headquarters of the support company, moving about the whole day in spite of "sniping," and a machine-gun fire, over ground that afforded little or no cover. During the night the company commander had to send him, in spite of heavy enemy artillery fire, to a post some 300 yards away. On arrival there he found the platoon officer had just been killed, the platoon serjeant had also been killed, and the enemy were on the point of attacking. He immediately fired the signal pistol he happened to be carrying, and brought down the fire of our own artillery on the enemy at this critical moment. He then returned and reported what he had done. His prompt action undoubtedly prevented the situation becoming very serious. Throughout the day his conduct was splendid.

34016 Pte. D. Campbell, R. Scots (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the bridges across the river had been blown up and the wounded could not cross, he constructed a raft, placed the wounded on it, and swam the river pushing the raft before him. He was under heavy artillery and machine-gun fire, the whole time. It was entirely due to his courage and resource that these men were saved.

10366 Sjt. F. A. Campbell, Midd'x R. (Islington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He found a party endeavouring to dig through a parapet to reach one of our men who was lying in the open, badly wounded, about ten yards away. The enemy at close range were firing on the party with machine guns, and "sniping." Sjt. Campbell, regardless of his own safety, vaulted over the parapet and crawled to the man, attaching an empty machine-gun belt to him, with the help of which he got him to the parapet and the party in the trench were able to pull him over. Sjt. Campbell got in afterwards in safety, though machine-gun bullets were hitting the parapet all round him. Throughout the day Sjt. Campbell displayed conspicuous gallantry, on one occasion organising and leading a bombing party which recaptured a post from which we had temporarily withdrawn.

88950 Fittr. S./Sjt. R. Campbell, R.F.A. (Woolwich).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Sjt. Campbell was brigade armament artificer, and hearing that his services were required in the battery positions, he at once made his way there from Brigade Headquarters through a very heavy barrage of 5.9-in. gas shells. He succeeded in getting a howitzer, which had been disabled, into action again, though the battery was being heavily shelled at the time. He had hardly returned to headquarters, when he had to start again on a similar errand to another position, where he successfully performed the work he had to do, though under severe shell

and machine-gun fire all the time. On another occasion he showed the greatest gallantry, going from battery to battery under constant and very heavy shell fire, repairing and keeping in action guns which otherwise at a most critical time would have been unable to fire. His courage and disregard for personal safety were of a high order.

S/13341 Pte. C., Cant, Arg. & Suth'd Highrs. (Cambusbarron).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As company stretcher-bearer throughout seven days' operations, he organised many parties to bring in wounded under heavy fire. On one occasion, when the enemy was pressing forward in large numbers, he rushed out under intense rifle and machine-gun fire, and picked up a badly wounded man, carrying him back to the company lines, where he dressed his wounds.

6036 C.S.M. R. Carding, K.R.R.C. (Romford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. When the remains of his company were left with only one officer, he rendered invaluable assistance in reorganising them under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, and in rallying them on new positions. He did fine work.

46612 Sjt. L. J. Cardy, R.F.A. (Southend-on-Sea).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a heavy barrage by the enemy of gas and high explosive shells. Throughout the bombardment he kept his gun going, serving it himself with one man to help him. Afterwards, he went forward to the detached section, and showed great courage under machine-gun fire in helping to remove the guns.

388249 Pte. (A./L./Cpl.) R. Carling, M.M., R.A.M.C. (Willington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He set a splendid example to his bearers, and himself on several occasions went through intense machine-gun fire to keep touch with regimental aid posts. He stopped with a small party dressing wounded until the enemy were within 40 yards, and then carried one of his party who had been wounded till he had to drop him through exhaustion.

B/8959 C.Q.M.S. A. B. Carmichael, H.L.I. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when, all the officers having been killed or wounded, he took command of the company, under particularly trying conditions, which he met with admirable spirit and judgment. His splendid example did much to steady the men when they successfully counter-attacked, and his able work during this period was excellent.

325013 C.S.M. J. H. Carnall, Essex R. (East Ham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In daylight, with a party of four men, he attacked an enemy post consisting of two machine guns and six to eight men, driving the enemy out of a village. Later,

with another small party, he attacked a house to which the enemy had been driven, and with splendid dash and courage achieved his object, bringing about the capture of many prisoners.

203859 Pte. J. Carney, Lanc. Fus. (Middleton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company was heavily attacked, he brought his Lewis gun to a point where the enemy were breaking through our line, doing great execution with it, thereby enabling the company to extricate itself.

200001 C.S.M. J. R. Carpenter, Shrops. L.I. (Shrewsbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He repeatedly crossed the open under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire in bringing up supplies of ammunition to a detached party on the flank, thus enabling the battalion to be successfully withdrawn.

12252 C.S.M. W. Carpenter, M.G.C. (Yiewsley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst in charge of an infantry section. He personally carried forward a gun and brought it into action at a critical time, inflicting great casualties on the enemy and re-organising the gun team. By his action he was greatly responsible for the recapture of a position. He did splendid work.

10560 C.S.M. S. H. Carr, M.M., North'd Fus. (N. Shields).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a heavy bombardment by the enemy prior to attack, he displayed the utmost courage and cheerfulness, repeatedly walking up and down the line and keeping up the morale of the men. Throughout the operations he showed a complete disregard of danger.

47714 B.S.M. J. W. P. Carswell, R.F.A. (Chester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy were within 500 yards, and the battery was under rifle and machine-gun fire, only five limbers arrived, this W.O. assisted in fixing two guns to his one limber, and it was largely owing to his coolness and gallantry that all six guns were safely extricated.

17/9323 L./Cpl. C. F. Carter, Manch. R. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. On one occasion he took an important message to a neighbouring battalion. The trench was blown in and he had to go in full view of the enemy. On the information obtained, his company was able to proceed to that part of the line where it was most urgently needed. His attitude under fire was remarkable. This N.C.O. showed an extraordinary example of courage, which had a wonderful effect on his comrades, and infected them with his own spirit of determination.

265156 Pte. F. K. S. Carter, Ches. R. (Stockport).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He seized a

Vickers gun from a team that had become casualties, took it into the open, and used it so effectively on the enemy that they fell back. He did splendid service.

420077 Sjt. F. J. Carter, Lond. R. (Shore-ditch).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while commanding a platoon in an attack on a village. He observed an enemy machine-gun about to open fire, dashed forward, followed by his men, and captured the gun and gunners. His prompt and courageous action saved many casualties.

700472 Cpl. T. H. Carter, Lond. R. (Battersea).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy penetrated a portion of our line, this N.C.O. with a bombing section made an immediate and resolute counter-attack, from which he did not desist until all his men but one had become casualties. He immediately returned with another party, which he led forward to the attack, and established a double block, which he held for 15 hours, until our counter-attack regained the trench. His fearlessness and fine leadership set a splendid example to his men, and his action was mainly responsible for stopping the enemy's progress at this point.

200844 Sjt. A. J. Cartwright, Worc. R. (Stourport).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His company officers having become casualties he rallied and re-organised his company and repulsed a hostile attack. Later, he formed a covering party with his men and enabled a battery of artillery to get away.

1940 C.S.M. T. G. Caselton, E. Kent R. (Catford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while acting as company serjeant-major. He kept touch for hours under heavy gas shelling between company headquarters and a redoubt. He led a counter-attack against a party of the enemy and drove them back, and in a counter-attack by his company next day he displayed great ability and good leadership.

676434 Sjt. A. E. Castle, M.M., R.F.A. (Camberwell, S.E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While the battery was being subjected to very heavy shell fire, this N.C.O. set a splendid example to the men, and, as the enemy approached, manned a Lewis gun and held them off while the battery was being limbered up. He jumped on to the layer's seat of the last gun, and continued firing the Lewis gun, probably saving the rear guns. When his Major was dangerously wounded and the men were tired and discouraged, he assisted the two remaining officers to cheer them up and keep the battery in action.

300173 Sjt. R. Castling, Dur. L.I. (Annfield Plain).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, when in command of a section. After being driven out of his post by overwhelming odds, he reformed his section and retook it,

driving the enemy well back. He showed fine courage and determination.

55919 L./Cpl. W. Caunt, M.G.C. (Grantham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed great initiative in his choice of targets, causing heavy casualties on the enemy and spotting and silencing three enemy machine-guns. Later, when the enemy had worked into the trench in which he was, after severe hand-to-hand fighting, he cut his way out. He showed splendid fighting qualities.

L/389 Sjt. E. Cawshaw, M.M., R.F.A. (Accrington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when carrying out the duties of Sergeant-Major. It was greatly due to his splendid example that the work was carried out so successfully and coolly. For a time he commanded the battery. His work was invaluable, and he was greatly responsible that the guns were safely withdrawn.

R/6555 Cpl. J. Chadaway, K.R.R.C. (Nun-eaton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. was in command of an isolated post that had become surrounded by the enemy in greatly superior numbers. He held on to his position till he had only four men left, and with these he charged through the enemy and succeeded in regaining our line. He was wounded in this fight. His courage and determination were conspicuous, and only his example brought his comrades through what looked like a hopeless situation.

45238 Pte. F. Chadwick, York. L.I. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Having by his dashing eagerness in a counter-attack found himself alone and surrounded by a small party of the enemy, he killed and wounded several, and scattered the remainder. He did magnificent work.

19091 Cpl. T. R. Chadwick, R. Welsh Fus. (Pontypridd).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack this N.C.O. displayed great gallantry, pushing forward under heavy machine-gun and artillery fire, with the men under his command, on whom the example of his cheerful courage had a very inspiring effect. When all the company officers and senior non-commissioned officers had become casualties he took command of the remnants of the various platoons and successfully reorganised them.

201215 C.S.M. T. T. Chadwick, Lanc. Fus. (Heywood).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the flank was threatened this N.C.O. promptly and skilfully threw out a defensive flank, which held up the advance, allowing time for other troops to adjust their positions, and saving a critical situation. He then went forward and reconnoitred, sending back information which enabled his officer to make such dispositions that a large number of the enemy were killed or captured. His conduct throughout was of great value.

540037 S./Sjt. (T./S.M.) F. B. Challis, R.A.M.C. (Crofton Park, S.E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during several days of intense fighting. Owing to his courage and fine example, he was remarkably successful in the evacuation of patients and stores from a casualty clearing station. Subsequently he rallied men during bombing and machine-gun fire from enemy aircraft, and got all ranks working at high pressure erecting and striking a Casualty Clearing Station, and attending to large numbers of the patients, although he and his men had had little rest for several days and nights.

265154 C.S.M. J. Chalmers, Gord. Highrs. (Huntly).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the officers in a support trench had become casualties this Warrant Officer took command, and organising the defence, held the trench for five hours with great gallantry and fine qualities of leadership. He withdrew only when in danger of being surrounded by superior forces. On another occasion, when reconnoitring to the front, he discovered a large party of the enemy cutting our wire. He returned, and getting some Lewis guns to bear, he inflicted very heavy losses on them, after which he took out a patrol and captured some prisoners. Throughout all the operations his courage and behaviour inspired all ranks under his command with the greatest confidence.

266644 Cpl. G. E. Chapman, Ox. & Bucks. L.I. (High Wycombe).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During four days' stubborn house-to-house fighting this N.C.O., in command of a Lewis gun section, rendered services of the utmost value by his skilful use of the weapon and the selection of places from which to fire it, though in many cases the heavy shell fire of the enemy's howitzers enfiladed his position. His accurate and effective fire caused heavy losses to the enemy and supported the advance of his platoon, contributing greatly to the capture of several important objectives. On one occasion, seeing the section commander hit, he handed over the Lewis gun to the next man, and, taking command, he rallied the section, led them on, and captured the place we were attacking.

11170 Pte. (L./Cpl.) J. L. Chapman, Linc. R. (Poplar).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He bombed an enemy strong post, took four prisoners, and put two machine guns out of action. He did magnificent work.

15873 L./Cpl. W. H. Chapman, S. Wales Bord. (Cwmbran).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a counter-attack he led his section with great courage and determination, and on reaching his objective proceeded to account for any remnants of the enemy defenders left in the trench. In doing so he was confronted single-handed by fourteen of the enemy, but he contained them until

assistance arrived, and they were secured. Two days previously he had been surrounded, with his section, in a heavily bombarded position, but he managed to extricate his men with great skill from the difficult situation.

28351 B.S.M. F. J. Chapple, R.G.A. (Wembley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After the battery had expended all ammunition in covering an infantry retirement, he assisted to get the battery out of action under shell fire, up to the last wagon, which overturned and had to be left. He carried away the stores of that wagon.

7953 Sjt. A. W. Chase, M.M., Scots Gds. (Broadmayne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when holding an exposed and critical salient under an intense bombardment with his company, of which he was acting C.S.M. His personal courage and fine example in digging out men who had been buried undoubtedly saved many lives.

26524 C.S.M. E. W. G. Chatten, L'pool R. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a strong point was taken by the enemy, this W.O., with an officer, remained in an O.P. only 50 yards away, and shot several of the enemy as they entered the strong point. During the counter-attack he stood in the open, issuing bombs to the men, steadying them by his coolness. He ably organised the supply of rations to the advanced posts, and was most useful to the company commander.

39628 Cpl. J. W. Cheetham, M.G.C. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. was in charge of a machine gun. All except the No. 1 of his team became casualties, and he himself was wounded, but although under trench mortar and shell fire, he bandaged them up, and carried them to an aid post. While doing this the enemy were advancing, and though suffering from exhaustion from his wound, he returned to work the gun. The No. 1 was hit, and the gun damaged, so he carried it away.

6525 Sjt. E. H. Cherriman, M.M., R.W. Kent R. (Shoreham-by-Sea).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He repeatedly performed dangerous tasks with efficiency, and one night went out alone and captured one of an enemy patrol.

204175 Cpl. J. R. Childs, York & Lanc. Regt. (High Green, near Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack, this N.C.O. by himself entered a building from which two enemy machine guns were firing. He killed five of the enemy and captured the two guns, one of which he turned on the enemy. He did magnificent service.

115623 Gnr. R. V. Chivers, R.F.A. (Glastonbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when the enemy had obtained a direct hit on his gun-pit, and the ammunition and camouflage had caught fire. Although hit by a fragment of the shell, he continued his work, helped to extinguish the fire, took command of his gun, and kept it in action.

F/383 R.S.M. C. Clark, Midd'x R. (Fulham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He rallied scattered men, and led a party forward under heavy fire to the assistance of two officers who were engaged with the enemy.

240200 A./L./Sjt. D. Clark, K.O. Sco. Bord. (Kirkpatrick Fleming).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After the camouflage covering of a shell dump had been set on fire by enemy shelling, he promptly removed the shells from the blazing material, thus averting an explosion. He behaved with great gallantry and promptitude.

M1/5707 Mec./S./Sjt. A. F. Clarke, A.S.C. (Curragh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He worked unceasingly day and night, at times under heavy shell fire, carrying out repairs to tractors and lorries, keeping them on the road at a critical time, though he had very few facilities at his disposal. He worked with a zeal and energy, and a total disregard of danger which cannot be praised too highly.

88991 Pte. V. C. Clarke, M.G.C. (Faversham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This man, while acting as No. 1 on a gun during an enemy attack, stuck to his work and prevented the enemy from advancing whilst under every description of fire. On being ordered to withdraw he was carrying his gun when he suddenly noticed the enemy advancing in force about fifty yards away. He immediately fired two belts point blank into them, causing very heavy casualties and checking the advance, and gave time for a line to be formed in rear.

2873 Cpl. G. L. Clayton, Lanc. Fus. (Huddersfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a heavy attack by the enemy. As platoon serjeant he rendered his platoon commander very great assistance when the enemy succeeded in breaking the right flank. He led a bombing party, fearlessly beating the enemy back, and then held the block with two other men for three hours. His cheerfulness and courage inspired the greatest confidence.

203004 Cpl. H. W. Clayton, R. Berks. R. (Maidenhead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed the greatest courage and resource in organising the Lewis guns of his battalion and of a neighbouring unit. He repaired two disabled guns under heavy enemy fire, and crawled forward under

sweeping machine-gun fire and took up a position, from which he knocked out an enemy machine gun and dispersed a hostile patrol with loss.

432430 Spr. A. Clitherow, R.E. (St. Helens).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At the commencement of a week's fighting his immediate superior was wounded, and from thence onwards this man was in charge of a section of the forward communications, a responsible post where he did excellent work. At midnight on the last night he laid and maintained an important line, which he carried through in spite of pitch darkness and H.E. and gas shelling. It was practically due to his efforts that brigade headquarters were never out of touch with the battalions throughout the fighting.

388018 S./Sjt. (T./S.M.) J. Clough, R.A.M.C. (Darlington.)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of a motor ambulance corps. He made repeated journeys to collect wounded, and on one occasion cleared cases from a village while the enemy were entering the other end. He showed a fine example of coolness, and saved many wounded from falling into the enemy's hands.

12521 C.S.M. Clowsley, S. Staffs. R. (Jersey).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After the company had been badly cut up, and at a time when only one company officer was left, he rendered valuable assistance in the reorganisation and in withdrawing to a new line. During the whole of the operations he did excellent work, and his cheerfulness and untiring energy were an inspiration to all.

9126 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) A. F. Cobbold, Bedf. R. (Bury St. Edmunds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When our lines were heavily shelled by the enemy for four hours this N.C.O. remained on "look-out" during the whole time, thus allowing his men to remain under cover, and casualties were avoided. When the enemy attacked he showed a fine example of courage and coolness, exposing himself on the parapet and encouraging his men, quite regardless of danger. In the early morning of the next day he volunteered to go out on patrol and get in touch with the troops on the flank. The good service performed by this N.C.O. at all times has been of great value, and worthy of high praise.

47565 B.S.M. A. J. Cobden, R.F.A. (Winchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when he showed much initiative in moving teams from a position where they were under heavy fire. When the captain was wounded he took his place, and with much skill and courage maintained the supply of ammunition to the battery.

D/13871 Pte. T. O. B. Cockburn, Dns. (Joppa).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a stretcher bearer. He carried out his duties with unflinching courage, attending to and carrying back wounded men, although in full view of the advancing enemy and exposed to heavy machine-gun fire.

34474 Pte. (A./L./Cpl.) E. J. Coe, Essex R. (Colchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a hostile attack he fired his Lewis gun with great effect until the enemy were in the same trench with him. He then fought his way out with bombs, saving his gun, which he again brought into action. He did great execution among the enemy, and his courage was beyond praise.

650728 C.S.M. H. C. Coe, Lond. R. (Ilford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all his company officers had been killed he displayed fine leadership in rallying and reorganising the company. He maintained the position and beat off repeated attacks. Later, when leading his men in a bayonet charge against vastly superior numbers of the enemy, he set a fine example of courage and did much to inspire the men to greater efforts.

46329 L./Bomdr. A. W. Cole, R.G.A. (Lr. Clapton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During twenty-four hours' continuous duty, without any assistance, he mended sixty-six breaks in the battery communications, twenty of these under heavy shell fire. He then volunteered for further duty and mended further breaks under fire. He set a most inspiring example of disregard to personal danger and willing endurance under trying and dangerous conditions.

1898 Pte. A. C. Coleman, M.M., E. Kent R. (London, N.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The maintenance of communication between battalion headquarters and a certain locality was of the utmost importance when the telephone lines were cut by the enemy bombardment. Private Coleman and three others went out under very heavy gas shelling and re-established communication, which, however, was again cut a few minutes later. Private Coleman volunteered to go through the shell-swept area a second time to effect the necessary repairs, which he successfully performed. He was out altogether some four hours, continuously exposed to heavy gas shelling, the wires having been broken in forty different places, which he mended with the assistance of other signallers, often having to remove his box respirator in the course of his work. On returning to battalion headquarters he fell in with the garrison manning the defences, and displayed conspicuous gallantry throughout the day, repeatedly exposing himself to obtain a better field of fire on the enemy, who were attempting to take two of our field guns. Two days later Private Coleman again distinguished himself by his gallantry in going forward to cover the retirement of other troops. In doing so he was severely wounded.

275428 C.S.M. T. Coleman, M.M., Dur. L.I. (Millfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a retirement. One day he killed twelve of the enemy who had crossed a canal, thereby allowing a platoon to complete its retirement. Throughout the operations he showed a fine example to his men.

14320 C.S.M. H. Colligan, Lanc. Fus. (Bury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when, in the absence of an officer, he took charge of a platoon and led it in a counter-attack and established a line which checked the enemy's advance, an operation largely made possible by his personal example.

15577 Pte. E. Collins, E. York. R. (Shotton Colliery).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon, acting as rear-guard, was completely surrounded, this man brought back important information, although severely wounded, and saved the whole battalion from being cut off.

10/251 Cpl. C. Collinson, E. York. R. (Beverley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the platoon commander was badly wounded and the platoon was completely cut off by the enemy this N.C.O. sent out patrols to find a way out, and in broad daylight safely evacuated the whole of the men and the wounded officer. It was entirely due to his efforts that all were not captured.

630036 Sjt. J. Conn, R.F.A. (Aberdeen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy advance. When his gun was brought into action within 300 yards of a bridge in the open to hold a canal crossing, he acted as layer, and by his skilful shooting he knocked out three machine-guns, and caused heavy casualties to the enemy, and greatly helped his guns to be got safely away.

7502 Sjt. T. Connelly, R.F.A. (Motherwell).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although the infantry were retiring, he collected a party of volunteers, and under very heavy shell fire pushed forward and succeeded in bringing back two heavy Newton mortars.

203003 Pte. G. Connor, W. York. R. (Barnsley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while acting as company runner. He carried back a message to battalion headquarters under very heavy shell and machine-gun fire, and thus obtained reinforcements that were needed. On his return he went out 200 yards under heavy fire and helped to bring in a wounded man. He showed high courage and initiative.

24872 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) H. Conroy, W. Rid. R. (Bradford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When one of the officers of his company was reported to be missing, he immediately went out with a small patrol to search for him, penetrating through the enemy's positions and searching the ground in rear of them. The next morning he followed up the attack of another battalion, and continued his search beyond the positions taken up by the attacking battalion, going close up to the enemy's line in daylight. On a subsequent occasion when his company were subjected to a bombardment of unusual intensity, he took command of his platoon when all the other N.C.O.'s had become casualties. He rescued three men who had been buried by a shell explosion, and he set a very fine example of courage and energy, going about regardless of danger, organising and encouraging the men.

68560 Pte. C. R. Constable, M.G.C. (Hull).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the remainder of his gun-team had become casualties this man kept his gun in action, completely disorganising the enemy's attack by the heavy casualties he inflicted on them. This he did a second time on a renewed attack. He showed a fine example of courage and endurance under exceptionally trying circumstances.

9119 C.S.M. A. Cook, Bedf. R. (Luton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Throughout operations lasting for many days, this Warrant Officer showed a coolness of demeanour and an accuracy of arrangement that had a most steadying effect on all near him. He was of great assistance to his company officer in organising defences, and in a retirement when he was covering a withdrawal under heavy enemy fire, his dispositions were admirably adapted to the object in view. His arrangements for the supply of ammunition to the firing line were excellent, and his control of his men until he became a casualty was characterised by calm courage and precise judgment.

31138 B.S.M. A. H. Cook, M.M., R.G.A. (Plumstead, S.E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his battery was being heavily shelled, by his personal example and utter disregard of danger, he cheered on the battery. He took charge of the parties pulling the guns out of action under intensive shell fire, and behaved throughout with the utmost gallantry.

508344 Sjt. (A./S./S.) R. Cook, M.M., R.A.M.C. (Forest Gate).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of a party of stretcher-bearers, proceeding under heavy and continuous shell fire to a place which was eventually found to have passed into enemy occupation. Returning at once to the new Advanced Dressing Station, he took command of the post, as the R.A.M.C. sergeant in charge had become a casualty. The post had to be evacuated in the evening,

and he proceeded directly to another station, working under heavy fire without rest for two days. He did not leave this post until our infantry had retired behind him. It was owing to his coolness and great courage that it was possible to evacuate such a large number of wounded men.

38667 L./Cpl. J. H. Cooke, Lanc. Fus. (Leicester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a forward post which was under heavy artillery and machine-gun fire. An order was passed along to retire, and all on his right and left did so, but he refused, and held on. Later, an officer visited the post, asked him if he had received an order to retire, and was informed that word had been passed along to do so, but that he would not move until he knew from whom it had originated. Subsequently he held the post with great bravery and determination until he received direct orders from his officer to retire.

22355 C.S.M. A. Cooper, S. Wales Bord. (Southampton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This Warrant Officer was of great assistance in steadying the men, and did excellent work under heavy shell fire, during a week's fighting. He worked very hard in reorganising the line, and carried on in command with marked success when both his officers had become casualties.

116491 Cpl. A. Cooper, R.F.A. (Edgworth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He carried the battery's rations through a heavy barrage. When put in charge of a trench mortar he caused heavy casualties amongst the enemy. Later, he carried a wounded man to the dressing station half a mile away under very heavy fire. He has always shown the greatest courage under trying conditions, and given a splendid lead to the men under him.

240075 C.S.M. C. Cooper, York. L.I. (Doncaster).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a counter-attack. His company, after gaining their objective, were cut off. This Warrant Officer found himself completely surrounded by the enemy, but by great gallantry and dash fought his way through to battalion headquarters to report.

M2/136920 Sgt. W. Cooper, A.S.C. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was wounded in the knee whilst repairing a tractor under shell fire, but remained on duty and successfully carried out his work. He did most excellent work in assisting to get guns away under heavy shell fire. He showed most utter disregard of danger, and set a fine example of pluck and determination.

6860 L./Cpl. J. Copley, Devon. R. (Bow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In the defence of a bridge-head when the troops on his right withdrew, he stood

his ground with a Lewis gun like a man, keeping it in action and inflicting heavy casualties.

21614 L./Sjt. T. Corbett, M.G.C. (Barrhead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under a heavy enemy barrage fire this N.C.O. controlled his guns with great effect, breaking up five enemy attacks. He showed a fine disregard for personal safety, and though wounded in the face whilst firing one of his guns which was hit, he continued at duty, keeping the remaining gun in action. When the infantry withdrew he stayed in his position covering their retirement.

352481 B.S.M. B. A. Corry, R.G.A. (Parsons Green, S.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in assisting to get teams away from a battery position under heavy shell fire. He got every horse safely away. Next day, while the battery was being shelled, he put out a limber that had caught fire.

32955 (formerly 34181) Pte. (L./C.) J. Costello, Manch. R. (Royton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in salving two Lewis guns, when he put them into working order and used them both with great effect. He accomplished this all under heavy shell fire, and although wounded he remained at his post and set a splendid example of endurance to his men.

117298 Pte. W. J. C. Cotton, M.G.C. (Leeds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He voluntarily went forward and got a machine gun into action alone at very close range, he fired all the ammunition into the enemy, and then brought the gun and tripod out of action to a new position. He repeatedly showed complete contempt of danger.

2190 L./Cpl. J. L. Court, M.M., Midd'x R. (London, N.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion in action as company stretcher-bearer. He showed the utmost disregard of danger, and when a platoon changed position, leaving four wounded on ground swept by shell and machine-gun fire, he went out and bound up the men, and, making four journeys, carried them in on his back. On many other occasions he went out searching for and bringing in wounded. He also carried messages under heavy fire. He showed fine courage, and was a magnificent example to all ranks with him.

314811 Bomdr. S. Cousins, R.G.A. (Melton Constable).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when, having lost the detachment of his trench mortar, he kept it in action with the assistance of infantry stragglers, until the enemy were close up to his emplacement, when he put the gun out of action. Seeing an officer nearly surrounded, he warned him at great personal risk, enabling him to get away, and afterwards assisted him in organis-

ing the defence of another position with infantry details.

15851 Sgt. W. Cowap, N. Lanc. R. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion in action. During the advance of his company to reinforce the corps line he showed the greatest courage and ability in directing and collecting his men under heavy enemy fire, and on reaching the line in organising them and directing their fire. Later, when the battalion was in danger of being surrounded, he successfully carried a message through a heavy barrage.

306874 Cpl. R. Cowell, Lanc. Fus. (Salford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led a counter-attack with great skill and gallantry. Though severely wounded, he remained with his men, encouraging them by his fine example, and thus managing to retain the position although heavily assaulted.

55298 Sjt. J. A. Cowley, M.G.C. (Burton-on-Trent).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Many of his men being casualties he collected ammunition and men to man his guns. He remained alone with one gun covering the withdrawal of his men and the other gun, and then successfully brought his gun back with him. Throughout he showed outstanding courage, initiative and devotion to duty.

41046 Sjt. J. E. H. Cowley, R.G.A. (Finsbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under intense bombardment he took charge of a second gun and kept it in action as well as his own until one was knocked out. Later, he rescued a wounded man from a blown-in dug-out, and when the enemy were close he superintended the issue of ammunition from a blown-in shelter. He set a fine example of coolness and determination throughout.

2565 Sjt. T. H. Cowman, R.F.A. (Workington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when during a bombardment he organised a rescue party, dug out and dressed the wounded. Later, seeing an ammunition dump of a neighbouring battery on fire, he succeeded in putting this out, acting entirely on his own initiative, and throughout all the recent operations has set a most excellent example to the men.

28603 Spr. (A./L./Cpl.) E. Craddock, R.E. (Walsall).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On one occasion he was in charge of the Brigade Forward Exchange when the enemy's bombardment cut the lines to the right battalion. He at once proceeded through a most intense bombardment at great personal risk to lay out two new lines. In the afternoon the buried cable route to the left battalion was blown up, and he laid down overland lines under full observation of the enemy, who shelled him heavily with shrapnel. He maintained both these lines

throughout the day and all that night. His courage and his devotion to duty enabled the Brigade Headquarters to keep in communication with both the battalion on the right and on the left.

15315 Pte. F. C. Craddock, M.G.C. (Pease-down).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when on sentry, having heard suspicious noises, he accompanied a patrol sent to investigate, and meeting a hostile patrol he shot several members of it and brought back a prisoner. Later he volunteered and brought up ammunition under heavy fire. Again, and at the same time, he became the sole survivor of his gun team, having kept his gun in action all day under heavy fire, delaying the enemy's advance after others had retired, and only left his gun when practically surrounded after destroying it.

10383 C.S.M. (A./R.S.M.) T. J. Craggs, Dur. L.I. (Bishop Auckland).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This warrant officer, in command of a half company in process of counter-attacking, with great initiative collected some men from another unit who had been driven back. He took them on with his own party, and captured the objective, thus re-establishing the situation. On another occasion he displayed conspicuous courage and initiative in the command of his company when all the officers had become casualties.

265021 C.S.M. J. S. Craib, Gord. Highrs. (Newmill).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At a time when bombs and ammunition were urgently required, this warrant officer several times proceeded to a place that was under heavy enfilade machine-gun fire and brought up the necessary supplies. On another occasion his personal gallantry largely contributed to an important enemy attack being held up for a considerable period, and in subsequent operations, when his company was being withdrawn under very heavy machine-gun fire, with great coolness and entire unconcern for personal safety he organised a platoon of mixed units, and covering the exposed flank with well-controlled fire, he enabled the operation to be completed without further casualties.

14143 Serjt. C. Craig, K.O. Sco. Bord. (Denny).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led a raiding party to dislodge three grouped enemy machine-guns which were causing extreme annoyance. The skill and gallantry with which he led the raid resulted in the capture of the machine-guns and 58 prisoners. He did splendid work.

29963 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) H. B. Crickett, R.G.A. (Plumstead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. was No. 1 of his gun, which was in action in support of our infantry during an enemy attack, and was under a heavy fire of all descriptions. Serjt. Crickett was wounded in the neck and shoulder, but remained at his duty, though told to fall out. He kept up the fire of

his gun when it was most essential to do so, with great gallantry for some two hours after he was wounded, and his conduct throughout was a fine example of that devotion to duty which he has displayed on many occasions.

3/10029 A./R.S.M. J. Crissall, Suff. R. (Cambridge).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. With a party of battalion headquarters' details he held on to a position for nine hours under continual shell fire, and beat off repeated enemy attacks. When his Lewis gun had been knocked out, and he was practically surrounded by the enemy, he withdrew his men in good order. He showed fine courage and powers of leadership.

19967 C.S.M. J. Croll, N. Lanc. R. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. He conducted a party of reinforcements to the front line, where he found the situation serious, as the enemy had captured the commanding point of the hill. He immediately led a counter-attack and forced the enemy right back, showing great initiative and skill in the way he handled his men.

241741 Sjt. R. Cromarty, Sea. Highrs. (Kirkwall).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his officer had become a casualty he took charge of the platoon, and, establishing himself in a position, inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy, who were in greatly superior numbers. He withdrew only when in danger of being completely surrounded to a fresh position, where he fell shortly afterwards severely wounded. His courage and coolness throughout were worthy of the highest praise.

62318 Serjt. E. W. Crone, R.F.A. (Ballincolling).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a period of five hours, the battery, under a heavy bombardment of gas and other shells, were firing with box respirators on. Serjt. Crone kept his gun in action, in spite of casualties, during all the time, and though offered relief from the duties of gunlayer, which he was performing in addition to others, he refused, knowing that layers were badly needed for other guns in action. Finally, when the enemy appeared over a ridge about 500 yards off, he maintained a rapid fire over open sights, and covered the retirement of the remaining guns. The fine example set by this N.C.O. was of great value throughout a trying period.

238203 C.S.M. J. Cropper, M.M., W. Yorks. R. (Altofts).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an intense bombardment, followed by an enemy attack, this warrant officer showed great coolness and courage, and by his clever controlling of fire inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy.

397912 2nd Cpl. (A./Sjt.) R. E. Crosley, R.E. (Silksworth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a demolition party for the destruction of bridges. The electric leads having been cut by rifle fire, he crawled out along the bridge under heavy machine-gun fire at close range and repaired them. He then demolished the bridge with the enemy only 50 yards away.

40458 Pte. F. W. L. Cross, M.M., R.A.M.C. (Paddington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty with a party of stretcher-bearers during an enemy attack. When two bearers were hit he crawled out from behind a farmhouse and carried in one. Then, accompanied by a serjeant of Field Ambulance, he went out to bring in the other bearer, but the serjeant was hit. He dragged in the second bearer, and went out a third time and helped the serjeant to cover. His conduct throughout was magnificent.

149099 Bomdr. W. Cross, R.F.A. (Boston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His serjeant having been wounded and he himself gassed, he continued throughout seven days to command his gun with the greatest courage and skill, setting a fine example of energy and cheerfulness. On one occasion, when his detachment had been wounded, he manned his gun alone.

12/18926 R.Q.M.S. S. Cummins, R. Ir. Rif. (Ballymena).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took charge of a lorry bringing up rations, and with great difficulty distributed the rations among detached parties in the front line. It was due to his efforts that these men got rations. They did not belong to his battalion, and his work was entirely voluntary.

21399 Pte. (A./Cpl.) G. M. Cunliffe, L'pool R. (Wallasey).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an enemy attack he took over the work of platoon serjeant, performing the duties most efficiently at a most difficult time. Later, whilst the platoon was counter-attacking, he showed leadership of a high order.

25187 Pte. R. Cunningham, R. Scots (Edinburgh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He volunteered to go out and capture an enemy machine-gun which had been harassing our lines all the morning. He went out, and in spite of enemy snipers got round the flank and reached a point 50 yards in rear of the gun, which he then rushed and captured the crew of three. He returned with the gun and two of the crew, the third being too badly wounded to bring away. A very daring enterprise, and a fine example to all who witnessed it.

292305 Gnr. C. H. Currie, R.G.A. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty throughout three days of severe fighting when in charge of a visual station. He

maintained communication between batteries and brigade amidst most heavy and accurate shell fire until both his lamps were destroyed. He then tapped in on the nearest cable line, and acted as intermediate linesman. Throughout this period his conduct was magnificent.

645179 Cpl. R. Currie, R.F.A. (W. Kilbride).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of an ammunition dump that was four times set on fire by the enemy's shells. On each occasion he organised parties to extinguish the fires, and at a critical time, when every round was of the utmost value, by his personal efforts and disregard of danger he ensured the necessary supply to the guns.

88390 C.S.M. (A./R.S.M.) T. Curtis, R.E. (Worcester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was ordered to remove some howitzers, but, on advancing, he found that the railway and batteries in the vicinity were being heavily shelled and the line broken. He repaired the line, under heavy fire, until he came to a part which was destroyed beyond repair. After notifying the battery commander that it was impossible to get through, he collected wounded and organised their evacuation from the dressing station. He set a fine example of soldierly courage and disregard for personal danger.

21000 Pte. R. Cuthbertson, Durh. L.I. (Consett).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the progress of a counter-attack this man showed great courage and determination. He was one of a small party who reached the ultimate objective, and during village fighting, when men were wavering under heavy fire from the houses, he pushed on to the further end of the village, materially assisting in the success of its recapture.

20842 Serjt. W. Cuthbertson, M.M., Ches. R. (Dumbarton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He volunteered to patrol the company front, and obtained valuable information. Later during the night he again went out, and, though badly hit, succeeded in evading the enemy and crawling back with information which was urgently required. He set a splendid example.

13330 Pte. S. Dack, S. Gds. (Australia).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was one of a strong patrol which located and rushed an enemy post at night. He killed three of the enemy, fearlessly entering a dug-out on his own initiative. He displayed great courage and determination.

4868 C.S.M. E. E. Dale, N. Staffs R. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Throughout recent operations this warrant officer displayed great coolness and

devotion to duty. He took charge of a platoon when the officer had become a casualty, and handled it with great skill. He was at all times of the greatest assistance to his company commander.

7777 C.S.M. T. Dalton, Lan. Fus. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when sent up in charge of a platoon to fill a gap in the support line. The operation was a difficult one, as the country was open and the fire was very heavy, but he succeeded in getting his men in position and took charge of that part of the line until relieved. His conduct throughout was of great service.

15346 Pte. C. Darlow, C. Gds. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While acting as stretcher-bearer, though wounded in the hand and forearm by shell splinter, he continued to succour his comrades, remaining at duty another two days until wounded in the arm by a machine-gun bullet. He undoubtedly saved many lives.

30060 Sjt. (A./Sq./S.M.) E. Davies, Yeo. (Gt. Birington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when he did much to assist in repelling an attack by rallying men of formations disorganised by heavy barrage fire, and fighting the enemy with them. By his initiative and disregard of personal danger he gave valuable assistance in saving a critical situation.

26083 A./Serjt. I. Davies, Welsh R. (Llantrisant).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He commanded his platoon with great skill and gallantry during a rearguard action, and tried his utmost to rescue his wounded officer when the enemy were within forty yards. His devotion to duty was great.

88193 C.S.M. J. Davies, R.E. (W. Norwood, S.E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He worked at repairing the railway with conspicuous energy, in order that some howitzers might be withdrawn, and in spite of heavy shell fire did not return until relieved.

22035 L./Sjt. R. Davies, L.N. Lanc. R. (Leigh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an enemy attack their advance had placed them in possession of a position of some importance. Serjt. Davies moved over the open with five men, under machine-gun fire at close range, and established a block that prevented the further advance of the enemy in that direction. A bombing party of one officer and nine men, to whom he then attached himself, were being checked by the fire of an enemy machine-gun, but he brought a Lewis gun into action and kept down the enemy fire, thus making the advance of the bombing party possible. Later in the day, with five men, he held an advanced post some 400 yards in front of our line, under heavy fire, to prevent surprise during the reorganisation

of our line of resistance. His courage and his coolness during the whole day were of great assistance to his officers and a very fine example to the men.

16746 Sjt. T. Davies, L.N. Lanc. R. (Farnworth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This non-commissioned officer displayed great gallantry and fine qualities of leadership when he drove the enemy out of the trenches they had occupied during an attack. On a subsequent occasion, together with an officer, he rushed an enemy machine-gun which was firing down our trenches and captured it. Throughout the operations the example he set his men was very fine.

5301 R.S.M. G. J. Davis, R. Scots Fus. (Dorsingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he organised battalion headquarter details and a machine-gun, taking up a position which checked the enemy, who were threatening the flank of the retiring companies. After covering the withdrawal, he brought his party back to the reserve line.

S/6346 Cpl. H. J. Davis, Rif. Bde. (Kentish Town, N.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under intense shell fire, he organised all the medical orderlies and stretcher-bearers of his brigade, and it was due to his untiring devotion to duty that all the wounded were evacuated from our position before the enemy occupied it. Throughout prolonged operations he set a fine example to all about him.

63537 Sjt. J. Davis, M.M., R.E. (Cockermouth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When lines forward of brigade headquarters were broken, he volunteered to go out and establish communication, which he did by running between the cable head and the advanced relay post, a distance of some 600 yards. He performed this journey several times under the most intense shell fire. Later he made a reconnaissance of the brigade front, bringing back most valuable information. His untiring energy and high courage throughout a trying day were beyond praise.

32518 Cpl. W. J. Davis, M.M.G. Corps (Banbridge).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This non-commissioned officer received orders to take his gun to a cross-roads which were held by the enemy with a machine gun. Directing his gun-carriage with the gun firing at the machine gun he killed the team, and on arrival at the cross-roads shot several of the enemy with his revolver, and also turned the captured machine gun on to them.

33591 Cpl. J. Davison, York and Lanc. Regt. (New Seaham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While the officer in charge of his party was engaging an enemy machine-gun post from the front, he worked round the flanks with six men and rushed the post.

The operation was completely successful, and the garrison and machine guns captured.

19763 Pte. J. F. R. Davison, York. R. (Washington, Co. Durham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This man with another was a company stretcher-bearer. These two continually crossed an open gap of about fifty yards, swept by machine-gun fire, attending to wounded and carrying them away. On another occasion they volunteered to fetch water from a water point exposed to fire, and though a water can was shot out of their hands while filling it, they managed to bring back three cans full to their company, who were urgently in need of it.

40699 Pte. A. B. Dawes, Linc. R. (Mansfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of a Lewis gun. He was always the last to withdraw from a position, and his covering fire was invaluable to the remainder of the company. He accounted for a large number of the enemy, got his gun safely away at the last moment, and showed great determination and courage.

M2/050383 Pte. J. A. Dawson, A.S.C. (Dundee).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He behaved with great gallantry when clearing wounded from advanced positions under heavy shell fire. On several occasions he brought away as many as six men at a time. Once he drove his car (an unarmoured Ford) through a very intense barrage to the rescue of wounded men—the bursts of the shells at times lifting the car, which was riddled with fragments, right off the roadway. He was frequently under machine-gun fire during the performance of his duties in a retirement, and took his car into the rear-guard to pick up wounded men. During one successful counter-attack, he was well in front of the armoured motor-cars to bring back wounded left by the roadside until they could be got away. He continued at his duty with conspicuous courage until he was severely wounded.

12728 C.S.M. T. Dawson M.M., Ches. R. (Stockport).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when acting regimental serjeantmajor. He was one of the last of a covering party left to cover the withdrawal of the battalion, and remained until the enemy were in the trench and both flanks exposed. He displayed great courage, and set a fine example to all ranks.

55468 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) E. D. Day, M.G.C. (Rickmansworth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. When in a forward position, which was attacked at night, he fired his guns so effectively that the attack was repulsed. When the infantry were ordered to withdraw he remained behind and fired the remainder of his ammunition at the enemy at very close range, inflicting severe casualties. Finally, being unable to get his gun away, he destroyed it and joined the

infantry. On all occasions he has shown the greatest courage and resource.

22169 Sjt. W. Day, M.G.C. (Peterboro').

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. When his officer was wounded, he took charge of the section and worked the fire of his guns with great skill, repelling many hostile attacks. Although wounded, he kept his gun in action, and took it forward in front of the infantry to obtain a better position. He continued to fire until he fainted from loss of blood. His courage and devotion were beyond praise.

59593 Pte. C. E. Dean, Durh. L.I. (Walstanton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Together with another man, he volunteered to rush a bridge, which the enemy had taken for the second time. Owing to the example of these two, others joined them, and the bridge was retaken, Pte. Dean being wounded in the ankle by gunshot.

1/8959 Rfn. T. Deeds, R. Ir. Rif. (Belfast).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. When three runners had been hit trying to get through with a message, he volunteered to try. He was hit almost immediately, but got the message through and brought the answer back.

S.T.K.378 C.S.M. W. H. C. Deeks, R. Fus. (Salmon Lane, E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in organising the carrying of bombs and the movement of Lewis guns, and involuntarily going forward and bringing back important information. On his way back he carried a wounded man to a place of safety through very heavy mud and under fire the whole time from snipers and machine-guns. Throughout he set a splendid example of great energy, determination, and cheerfulness, and showed complete disregard for his own personal safety.

250566 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) R. Dennerley, Manch. R. (Ashton-on-Mersey).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when, his officers having fallen, he took command of two platoons, and for 18 hours showed the greatest dash and initiative. Later, in a counter-attack, he killed four of the enemy with his own bayonet.

D./7522 Pte. P. Dent, Dns. (York).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in carrying wounded across an area swept by machine-gun and rifle fire and through a village street which was being heavily bombarded the whole time. He repeatedly made this journey with one other man, until every case had been evacuated and all the dead carefully examined. It was undoubtedly due to the energy and courage of these two men that many lives were saved.

39697 Cpl. A. Dewhurst, M.G.C. (Blackburn).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. When he was wounded in the leg, and all his team became casualties,

he bandaged the men himself and dispatched them to the First Aid Post. He then reorganised the gun teams in his section under heavy shell fire, and got them into action before having his own wounds attended to.

16491 Sjt. C. J. Dexter, Linc. R. (Barrowden).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in a raid he led his men with great spirit and determination to the second objective. He was here wounded, but continued to fight until he collapsed. His courage and disregard of danger were an inspiring example to his men.

13662 Sjt. D. D. Dick, H.L.I. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he led his platoon with the greatest courage and ability. He assisted in the capture of several prisoners, and during the pursuit of the enemy beyond the final objective he led the way, and on reaching the protective barrage quickly reorganised his men, placed his standing patrols, and withdrew the remainder to consolidate the line.

14529 Sjt. W. Dick, R. Scots ("E" Edinburgh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in repelling an enemy attack with rifle fire until outflanked, when he withdrew, and, in spite of being wounded by shrapnel in the leg, continued to collect small parties and to hold up the enemy in a trench a short distance in rear. He held on to his position until wounded a second time, when his company commander ordered him back.

335419 C.S.M. W. S. Dickman, R. Scots (Peebles).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After all the officers of his company had been put out of action he took command of his company and held up a strong enemy attack, after which he successfully withdrew his men and took up a fresh position.

7878 L./Sjt. T. Dickson, H.L.I. (Edinburgh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He went forward with one man to reconnoitre the enemy strong point which was holding up the attack, and then led his platoon with great dash and skill, mopping up the post and capturing three machine guns and fourteen prisoners. Throughout the advance he set a fine example of initiative and courage.

725838 B./S./M. W. J. Dickson, R.F.A. (Divine).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of wagon lines. During a rearguard action lasting four days he always kept the battery with ammunition and rations, and showed great energy and capability under very trying conditions.

68703 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) H. L. Dingwall, R.A.M.C. (Brixton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of a collecting post which was blown up, he evacuated all the

wounded safely, making three journeys through a heavy barrage. He continued on duty for eight days without relief.

20437 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) D. Dobbie, M.M., R. Scots (Musselburgh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He carried out several daring day-light reconnaissances, gaining much valuable information. He worked forward 200 yards from his lines, and brought back most useful identification of enemy dead.

49137 Sjt. W. Dobbie, L'pool R. (Stockport).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all officers having fallen he took command of the company and fought it with much courage and initiative, leading it to its objective. In all recent operations he has shown complete disregard of personal danger.

20/156 Sjt. J. A. Doherty, R. Ir. Rif. (Belfast).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was wounded on four different occasions but refused to withdraw from the fight, and carried on for eight days, when he was taken to the dressing station completely worn out.

53028 Cpl. G. Donald, M.M., L'pool R. (Penrith).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while commanding officer's orderly. He showed untiring energy in collecting and organising small-arms ammunition and bomb-carrying parties, and in reforming stragglers. And on one occasion, under a heavy barrage, his contempt of danger served to steady the men and restore confidence.

200592 A./C.S.M. G. Donnelly, L'pool R. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the mist lifted early in the morning a party of the enemy was observed close to the wire, using their rifles and machine guns. This N.C.O., with his company commander and another, armed with bombs, worked down a hedge and took the party in rear, six men and two officers being killed, and the remainder, with two machine guns, captured. The spirit and enthusiasm shown by this N.C.O. were admirable.

L/10081 Sjt. R. Dooley, R.F.A. (Chester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy reached the gun positions he immediately organised a party with rifles and covered the withdrawal of the detachments, he himself covering the withdrawal of his party. Later, he went out by himself on a flank and held up the enemy, enabling some officers and men who had been cut off to withdraw to safety.

20100 2nd Cpl. (A./Sjt.) A. G. Dorrington, R.E. (Ramsey).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With his section he attacked and captured a farm, killing many of the enemy and capturing three machine guns and 18

prisoners. He himself accounted for several of the enemy with his bayonet, and set a fine example to his men.

43723 Sjt. J. Douglas, R. Scots (Motherwell).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a platoon commander and during a counter-attack, when he rallied the scattered units of several battalions, led them forward and reached the desired objective. At a time when the shortage of officers was being severely felt, his services were invaluable, and his example inspired the greatest confidence.

19304 L./Cpl. J. Douglas, L'pool R. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When half the men in a fire-bay were killed or wounded, he got out of his own bay under heavy shell fire and went to steady the unwounded men and to attend to the wounded, setting a fine example of coolness and determination.

41013 Gnr. C. J. K. Drake, R.F.A. (Limehouse, E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He fought his gun for 16 hours under heavy fire. During the fighting a shell set a .8 fuze was knocked and set off. He at once picked up the shell, ran away from the rest of the detachment, and threw it. This act of courage undoubtedly saved the lives of his detachment.

510451 C.S.M. J. M. Drennan, Lond. R. (Deal).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On seeing a party of the enemy retiring he at once worked round their flank accompanied by only one man, and engaged them. He succeeded in capturing the whole enemy party, consisting of three officers and 32 other ranks, together with a machine gun and a quantity of material. He showed magnificent courage and initiative.

8366 Sjt. E. Driver, North'n R. (Northampton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during lengthy operations, during which he received severe concussion, and although ordered by his C.O. to leave his post, he remained on duty, and set a fine example of courage and devotion to duty. Later, he took out a patrol, encountering a party of the enemy, and although considerably outnumbered, succeeded in capturing a machine gun and taking several prisoners.

265418 Cpl. G. H. Drury, Bedf. R. (Letchworth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations in patrolling the enemy's line and bringing back valuable information. During the attack he led a patrol party through, and, on reaching the objective, pushed on to the enemy's main line and reported their position to his platoon commander. The success of the operation and the covering of the consolidation were greatly due to his courage and skill. He captured a machine gun and made the enemy personnel carry it back.

19165 Pte. M. Duckworth, North'd Fus. (Sunderland).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an enemy attack he established a position on the left flank of the company, but, finding that the enemy continued to advance, he took his Lewis gun and magazines, and went forward under heavy shell and machine-gun fire, and established a position in front of the trench, where, by skilful use of his gun, he dispersed the enemy parties.

57808 Sjt. E. C. Dudgeon, M.M., R.E. (Belfast).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He assisted in putting a cable through to forward battalions, and then voluntarily reconnoitred the forward zone under heavy shell and machine gun fire, and brought back valuable information to Brigade Headquarters. On the same night he reorganised a party of men and defended a bridge until reinforcements arrived. Later he led forward a party of men with the cavalry, and instilled a fine fighting spirit into the men at a critical time.

19404 L./Cpl. (A./Cpl.) D. Dudley, M.G.C. (Brithdir).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under a heavy artillery barrage he kept his gun in action, inflicting severe losses on the enemy. When they several times got within bombing distance he successfully drove them off. On his gun being damaged by a shell, he took his rifle and killed several of the enemy at close range, then got his gun away, repaired it, and came into action again.

12657 Sjt. E. Duffy, Sco. Rif. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After all his officers had become casualties he collected men of his company under heavy shell and machine-gun fire, and fought a good rearguard action, inflicting many casualties on the enemy. A week later he displayed great coolness and good leadership in skilfully withdrawing his men when the enemy were right on his trench.

260109 L./Cpl. J. Duffy, Sea. Highrs. (Cootehill).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While in charge of a Lewis gun, which he used with great effect during five days' hard fighting, he inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy, holding up their advance on many occasions, and keeping down their fire while his platoon moved to new positions. His gallant conduct and devotion to duty in the face of greatly superior enemy forces materially helped to hold up their progress.

43145 L./Cpl. A. J. E. Duke, Essex R. (E. Dulwich).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. took sole charge under heavy shell fire of the arrangements for the evacuation of the wounded from a locality in the front line, and made excellent arrangements for a system of relief. He remained until all the wounded of his company had

been evacuated to a dressing station, and finally carried a wounded officer belonging to another unit a distance of some four miles. Throughout the action he showed complete disregard for his own safety, and set a very fine example to those serving under him.

630305 Whlr./Sjt. J. Duncan, R.F.A. (Macduff).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On one occasion, when it was of the greatest importance to keep as many guns in action as possible, this non-commissioned officer went on doing minor repairs to the guns that were firing, walking from pit to pit with complete disregard of danger, though exposed to heavy and continuous fire. His exertions were of the greatest value.

14163 B.Q.M.S. B. J. J. Dunn, R.G.A. (Tynemouth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the battery was under an intense gas and high explosive bombardment he showed splendid courage and leadership. When many of the gunners were falling out from the effects of gas and exhaustion, he went round the different guns and reorganised the detachments, working also as a gun member himself, and inspiring great confidence.

240510 Sjt. G. Dunnett, Sea. Highrs. (Wick).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When many officers had become casualties, he organised and established a post on a flank which was severely threatened by the enemy, and saved several parties which would in all probability have been captured. His conspicuous gallantry and initiative were an example and incentive to all ranks throughout the battle.

751204 B.S.M. W. Dunnington, R.F.A. (S. Shields).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the waggon line was being heavily shelled this warrant officer saw the necessity of moving the lines, which he proceeded to do, with great initiative, and supervised the removal of men, horses and vehicles with great courage, under heavy fire. It was owing to B.S.M. Dunnington's coolness and example that the move was carried out in a very orderly manner, and with only a few casualties.

18928 Cpl. W. J. Durman, Som. L.I. (Dunster).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the day of the engagement Corporal Durman organised and led several bombing parties to a place where the enemy were making repeated counter-attacks, and in the end, when the enemy's overwhelming numerical superiority made our position untenable, and we were forced to withdraw, he covered the retirement of his own and other sections, and he himself was the last man to go.

10773 C.S.M. G. Eastham, North'd Fus. (Stakeford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in the front line, when he set a magnificent example to all around him, under

very heavy shell fire. The shortage of officers entailed a great amount of extra work, which he did with the utmost cheerfulness. When the enemy attacked his men were well under control, with the result that they made the best possible use of their rifles, and the attack was driven off.

No. 93882 Spr. J. Easton, R.E. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy attacked in force he volunteered to man the only Lewis gun still in action, and maintained an effective and destructive fire on the enemy masses until they almost overwhelmed him. He withdrew only when his ammunition was expended and the enemy were in the trench he was defending. He retired to a new position, and, having replenished his ammunition, came into action again with great advantage, until his gun was put out of action the next morning. His fearless courage throughout was remarkable, and a fine example to all ranks.

41712 Cpl. J. F. Edney, Linc. R. (Islington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On one occasion, although wounded in the arm, he continued with fine gallantry and determination to bomb the enemy for six hours. Inflicting many losses on the enemy, he continued fighting until disabled by a second wound.

27594 Sjt. A. Edwards, R.F.A. (Bradford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack, when in charge of a single forward anti-tank gun. The officer detailed to go to it lost his way, and Sjt. Edwards was in sole command. He brought his gun into action on a section of hostile guns, and drove the crews from their guns. He kept his gun in action until the hostile infantry were within fifty yards, when he blew it up and retired.

350244 L./Sjt. H. Edwards, Lond. R. (Islington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action in command of a post. After a heavy T.M. barrage, his post was attacked four times by the enemy, who were repulsed, mainly owing to the courage and fine example which he showed to all ranks with him.

48265 2nd Cpl. (A./Sjt.) J. Elliot, M.M., R.E. (Edinburgh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when, in spite of fire and many difficulties, he succeeded in repairing an important signal cable. Again, the same evening he volunteered, and was successful in laying out another important line. And again, he remained behind during a withdrawal, and worked an abandoned Lewis gun so long as he could find any ammunition.

307116 Sjt. R. Elliott, M.M., R. War. R. (Fauldhouse).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He showed great courage and coolness, rallying his men

under heavy fire and re-establishing the position. His conduct throughout the operations was of a high order.

35371 L./Cpl. (A./Cpl.) C. Ellis, Essex R. (Westcliff).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a Lewis gun team during a hostile attack. Under a terrific bombardment, he fired his gun against the advancing enemy until practically surrounded, when he fought his way out, and established himself again in a fresh position. He set a splendid example.

235953 Sjt. J. G. Ellis, Lanc. Fus. (Thorpe Hamlet).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all his officers had become casualties, he took command of the company and successfully defended the position until wounded. He reorganised parties of men who had lost their leaders, and showed much coolness and determination.

13392 Sjt. W. Ellis, Leic. R. (Maltby).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during enemy attacks. He showed fine dash and courage in leading bombing attacks against the enemy. On three separate occasions part of the trench was captured by the enemy, and recaptured by the initiative of this N.C.O.

41590 Sjt. W. J. Elms, R.G.A. (Pontypridd).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty throughout ten days' operations, especially in helping in the successful withdrawal of the guns from a position under heavy shell fire, and later in keeping his guns in action throughout a bombardment, when the stress of five days' fighting was beginning to tell on the men, and his energy and endurance inspired them to fresh exertions.

301288 L./Sjt. (A./Sjt.) P. B. Elmslie, M.M., R.A.M.C. (Aberdeen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He worked with unremitting energy and great devotion to duty in looking after the wounded at a regimental aid post of a Highland regiment, which was under heavy shell fire and was drenched with gas, also directing the work of the stretcher-bearers with skill and coolness. Though fatigued almost to the point of exhaustion, he toiled unceasingly for three days. When the dug-out became too crowded, he attended to the wounded in a shelter on the road, exposed to a shell fire of unusual severity, but through all this trying time he never lost his cool and cheerful demeanour, and was always ready to undergo any risk or hardship.

332968 L./Cpl. T. Elston, L'pool R. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This man was No. 1 of a Lewis gun team. When his N.C.O. was killed he took command of the team, and served his gun under very difficult circumstances with great determination. On two occasions he was completely buried with gun and team, but when dug out carried on and got his gun

into action again. He kept the post intact and the gun firing until relieved.

400743 Spr. J. English, R.E. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He repeatedly under very heavy fire repaired telephone lines, though twice blown off his feet by shell fire. He did splendid work in maintaining communication.

171743 Gnr. D. Evans, R.G.A. (Llanely).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an intense high-explosive and gas bombardment, this gunner refused to leave his gun, and continued to serve it as long as he was able, although wounded in the leg and arm.

300279 Sjt. G. Evans, Manch. R. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of an advanced post, with instructions to watch a village owing to the position of the enemy being uncertain. He advanced through the village with one man, until a strong party of the enemy were encountered. One of these he shot. He sent back important information and located a machine gun. Throughout the day he kept in touch with the enemy, and showed great initiative and courage.

46497 Spr. H. Evans, R.E. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. was in charge of the signalling detachment sent forward to establish communication at a forward report centre in the first objective line. All his men except two orderlies became casualties, and he himself was wounded. Nevertheless he pushed forward and established communication to the front and rear by lamp and "buzzer." Under very heavy enemy fire he maintained his position throughout the day, and did not close down the station until our troops had withdrawn beyond the place where it was situated. Spr. Evans's services to the Brigade were very valuable.

240282 Sjt. H. E. Evans, E. Lanc. R. (Oswaldtwistle).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in command of a platoon he observed the enemy massing under cover of a wood, preparatory to an attack. He promptly moved forward, occupied some high ground near the wood, and with Lewis gun fire dispersed the enemy. His gallant conduct and able leadership were instrumental in nullifying the enemy's efforts to carry out his projected attack.

200895 Sjt. J. A. Evans, S. Staff. R. (Blackheath).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the platoon commander was killed, he led seven attacks, and eventually, after cutting a gap through the wire, led a storming party through and captured the post, killing twenty and taking eleven prisoners and a machine gun. He then rallied his men and reorganised the line.

H/5118 Cpl. L. P. Evans, M.M., R.F.A. (Dolgelly).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under heavy fire of gas and H.E. shells, he mended the telephone lines to the battery, which had all been cut by the enemy bombardment, working for many hours with his box respirator on, and for the first part of the time in darkness. Later on the line was again cut, but he communicated by visual signalling, the house from which he was signalling sustaining five direct hits while he was in it. It was on this N.C.O.'s gallantry and devotion to duty that depended the safety of the battery during the enemy's attack, which was successfully repulsed.

G/11205 C.S.M. W. Everett, R.W. Surr. R. (Camberwell).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He remained at company headquarters, under heavy shell fire, after his company commander had been wounded, and on another occasion showed great courage in delivering an important message, being the only man who succeeded in getting through. Later, he took over the duties of regimental serjeant-major, and on four occasions helped to reorganise the battalion.

775 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) R. R. Ewbank, King Edward's Horse (Birkenhead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in the defence of posts, when the troop officer and senior serjeant had become casualties in hand-to-hand fighting. Although attacked by the enemy in force of about fifteen to one, he organised the defensive flank and held it for three hours. He showed magnificent courage and initiative in dealing rapidly with a succession of situations, each of which was critical.

13277 Pte. F. Eyles, E. Surr. R. (Wands-worth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This man was No. 1 of a Lewis gun team engaged in an attack, with orders to take his gun as near as possible to an enemy strong point and destroy it. He pushed forward, under heavy fire, and engaged it until wounded, having to withdraw on account of his wounds; he carried back a message, and in doing this was wounded a second and third time before he succeeded in delivering it.

14842 C.S.M. W. Fairhurst, M.M., L'pool R. (Southport).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a week's operations he displayed gallantry and coolness, organising defences and bombing blocks, and going up and down the company line across the open under heavy fire encouraging the men in their work.

26960 Sjt. G. Falconer, Hamps. R. (Whit-church, Hants.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under heavy shell fire he established his observation post, and sent back valuable information to battalion headquarters, locating enemy transport and guns, and causing artillery fire to be directed on them. Throughout he did fine work.

4171 Cpl. A. W. Farr, M.G.C. (Vauxhall, S.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy attempted to attack the isolated positions he was occupying in front of our infantry, he fearlessly exposed himself in order to obtain better observation. He directed the fire of his guns with such effect and caused such heavy losses that the enemy on two occasions were forced to retire. This N.C.O.'s courage and initiative undoubtedly prevented the advance of strong enemy formations, and allowed our infantry time to get well consolidated in their new positions. Although severely wounded, he would not leave his guns, and throughout the operations he set a fine example of soldierly qualities to the men under him.

34695 B./S./M. E. P. Faulkner, R.F.A. (Newcastle-on-Tyne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After several failures he succeeded in getting the gun teams through the hostile barrage to the guns. There he found himself surrounded by the enemy, but by his coolness and daring succeeded in getting the teams away.

240464 L./Cpl. H. Fawcett, W. Rid. R. (Huddersfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of a Lewis gun during a withdrawal. He surprised a column of the enemy, causing many casualties among them. The column turned three light machine guns on to him, but he kept his gun in action, and gave his company time to take up a position for defence. He showed absolute fearlessness.

8244 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) J. Fenton, York. L.I. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while acting as company serjeant-major. Under several heavy enemy attacks he with great coolness organised and encouraged the various posts, and personally took a carrying party through a fire-swept area, successfully bringing up ammunition. He showed fine courage and untiring energy throughout.

300597 Cpl. A. Ferguson, Arg. & Suth'd Highrs. (Kilfinnan).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when the enemy, about forty strong, had gained a footing in our trenches. He prevented their further advance by firing rifle grenades at them, and gave time for a block to be made in the trench, which he superintended himself under heavy machine-gun fire. At night he crept out alone to the enemy position and brought back valuable information regarding their strength and dispositions.

8634 Pte. J. Ferguson, M.M., Scots Gds. (Aberdeen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, when his fighting spirit, example, and useful knowledge of the country has been continuously of the greatest service during the last four years.

9865 Sjt. E. W. Fern, R.E. (Stroud).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty under heavy enemy fire. Although early wounded he remained in charge of company stores, and saved all important secret papers and sent them away, remaining himself with four wounded men. These he caused to be evacuated. He showed fine courage and devotion to duty.

7565 Cpl. W. J. Field, R. Fus. (Kilburn).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Throughout seven days' hard fighting this N.C.O., who was charged with bringing up ammunition to the front line, never failed to accomplish his task and hand over his load to an officer in a regular manner. On one occasion he led a party of three limbers, with ammunition, for the Stokes guns, in spite of heavy fire of all descriptions, right up to the guns, and handed over his load to an officer, from whom he obtained a receipt. The ammunition arrived at a very critical moment, when it was badly wanted, and Corporal Field's devotion to duty in pushing through in spite of the barrage enabled the guns to inflict great losses on the enemy.

265297 R.S.M. C. Finch, M.C., M.M., North'd Fus. (Gateshead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a counter-attack. He displayed great coolness and determination in collecting and distributing ammunition under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire after the objectives had been captured.

105889 C.S.M. H. Finch, R.E. (Wolverhampton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He managed to detach two waggons containing shells which had been ignited by enemy fire from a train, and by his gallant action saved the rest. He has previously done fine work.

414801 Spr. P. A. Findlayson, R.E. (Edinburgh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a counter-attack over the open on a trench which had just been captured by the enemy this man displayed most conspicuous gallantry, encouraging the men by his words and example in the advance under heavy machine-gun fire. When the enemy had been driven out of the trench, he rushed forward with complete disregard of danger, and engaging an enemy machine gun that was causing many casualties to our troops he succeeded in putting it out of action. During all this action and many days' severe fighting his fine spirit and disregard of danger were admirable examples to all ranks of his own and other units.

250449 Sjt. P. Finn, M.M., Dur. L.I. (Barnard Castle).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the officers of his company became casualties he took command, and led his men under very heavy shell fire, holding on to successive positions in the face of overwhelming numbers, and offering the most determined resistance.

42972 Sjt. F. H. Fisher, M.G.C. (Blackheath).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in keeping his guns in action under heavy shell and machine-gun fire. When withdrawing he chose his new position with great ability, and, although wounded, continued at his post, and by his courage and coolness retarded the advance of the enemy at a critical period.

50183 C.S.M. J. Fisher, Lan. Fus. (Greenfield, Yorks.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company was covering the withdrawal of the brigade and other units to a stronger line it was heavily attacked. This W.O., with complete disregard of danger, controlled his men with great skill, and, when the enemy charged, he killed some who were about to bayonet a Lewis gunner who was changing a magazine. Throughout the operations he set a fine example to his men.

G/15032 C.S.M. R. C. Fisher, Midd'x R. (U. Holloway, N.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, especially during an enemy attack when the line was pierced on the right. This W.O., with seven men, held up the enemy until a counter-attack restored the situation. It was through this W.O.'s steadiness that the flank was saved.

240358 C.S.M. W. Fisher, W. Rid. R. (Huddersfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He led a bombing squad up a communication trench occupied by a strong enemy force, drove them back, and, with rifle grenades, put out of action an enemy machine gun. His fine performance greatly encouraged his men.

D/6581 Sjt. J. Fishwick, M.M., D. Gds. (Colne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led a small reconnoitring party to inspect the enemy's disposition, and, having got behind an advance post, he attacked it, causing severe casualties and bringing back one prisoner and three machine guns. This was done under heavy hostile machine-gun fire.

184407 Gnr. (L./Bdr.) F. C. Fitter, R.F.A. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the officer commanding his section had been severely wounded this N.C.O. took command and maintained personal connection with the nearest field battery, taking orders from them to open fire. One mortar was destroyed by enemy fire, but the other was kept in action until our infantry withdrew through the mortars and the enemy were within fifty yards of the line. The mortar was blown up and the casualties sent back. He then withdrew his men to form a screen in front of a R.H.A. battery, using rifles against the enemy and their aeroplanes, and he materially assisted in the withdrawal of the battery. Bombardier Fitter displayed great gallantry under very difficult circumstances, and, in the absence of

an officer, showed marked initiative and conspicuous power of command.

67564 Sjt. E. J. FitzGerald, M.G.C. (Portsmouth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of an infantry platoon he encountered the enemy in large numbers. By his fine example he dispersed the enemy in hand-to-hand fighting. Later, in the evening, when in charge of a patrol, he penetrated the enemy lines and brought back eight prisoners and very valuable information.

307290 Cpl. J. Flanigan, R. War. R. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a large portion of his company became disorganised under heavy fire he rallied them and took them forward through the barrage to the trenches they had withdrawn from. Throughout the operations he showed great coolness and was a fine example to his men.

37527 B.S.M. J. W. Fleet, R.F.A. (Bolton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a heavy bombardment by the enemy caused a gun pit to ignite, the flames rising to fifteen feet, he sent men for more water and remained in the pit preventing the fire from spreading. On obtaining water he rushed to the ammunition pit, where cartridges were already exploding, and it was entirely owing to his resource and gallantry that a serious situation was saved.

12420 Serjt. A. Fleming, K.O. Sco. Bord. (Methil).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed fine courage and untiring energy in keeping up the supply of ammunition, by leading carrying parties over the open under heavy fire with ammunition to the forward posts.

240349 C.S.M. J. T. Fletcher, M.M., York. L.I. (Chesterfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led a bombing party along a trench, and, under point-blank machine-gun fire, threw a bomb and killed the enemy machine gunner, and followed up the retiring enemy. Later, he was largely responsible for the success of a party led by an officer in capturing three enemy machine guns and putting several other enemy parties to flight. He showed great dash and gallantry.

R/1294 L./Cpl. S. J. Fletcher, M.M., K.R.R.C. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O., who was in command of a Lewis gun section, covered the withdrawal of his company in a most gallant manner. Though wounded, he kept his gun in action, causing heavy casualties to the enemy, who were advancing in large numbers. It was not until his company had been successfully withdrawn that he took his section out of action. His courage on this and many previous occasions was most marked.

9377 Sjt. T. Fletcher, Shrop. L.I. (Shrewsbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all his officers had been either killed or wounded, he maintained his position, notwithstanding heavy shelling and machine-gun fire, and the fact that the troops on either flank had retired. He withdrew eventually, only when almost surrounded, to a new position, which he and his men held with great gallantry, though heavily attacked, until relieved by other troops.

305066 C.S.M. W. Fletcher, Lanc. Fus. (Salford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when he rallied stragglers and organised a defensive position with them. His courage and initiative on several occasions were most marked.

No. 65638 Sjt. J. Foley, M.M., R.E. (Greenford Green).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. He showed great courage and resource in collecting and organising stragglers from several units. His position was heavily shelled and nearly out-flanked, but by his courage and determination he kept his men in the position until the withdrawal was ordered.

62011 Pte. (A./L./Cpl.) F. Foley, M.M., R.A.M.C. (Cappoquin).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He was in charge of bearers carrying wounded from regimental aid-posts. Under heavy fire he showed great coolness in organising his bearers, directing walking wounded and civilians, carrying up dressings, and attending to wounded in the open. He worked untiringly, and did fine service.

1226 Sjt. J. Foley, Ir. Gds. (Doncaster).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under very severe shell fire from the enemy, part of the trench that was held by this non-commissioned officer's platoon was blown in, and one section was buried. In spite of the shelling he dug out the men, with the assistance of some others. In the subsequent attack launched by the enemy he handled his platoon with great ability. Throughout the eight days the battalion was in line his cheerful devotion to duty and calm courage were a splendid example to his weary men.

2240 Sjt. W. G. Foot, R.W. Kent R. (Bexley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon with great skill and gallantry, and under heavy machine-gun fire gained his objective and maintained his position.

95177 Pte. W. J. Ford, Tank Corps (Exeter).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a rearguard action. He volunteered to remain behind with an officer to cover the withdrawal of the remainder of the company, with two Lewis guns. He remained firing until the post was entirely

surrounded, and then cut his way out with the last drum of ammunition and carrying the guns. He set a splendid example of courage throughout.

16660 L./Cpl. E. Foreman, Dur. L.I. (Beamish).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company commander was ordered to withdraw to a new position, he volunteered to stay behind with his Lewis gun to cover the withdrawal. Alone he mounted his gun in an exposed position, and successfully checked parties of the advancing enemy before returning to the company with his gun. He displayed great gallantry and determination.

7651 Pte. W. Fortes, E. York. R. (Folkestone).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When taken prisoner, this man seized a rifle from one of the escort, killed three and brought the fourth man back to the lines. After handing over the prisoner, he returned to his company and fought splendidly throughout the battle.

1015 L./C. C. H. Fossey, M.M., Hrs. (Fulham, S.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when, on his own initiative, he continually went out to points in a village reported to be in occupation of the enemy to ascertain the exact position. Later, he rendered valuable service in rallying the men of disordered units, and did much to save a very critical situation.

14752 B.S.M. C. W. Foster, R.G.A. ("E" Barnsley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The battery was heavily shelled for three hours and suffered fifteen casualties among the gun detachments. This W.O. went from one detachment to the other, replacing the casualties and attending to the wounded, and managing to keep up a steady rate of fire.

21340 Sjt. J. Foster, R. Welsh Fus. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In an attack on the enemy position, having reached his objective, he disposed his platoon for defence, and then reconnoitring the flanks found that the other two platoons of his company had lost their officers and platoon sergeants. He immediately assumed command, and was of the greatest assistance in organising them for defence. All his dispositions had to be made under heavy shell and machine-gun fire. His fine example and behaviour and conspicuous ability in dealing with the situation inspired the men with great confidence.

11596 L./Sjt. W. Fowler, Dur. L.I. (Chester-le-Street).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an intense bombardment of his trench he rallied his platoon and beat off three enemy attacks. Next day he again beat off the enemy. It was due to his skilful regulating of rifle and Lewis gun fire that the enemy were repulsed with heavy losses. He showed fine courage and leadership.

29624 Pte. E. Fox, Ches. R. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when, word having been brought in to the piquet line that the enemy was advancing in force, he took his Lewis gun out to the front, inflicting heavy casualties on the advancing waves, and materially helping to break up the attack. His action enabled the scouts to withdraw to the piquet line, and he maintained his position until ordered to retire, his conduct throughout being highly praiseworthy.

2788 Cpl. A. Fraser, R. Highrs. (Mt. Stewart).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed great gallantry during an enemy attack, which was repulsed with heavy losses, a successful result to which his own exceptional skill in shooting with the Lewis gun largely contributed. The coolness with which he directed the fire of the men about him was very marked, and throughout the fight his demeanour was a fine example to all. The same night he went out on patrol and brought back useful information.

200031 C.S.M. D. P. Fraser, Cam'n Highrs. (Boat of Garten).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when, all the platoon commanders having become casualties, he took command of two platoons and formed a defensive flank for two companies. The line having to be withdrawn he made this possible by covering the retirement, and throughout the action showed conspicuous skill and contempt of personal danger in the organising and handling of his command.

265728 Pte. J. Fraser, Gord. Highrs. (Aberdeen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as battalion runner. He carried numerous messages through a heavily shelled area and over country swept by machine-gun fire. On one occasion, when the enemy were behind battalion headquarters and the aid post being used by the M.O. was almost surrounded, he took a message through and so saved several wounded from being taken prisoners. He has shown on many occasions great courage and resource.

9671 Cpl. G. Frater, Durh. L.I. (Sunderland).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. was in charge of the company Lewis guns, and it was due to his initiative and energy that the gun panniers were got up to the forward positions. When the enemy attacked in force he stood on the parapet of the trench in full view of the enemy and directed the fire of his gun. Although twice hit through the pouch and haversack he maintained his position until he was severely wounded and had to be carried out, after setting a splendid example to his men.

22335 B.S.M. W. A. Freeman, R.F.A. (Bulford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the battery ammunition

wagons were moving along a narrow road five 5.9 shells fell in rapid succession about the centre of the column, causing many casualties to men and horses and damaging many vehicles. Battery Serjeant-Major Freeman showed great coolness and gallantry under fire, rapidly clearing away the wounded men and dead horses and broken vehicles, and so reopened the road for the columns of other units extending for over a mile behind his own wagons.

9207 C.S.M. D. French, M.M., Bedf. R. (Biggleswade).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During many enemy attacks in the course of a battle lasting some days, he was constantly visiting all the posts, keeping up a good supply of bombs and small arm ammunition, encouraging the men by his cheerful courage and energy, and doing good service everywhere under very heavy artillery and machine-gun fire. When nearly all the warrant and non-commissioned officers had become casualties he helped to reorganise the units, taking his place when necessary in the front firing line. When the order to retire was eventually received he rallied the men and led them into a position to help the troops already occupying the defences.

R/4184 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) J. French, M.M., K.R.R.C. (Walworth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all his officers had become casualties this N.C.O., who was acting as company serjeant-major, took command of the company, and with great courage and initiative succeeded in restoring part of the line that had given way under very heavy shelling and machine-gun fire. His energy and power of command kept his men in hand under difficult circumstances. On a subsequent occasion he led his company forward during a counter-attack with great gallantry. He was wounded in this operation.

278859 Cpl. H. Friel, Arg. & Suth'd Highrs. (Bathgate).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This non-commissioned officer remained in a most exposed position under heavy fire for hours, covering the withdrawal of troops with the fire of the Lewis-gun of which he was in charge. He did not retire until almost surrounded by the enemy, whose advance was disorganised and delayed by the heavy casualties he inflicted on them. He set a fine example of coolness and courage throughout the operations.

S/21422 Cpl. J. Friel, M.M., Cam'n Highrs. (Uddingston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The casualties which this man, who was in charge of a Lewis-gun section, caused the enemy in two days' fighting were enormous. He showed great courage and resource in handling his gun.

281215 Pte. (L./Cpl.) E. Frimston, Lanc. Fus. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during recent operations. This N.C.O. on his own initiative took his Lewis-gun forward to an advanced position from which he could enfilade the enemy. He remained in

this position, doing excellent work although heavily fired on by the enemy, until he was ordered to withdraw by his company commander. His disregard of personal danger was most inspiring.

3/8311 Sjt. T. Fryer, W. York. R. (Leeds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a withdrawal, when he rallied a large portion of his company after they had been bombed out of a position on the left flank, and led them forward, retaking the lost position and thereby preventing the enemy from getting in behind the battalion. Later he was wounded.

24496 Spr. (A./L./Cpl.) E. C. Gale, R.E. (Chard).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He worked continuously under hostile bombardment for eight hours, of which four were intense, repairing telephone wires, and rendered invaluable service. Owing solely to his indomitable courage and resource uninterrupted telephonic communication was maintained throughout the day.

21028 Pte. A. Gamson, Wilts. R. (Corsham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He was in charge of a Lewis-gun team in an isolated position. He behaved with great gallantry, keeping back superior enemy numbers for hours, and carrying his gun under heavy fire across the open to get more ammunition. He did splendid work.

8179 Sjt. J. Gandy, Hrs. (Haverhill).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a counter-attack. He was in charge of the massed Hotchkiss rifles and covered the attack by fire from the right flank, using great skill and judgment in the direction of his fire, and thus enabling the regiment to secure its objective. He inflicted severe casualties on the retiring enemy. Later, when the counter-attack took place, he acted with great skill and courage, under an intense artillery and machine-gun fire.

420636 C.S.M. G. R. A. Gardiner, Lond. R. (Bethnal Green).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In face of weight of numbers the troops on the left of this warrant officer's company were forced back. He immediately took charge of the flank of his company and disposed them to stop the onrush. He then, under heavy fire, collected the retiring troops and led them back to their original line. By his rapid grasp of the situation, and the prompt and effective measures he took, the situation was restored.

202664 Sjt. J. G. Gardiner, M.M., Sea. Highrs. (Dundee).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In severe fighting and many rear-guard actions, the great gallantry displayed by this non-commissioned officer was a conspicuous example to the men of his company, of which he took charge when all the officers were either killed or wounded, leading them many times against superior numbers of the enemy. While the wounded of

another battalion were being evacuated from a position from which our troops were being withdrawn he remained behind, and by his conduct enabled them to be safely removed.

52278 Sjt. S. J. Gardner, R.F.A. (King's Cross).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy infantry was within 300 yards of his battery he assisted in removing sights and strikers under heavy fire. Before this, during a heavy gas bombardment, he controlled the supply of ammunition from a dump 500 yards away through a heavy barrage. Finally, he took charge of a gun in another battery in rear, and laid over open sights for five hours. He showed fine courage and tenacity.

8264 Sjt. T. Gardner, M.M., H.L.I. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when, with one other man, he advanced across the open at imminent risk of his life to a position from which fire could be directed against a machine gun which was harassing our troops. This he silenced. He remained in this position until dark, sniping the enemy, who were endeavouring to percolate into the valley.

27239 A./R.S.M. W. Garner, Lan. Fus. (Harpurhey).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During three days very hard fighting this warrant officer worked with unremitting devotion under heavy fire, organising ration and ammunition parties and keeping supplies moving up to the men. It was due to his initiative and complete unconcern for his own safety that the supply of ammunition never failed during a particularly critical moment of the battle.

47750 Sjt. J. E. Gass, M.M., R.E. (Gateshead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When acting as brigade signalling serjeant he showed much initiative and determination in maintaining communication. Not once during the three stages of a withdrawal was there a failure to speak to every battalion on the telephone, and in more than one case the success of the withdrawal depended on this.

No. 97618 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) R. Gates, M.M., R.E. (Kensington Palace, W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This non-commissioned officer led twenty men in a counter-attack over the open, on the right flank, where the enemy had succeeded in breaking through. He succeeded in driving back the enemy, and restored the situation. He personally tackled a machine gun which was harassing our troops, and put it out of action. He rendered great assistance during ten days' fighting in leading and reorganising the men.

34625 Pte. J. Geary, E. Surr. R. (Wandsworth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The man was in charge of a Lewis gun during a counter-attack. He worked

it forward to a position from which he could fire on an enemy strong point, and kept his gun in action throughout the attack. When the order to withdraw was given he maintained his position, and even improved it by pushing forward into a small trench, and silenced various enemy snipers that were harassing a flank attack. His initiative had a material influence on the fight.

266466 L./Cpl. G. Geddes, Sea. Highrs. (Aberlour).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With five men of another unit he volunteered to go and bomb a post of Germans who had dug themselves in in front of our wire. In spite of heavy machine-gun fire the enterprise was successful, ten Germans being killed and fifteen captured. When his company withdrew he covered their retirement with his Lewis gun, though heavily shelled. Throughout the operations he showed great initiative and much courage.

11870 Sjt. W. Gee, York. L.I. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in reorganising his company when all his officers had become casualties. Throughout the day he fought his company with fine initiative, and showed great courage under intense artillery and machine-gun fire.

No. 5069 C./S.M. J. Gent, Bord. R. ("E" Carlisle).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the officers of his company had become casualties this warrant officer took command and reorganised it. He remained in command for four days, fighting a rearguard action the whole time. His magnificent example of courage and coolness against overwhelming odds inspired his men to a stubborn resistance, reducing his own casualties, and inflicting heavy losses on, and checking, the enemy.

12177 Pte. J. Gerrard, M.M., Ches. R. (Hadfield, nr. Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a counter-attack. He rushed forward and killed an enemy machine-gunner before he could open fire on his company. This action contributed greatly to the success of the attack.

240679 Sjt. J. D. Gibbon, Welsh R. (Pontypridd).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of the company, after all the company officers had become casualties, and displayed great skill and courage, and held an important position.

8455 Sjt. A. T. Gibbons, Linc. R. (Southsea).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when, the Adjutant having become a casualty, he collected information from various parts of the front and rendered very reliable reports. Again, he carried two Lewis guns out of action, which would otherwise have been taken, staying behind to do this on his own initiative.

13/364 Pte. J. Gibbs, M.M., York & Lanc. Regt. (Dukinfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when on patrol. He and four others went forward with the officer in charge to secure a prisoner. He personally reconnoitred the enemy posts, and when the post was rushed, he disarmed one of the enemy who was about to bayonet the officer in charge. Throughout he set a splendid example of courage and resource.

W/2203 Sjt. H. Gibson, R.F.A. (Burnley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When nearly all his detachment had been killed or wounded, Sjt. Gibson, who was No. 1, kept his gun in action throughout the night and early morning under a heavy bombardment of high explosive and gas shells. He helped to dress wounded men in the open, and by his courage and coolness enabled several ammunition wagons and their teams to get away, though many horses had been killed. The gun and detachment next to him had been blown up, but, though gassed and wounded in the arm, he refused to leave his gun, setting a fine example of gallantry and endurance during a critical time.

48213 Sjt. J. W. Gibson, Rif. Bde. (Scarborough).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After his officer was killed he took charge of his platoon and held his position against repeated heavy enemy attacks. He showed courage and ability of a very high order.

89056 C.S.M. C. Gilbert, R.E. (Chatham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, especially on one occasion, when this W.O. brought up and distributed ammunition among the garrison of a small post of R.E., who were acting as infantry. He took command, and held the post until practically surrounded, helping to cover the flank of a neighbouring party.

26519 C.S.M. J. Gilbert, Manch. R. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when all the machine and Lewis gunners in his trench became casualties, he mounted a Lewis gun under a hail of rifle and machine-gun fire, and effectually held up the enemy's enveloping attack on the flank. His coolness greatly encouraged the men, who put up a splendid fight, until reinforcements arrived and the crisis was passed.

265594 Sjt. J. Gilbert, Gord. Highrs. (Alford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon officer had become a casualty, this non-commissioned officer took command of the men, who were undergoing an intense bombardment. The example he set of cheerful courage as he moved about from post to post encouraging his men was of invaluable service to the defence; and throughout the operations, no matter how difficult the situation, his qualities of

leadership and personal gallantry were worthy of the highest praise.

12493 Pte. R. B. Gilbert, Ches. R. (Middlebro').

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a counter-attack a number of the enemy were passed unseen, and opened fire on our troops from the rear. On his own initiative he went back, and single-handed killed the whole of the enemy party. His performance was a splendid one, and throughout the whole of the operations his courage and determination were most marked.

81605 Sjt. R. E. Gilbert, M.G.C. (Forest Gate).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When ordered to cover with two machine guns a flank thrown open to the enemy, he successfully did so under heavy fire, inflicting such loss on the enemy as to enable the flank to be restored, and when the retreat had eventually to be continued, he held on to his position, covering the retreat until reserve guns were in position. Later, this N.C.O.'s guns were given an important position, which he maintained for four days, his conduct being an example to all ranks and worthy of the highest traditions of the Service.

350580 A./Sjt. L. Gillies, Arg. & Suth'd Highrs. (Arishaig).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With great courage and determination he drove back several strong attacks of greatly superior forces of the enemy who were trying to enter our main trench. He himself was throwing bombs for three hours until he was wounded. His fine leadership was largely the reason of the success of his bombing squad in resisting an enemy who so outnumbered them.

265442 Sjt. A. F. Gillingham, R. War. R. (Warwick).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He volunteered and made a reconnaissance under very heavy fire, and brought back valuable information. Throughout his courage and cheerfulness were of a high order.

14/2741 Pte. J. P. Gilmore, R. Ir. Rif., att'd. M.G.C. (Ballyclare).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When on patrol, he boldly attacked three of the enemy, who took to flight, one being wounded. On another occasion he took part in a charge, driving back and killing many of the enemy. Although wounded he returned to his company.

67614 Sjt. J. W. Gilson, M.G.C. (Nottingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a gap occurred in the line, this N.C.O. kept his gun in action under very heavy artillery and machine-gun fire until reinforcements arrived. The next day, when the enemy attacked in force, he covered the retirement of the infantry until the position was almost surrounded, and then got his gun

away to another position. Throughout the two days he kept his men well in hand by his coolness and courage.

841 Sjt. E. L. Gladwish, King Edward's Horse (Hastings).

For conspicuous gallantry and skill in patrol leading, when he led a dismounted patrol under heavy fire and gained important information. Later, he repeatedly covered the retirement of parties and rallied stragglers. His courage and coolness was most marked.

781426 L./Sjt. F. Goatcher, Lond. R. (Poplar).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a half-platoon post. The enemy worked round on his right and rear and brought enfilade fire to bear on the post. Five times they tried to rush it with vastly superior numbers, and each time he rallied his men and drove them back. His small force dwindled to four, owing to casualties, but by his great bravery and determination he maintained his post until ordered to withdraw. Finally, he was wounded.

26000 Sjt. W. A. Goddard, M.M., M.G.C. (Pontypridd).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He moved two guns under intense rifle and machine-gun fire into positions which enabled him to impede the enemy's advance. When his officer and the whole of one team had become casualties, he personally carried one gun and two belt boxes out of action. He did very fine service.

S.D/1766 Sjt. A. W. Golden, M.M., R. Suss. R. (Worcester Park).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an enemy attack he, together with two Lewis gunners, jumped into an abandoned tank, started the engine, and moved forward to the part where the enemy were thickest. He checked the advance, inflicted heavy casualties, and took fourteen prisoners. He operated the tank until he was badly wounded. His initiative, gallantry and coolness delayed the advance of the enemy for a considerable time.

19281 Sjt. L. J. Goode, M.M., M.G.C. (Henley-on-Thames).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the officer commanding the section had been severely wounded, this N.C.O. took command, and, moving continually amongst the guns, by his example and his resourceful energy maintained the spirit and steadfastness of his men, who had suffered severely from the enemy bombardment of gas shells. He directed the fire with great ability, and was able to inflict heavy casualties on the enemy. Under very heavy fire his cheerful bearing and fearlessness had a marked effect on his men.

3817 B.S.M. F. W. Goodheart, R.F.A. (Aldershot).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the wagon line was moving under shell fire, the lead and centre drivers and many horses of a team were hit and the

wagon badly damaged. This warrant officer, with great coolness and gallantry under fire, promptly cut loose the lead and centres, and himself drove the wagon out of the way, thus clearing the road for the remainder of the column. He also went back and brought away the team of another wagon that was too badly damaged to be moved.

43881 C.S.M. H. Goodwin, M.G.C. (St. Margaret's).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After his officer had become a casualty, this warrant officer so effectively rallied and reorganised the men that the enemy's advance was checked for over five hours. He had previously done good work on several occasions, and his conduct throughout this day's fighting was of the greatest value.

52276 C./S.M. G. Gordon, R.E. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. He rendered invaluable service at a time when only one officer was left with the company, and led a party in a successful counter-attack. After causing the enemy to retire he was cut off with five other ranks from his unit, but rejoined later in the evening.

42703 Cpl. C. Gourlay, R. Scots ("E" Edinburgh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the company was ordered to advance, and owing to heavy fire it was found impossible to do so, he worked round, without waiting for instructions, and destroyed two guns and their crews. By his fine example and courage he assisted greatly in maintaining the spirits and discipline of his men.

240323 Sjt. C. W. Gowers, E. Lanc. R. (Haslingden).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty and powers of leadership when in command of a platoon of his company. His courage and the skilful manner in which he handled his command were not only of a high order, but succeeded in inflicting heavy losses on the enemy.

23994 Sjt. H. Graham, R. Welsh Fus. (Brierfield, Lanc.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading a patrol through a village. In spite of firing from the houses he forced his way through to a post on the far side. He then returned for reinforcements, which he again led through the village, and established on the far side. His action showed the greatest gallantry and determination.

311707 Cpl. H. E. Graham, R.E. (St. Leonards).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a telephone cart. The team of the telephone cart was blown up by a direct hit. With great coolness and skill he succeeded in catching two horses out of some abandoned vehicles, harnessed them and remounted two drivers on them, and got the cart safely away. The action was carried out under heavy and continuous shell fire.

5292 Cpl. J. Graham, M.G.C. (Dalton Furness).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in supplying ammunition to machine-guns. Later, he went forward under heavy shell and machine-gun fire to rescue a machine gun. He was wounded before reaching the gun, but carried on. While bringing it back he was again wounded, but crawled back with the gun. His example was most inspiring to all ranks.

7127 C.S.M. J. Graham, E. York. R. (Huddersfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Throughout a night of street fighting, when one officer and ten other ranks of the enemy were captured, this warrant officer showed fine qualities as a leader.

200304 Sjt. R. Graham, M.M., E. Lanc. R. (Blackburn).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in face of heavy shell and machine-gun fire, when he worked his Lewis-gun with the greatest courage and coolness, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy until nearly surrounded, when he was ordered to withdraw. On subsequent dates he again performed most valuable work until wounded.

1681 L./Cpl. A. D. Grant, Sea. Highrs. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. By his skilful handling of a Lewis-gun he was able to delay the advance of, and inflict severe casualties on, the enemy, who were endeavouring to envelop a flank. Afterwards, as the ammunition was beginning to run short, he went back under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire and brought up a fresh supply. His fine example to his men throughout strenuous fighting was of the greatest value.

52349 Sjt. E. J. Grant, M.G.C. (Cardiff).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of a machine gun in the front line during an enemy attack. Though enfladed by enemy machine-gun fire, he worked his gun for several hours with the greatest accuracy, killing and wounding large numbers of the enemy. He was eventually wounded, but refused to be evacuated, and remained at his post.

265978 L./Sjt. J. B. Grant, Sea. Highrs. (Elgin).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon commander had been killed, this non-commissioned officer took command of the platoon, which had been reduced to seven in number by hostile artillery fire, and with great courage and determination beat off the attacks of the enemy, on whom he inflicted heavy casualties. When the line had finally to be evacuated, though bombed from a flank and under heavy rifle fire, he effectually covered the retirement with the remnants of his platoon with the greatest tenacity.

201458 L./Sjt. J. P. Grant, Gord. Highrs. (Stonehaven).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon officer had become

a casualty he took charge of a critical situation, and reorganising his men with great energy and ability, enabled them to take a successful part in the operations. He set an example to all of coolness and courage and entire disregard for personal safety under heavy fire, and the way he commanded his platoon—accomplishing difficult tasks and dealing with heavy responsibilities which were suddenly forced upon him—was most praiseworthy.

443933 Pnr. A. S. Gray, R.E. (Bolton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, when he laid and maintained a line to the Group Observation Post, which was the only means of telephonic communication, during very heavy shelling for twenty-four hours. The next day, when the maintenance of the line became impossible, he manned a visual station in a very exposed position, thus enabling artillery fire to be brought to bear at a critical time.

265140 Cpl. R. Gray, Sea. Highrs. (Llanbryde).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Seeing three of the enemy bring a machine-gun into position to enfilade the line, this non-commissioned officer went out alone and attacked them. He killed one, wounded another, and took the last man prisoner, and then destroyed the machine-gun. Through five days of battle he showed a fine example of leadership and devotion to duty to those around him.

42939 Pte. (A./Sjt.) S. Graydon, R.A.M.C. (Harlesden, N.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His post got a direct hit, wounding himself and four stretcher-bearers. He got the wounded men away, arranged another post, and hearing that the Regimental Aid Post, for which he was responsible, had changed its position, though severely wounded in the thigh, he set out in search of it through a heavy barrage, and located it. He then got his men in touch with it, and made his own way back to the dressing station, where he collapsed.

29983 L./Sjt. W. Grayson, Glouc. R. (Lewis).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, when acting as platoon serjeant, and later as platoon commander, and finally company commander. He was to a great extent instrumental in repelling repeated counter-attacks. He eventually fought his way back and continued to show great gallantry throughout the withdrawal.

51290 C.S.M. B. Green, Manch. R. (Bedlington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty throughout active operations, when he set a splendid example to the men, going along the line and firing first with one section, then with another, encouraging them to risk the incessant machine-gun fire. His energy and courage did much to raise the men's moral and inspire them to further efforts when almost at the limit of their physical endurance.

7221 Sjt. H. Green, R. Fus. (Bury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of a Lewis-gun team. Though severely wounded and unable to move, he continued to command his team until ordered to withdraw. Through his grit and splendid behaviour, the team countered somewhat the cross machine-gun fire of the enemy.

M2/265421 Pte. (A./L./Cpl.) F. J. Greenall, A.S.C. (M.T.) (Waltham Abbey).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Being in charge of four lorries with ammunition for a siege battery in a forward position, he was obliged, owing to the very heavy shelling of the road by the enemy, to leave two lorries behind, while he attempted to reach the position with the other two. One of these, however, was hit and disabled by a shell and the driver severely wounded. Corpl. Greenall pushed on under very heavy fire, and eventually arrived at the position, where he unloaded the ammunition himself, as there was no unloading party available at the time. On returning he endeavoured to bring back the damaged lorry, but it was impossible to move it, as it was so severely damaged, so he returned to park with the other two he had left behind, after traversing an area that had by now become almost impassable from shell fire. His resolute determination to carry out his instructions in spite of all danger and difficulty was worthy of the highest praise.

53080 C.S.M. (A./R.S.M.) A. Greenhalgh, Ches. R. (Altrincham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action, when with a few others he was mainly instrumental in delaying the advance of the enemy for some hours. Later, when the enemy gained a footing on one part of a spur, he displayed great courage and determination in the counter-attack, which drove the enemy from the position. Throughout the operations he set a fine example to the men.

201004 Cpl. R. Gregory, Manch. R. (Wigan).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when, whilst moving up to reinforce, he was twice wounded, but would not leave his section, and occupied an exposed post under heavy fire, when he was wounded a third time.

291290 Sjt. A. Greig, M.M., R. Highrs. (St. Andrews).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He silenced a machine gun which had been pushed forward and was enfilading his platoon. His conduct and resource undoubtedly delayed the enemy's advance and saved casualties.

30576 L./Cpl. T. Griffen, M.M., K.O. Sc. Bord. (Burnley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After the camouflage covering of a shell dump had been set on fire by enemy shelling, he promptly removed the shells from the blazing material, thus averting an

explosion. He behaved with great gallantry and promptitude.

4637 C.S.M. A. Griffin, M.M., M.G.C. (Greenock).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This W.O. was accompanying his commanding officer, who was directing the withdrawal of the guns of his company, when the latter was severely wounded in the back and chest. Coy. Sjt.-Maj. Griffin carried him half a mile to the rear, under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire of the enemy, who were in close proximity, and thus prevented him being made a prisoner, and in all probability saved his life, as he was so badly wounded. His courageous act was performed under circumstances of great danger.

4764 Sjt. H. W. Griffin, M.M., E. Surr. R. (Kentish Town).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. Under heavy shelling he gave his orders clearly and kept control of his platoon, using his ammunition to the best advantage and inflicting the maximum casualties on the enemy.

265726 Sjt. D. Griffiths, Welsh R. (Llan-debie).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went forward with runners to the assistance of a wire party under heavy shell fire. While returning the officer was wounded. Serjt. Griffiths dressed his wounds under continuous shell fire, and carried him to a dressing station a mile off. His behaviour was splendid.

740852 Gnr. F. K. Griffiths, R.F.A. (Newport, Mon.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on several occasions, notably when he was sent up to the O.P. to try and gain touch with the battery commander, the wire from O.P. to battery having been cut. Passing through a barrage of H.E. and gas, he got there, and his battery commander then sent him on to another O.P. about 1,000 yards to the right front to get some information, but when he got within 200 yards he found the enemy were there, so returned through rifle and machine-gun fire with the news. He then stayed up mending the wire, until he and the commander were forced to rejoin the battery, when he brought all the signalling equipment with him.

91678 Pte. S. T. Griffiths, Tank Corps (Southwark, S.E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while acting as runner. He carried messages day and night for three days under close-range rifle and machine-gun fire. He showed great gallantry and determination, and was of great service to his company commander.

8586 C.Q.M.S. P. W. Griggs, M.M., E. York. R. (Beverley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during recent operations. He did consistently good work, and under heavy shell fire he led his ration party successfully

through several enemy posts to his company. He did splendid service.

630944 Bdr. A. Grubb, R.F.A. (Aberdeen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With the assistance of two other men he kept his guns continuously in action for twelve hours, till all the ammunition was expended, though under heavy shell and enfilade machine-gun fire all the time. When at last they had to withdraw, they put the guns out of action, taking away the sights, thus rendering them useless to the enemy.

56922 Cpl. J. Haggart, R.F.A. (Dundee).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As No. 1 of his gun this N.C.O. displayed great gallantry in keeping his guns in action and firing on the enemy, who were only a few hundred yards away, when our own infantry had fallen back to a position in rear of the guns. On many occasions his courage and coolness have been most conspicuous, and throughout the operations the example he set the men was worthy of the highest praise.

No. T/338 T./Armt. S./M. P. F. Hale, A.O.C. (Maida Hill).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This W.O., by the force of his cheerful example, kept the men at work under persistent shell fire, although the workshop was in an exposed position and devoid of cover, even from splinters. Thanks to him some four guns were repaired and handed over to the R.A. at a time when they were much needed, and two others were sufficiently repaired to admit of their being towed away.

700664 C.S.M. B. C. Hales, Lond. R. (Windsor).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he took command of his company, when all the officers had been wounded. Under intense rifle and machine-gun fire he moved fearlessly about, encouraging and organising his much depleted company. Afterwards, he was placed in command of the left of the battalion line, when his courage and resource under heavy fire materially assisted in beating off two strong counter-attacks delivered on that flank.

40013 Sjt. C. Hall, M.M., R.E. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when, having taken over the command of his section, he brought it through a withdrawal intact as a fighting unit, and showed much personal courage under fire.

48048 C.S.M. C. W. Hall, Lanc. Fus. (York).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when, although three times hit by shrapnel, it was mainly due to his efforts that his company beat off continuous attacks for some six hours. His courage and determination throughout the day proved of invaluable assistance when all but one of his company officers had fallen.

31377 Pte. J. R. Hall, Hrs. (Sunderland).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This man, acting as a stretcher-bearer, was untiring in going out under heavy bombardment of shell and machine-gun fire, and bringing in wounded. Although wounded himself early in the morning, he went on working without reporting it, and set a fine example to the other stretcher-bearers.

240407 C.S.M. R. W. Hall, M.M., York & Lanc. R. (Washington Station).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. When all his officers had become casualties, he took charge of his company and held his position against continuous enemy encroachments. He set a splendid example of courage and determination.

13460 Cpl. W. Halliwell, M.M., L.N. Lanc. R. (Preston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion in action. When the enemy were attempting to turn the flank of a company, he, on his own initiative, collected a party of stragglers of all units, and, dashing forward, held up the attack for a considerable time, remaining until one man and himself were left alone. He then joined another party and continued to fight on.

280877 B.Q.M.S. F. Hamer, R.G.A. (Preston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty over a long period. During the retirement of the battery he was one of the last men to leave the position, remaining behind to destroy everything that might be of value to the enemy. His fine example of courage and coolness on all occasions greatly inspired his men when under fire.

L/41296 Dvr. A. Hams, R.F.A. (Tower Bridge Road, S.E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in saving his gun. He twice had to unharness and change position of horses in his team while taking his gun out of action, half his team being wounded by enemy fire. He showed great coolness in doing so under heavy machine-gun and artillery fire, and his fine pluck and determination saved the gun.

D/12368 L./Cpl. J. S. Handley, Dns. (Roslyn).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in carrying wounded across an area swept by machine-gun and rifle fire, and through a village street, which was being heavily bombarded the whole time. He repeatedly made this journey with one other man, until every case had been evacuated and all the dead carefully examined. It was undoubtedly due to the energy and courage of these two men that many lives were saved.

L/34282 Gnr. J. Hardman, R.F.A. (Droylsden).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In the course of an enemy attack a heavy barrage behind the F.O.O. cut the communications with the battery. This man, who was signaller to F.O.O., first carried a

written message through the barrage to the battery, thus enabling its fire to be directed on the attacking force, and then continued patrolling and repairing the line, so that, by his efforts, telephonic communication was maintained.

26939 Bdr. E. Hards, R.G.A. (Worthing).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O., in charge of the advanced wagon lines, has ably dealt with difficult situations. On no less than five occasions he has brought up the gun teams and removed the guns under intense fire. On one occasion, a complete gun team being knocked out, he reorganised the teams and brought away all the guns and wagons under very heavy fire. His coolness and example has kept the drivers up to a high standard.

9766 Pte. (L./Cpl.) W. G. Hardy, E. Yorks. R. (Bermondsey).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The enemy had pushed up his machine guns into our wire under cover of a heavy fog. On his own initiative, and alone, he went forward, although the fog was liable to lift at any moment, and brought in an enemy machine gun. He went out a second time and captured a German officer and three men and brought in another gun. He invariably displayed the greatest courage and initiative in the performance of his work.

55699 Cpl. A. E. Harper, R.E. (Cheltenham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion in assisting in the demolition of railway bridges under heavy fire. When one bridge was fired by electric exploder, only one charge went off. Accompanied by his officer he went to the bridge, under heavy fire and helped him to light the safety fuse again when the enemy were close to the bridge. He had been under fire at other bridges for the previous fourteen hours.

D/20537 Sjt. F. W. Harris, Dn. Gds. (New Kent Road, S.E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in getting men quickly into position to meet a hostile attack. Later, he rallied, re-equipped, and led, with the greatest courage and determination, thirty infantry, in a counter-attack, thereby enabling a line to be re-established at a most critical time.

205011 Pte. R. Harris, E. York. R. (Newcastle-on-Tyne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of a Lewis gun post, which had to be held at all costs. When the gun teams were all casualties this man held on till the gun was destroyed by shell fire. He then used his rifle in the moonlight with such accuracy that the enemy were held in check until he was relieved.

G/3710 Sjt. W. L. Harris, M.M., R.W. Surr. R. (Brickley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company had suffered heavy casualties, including his platoon officer, he dragged his severely wounded officer into a shell hole and held on. Later,

when an enemy machine gun came into action behind a hedge close to him he killed every man in the team before they opened fire and destroyed the gun. At dusk he carried back his wounded officer and rejoined his company. He did splendid work.

20581 R.S.M. J. Harrison, M.C., S. Lanc. R. (St. Helens).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, when the enemy, having broken through on both flanks, he reorganised and ably fought scattered troops, throughout the whole battle, setting a fine example of high courage and coolness under fire.

41181 Pte. J. W. Harrison, North'd Fus. (Wigan).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of a Lewis gun team. He repeatedly, under heavy fire, rushed his gun forward to within 100 yards of the advancing enemy, and held up parties of them, thereby checking the advance and inflicting considerable casualties.

G/4336 Pte. A. Harvey, R. Suss. R. (Eastbourne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a counter-attack. He rushed forward and killed two of the enemy who were mounting a machine gun, thus enabling his platoon to continue its advance. His prompt and gallant action did much to make the attack a success.

L/20623 Sjt. H. G. Harvey, R.F.A. (Hampstead Rd., N.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was acting battery serjeant-major at the guns during fourteen days' hard fighting, and throughout the operations he displayed conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On one occasion, under heavy fire of H.E. and gas shells, and in full view of the enemy, he pulled two of his guns out of action and enabled them to take up a fresh position, from which they were able to fire again and check the enemy's advance. Later in the operations, having worked hard under heavy enemy fire removing wounded men to a less exposed position, he brought his gun into action in full view of the enemy and fired with open sights. It was in a great measure due to his example that the battery were able to save all their guns and come into action again to help the hard-pressed infantry.

7669 Cpl. J. H. Harvey, Leic. R. (Leicester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion during an enemy attack when in charge of a light trench mortar. He kept up a steady fire until surrounded by the enemy, when he made his way across the open with his mortar. Later, he occupied a forward position, holding up the enemy's advance and destroying a machine gun and team. During the whole operation he proved himself invaluable to the officers of the battery, and showed great courage, determination and devotion to duty.

23416 Sjt. G. Harwood, M.M., M.G.C. (Wood Green, N.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to

duty. When the infantry were beginning to waver under the massed enemy attacks he helped to rally them on more than one occasion. The guns of his battery having become isolated, he went back through heavy rifle and machine-gun fire to explain the situation to the officer in charge, and to guide the supports who were coming up. His gallant and cheerful conduct under very trying conditions were an example which greatly encouraged the men, and are deserving of the highest praise.

8615 C.S.M. J. F. Haslam, M.M., Lanc. Fus. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. When his company was enveloped on both flanks, he rushed from post to post, under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire, encouraging the men, and by his cheerfulness and strenuous exertions he was largely instrumental in beating off the enemy.

81529 Pte. R. Hastings, M.G.C. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He crossed a bridge under a heavy machine-gun barrage, opened fire, and inflicted severe casualties on the enemy, successfully engaging an enemy machine gun. Later, although his gun was put out of action, he stuck to it and brought it out, with the enemy close on him.

43046 Pte. R. E. Hastings, Linc. R. (Lincoln).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when, acting as runner, he delivered a message under difficult circumstances; then going to a place from which he could study the battle, returned to headquarters with very valuable information, which enabled artillery fire to be directed on to the enemy then massing. Again he carried a message through heavy fire to the O.C. rearguard, and returned with information which enabled a more effective line of defence to be established.

35865 Sjt. G. H. Hawkins, M.G.C. (Rotherhithe).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After his officer was killed he took charge of the section. Under heavy shell fire he assisted in beating off three enemy attacks, and then covered the withdrawal of the infantry. He finally withdrew his one remaining gun, and helped his company commander to rally some fifty men and dig in.

200545 Serjt. J. M. Hay, M.M., Sco. Rif. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When it became necessary to establish connection with the battalion on the flank this non-commissioned officer six times crossed a gap that was heavily shelled and swept by machine-gun fire to ensure touch being obtained and kept up. His example of courage and fearless devotion to duty greatly impressed all near him.

7869 Cpl. W. Hayden, Som. L.I. (Shepton Mallet).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed gallant determination and great initiative in attacking with bombs

and capturing, single-handed, an enemy machine gun that was checking his company in their advance on their objective.

356948 L./Cpl. A. Haynes, L'pool R. (Preston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In a hand-to-hand fight with the enemy, who had worked round behind the position, this non-commissioned officer killed some with the bayonet, and when mixed up with them fought with his fists. He took two machine guns from them, and brought them back with him. His was a splendid performance.

266118 Pte. F. C. Haynes, R. War. R. (Leamington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during active operations, when he carried messages under heavy fire, and on his own initiative went out and located an enemy machine gun which was causing casualties. He was severely wounded while carrying a message to a unit on the flank, but delivered it and returned with an answer.

7731 Sjt. W. H. Haynes, M.G.C. (Holloway).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This non-commissioned officer was in charge of two guns during a hostile attack which was preceded by a heavy bombardment lasting four hours. When their infantry advanced he brought his guns into action and inflicted heavy losses on the enemy. When one gun had been disabled he personally took charge of the other, and kept it in action, in spite of heavy hostile fire. Though wounded, he refused to leave his gun until relieved four days later. His courage and devotion to duty were an inspiring example to all his men.

G/3359 C.S.M. G. F. Head, R. Suss. R. (Haslemere).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led two platoons in an attack, and by his gallantry and brilliant leadership succeeded in driving the enemy back and establishing his men in a commanding position.

50012 Pte. M. Hearne, Suff. R. (Chiswick).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This soldier, acting as stretcher-bearer, did splendid work on many occasions, dressing the wounded and bringing them in from the open to shelter under intense machine-gun and rifle fire at close range. His disregard of danger was directly responsible for the saving of many lives.

54255 A./Cpl. W. J. Heath, Welsh R. (Tibberton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. At night he conducted a reconnoitring patrol, ascertained the situation, and dealt effectively with enemy posts, taking several prisoners. He showed great gallantry and initiative.

201115 Sjt. D. Hedley, R. Highrs. (Dundee).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a covering party whilst a bridge was being blown up. Through his courage and resource a large party of the enemy were held up until the bridge was destroyed. His action was of the greatest value at a very critical period.

5529 B.S.M. C. Heley, R.G.A. ("E" Dunstable).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a heavy bombardment which the enemy put down on the battery. He took reinforcements to the guns to replace casualties that had occurred, and then continued to walk up and down the whole battery position under heavy shell fire, sending back to the dugouts for reinforcements as they were required. When the supply of ammunition was getting low he personally conducted the distribution of fresh ammunition as it arrived in lorries, thus enabling the guns to keep up a continuous rate of fire. His conduct throughout was excellent and worthy of the highest praise.

201530 Cpl. C. F. Henderson, Sea. Highrs. (Bingley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of an isolated Lewis-gun post. When the enemy attacked, he engaged them, inflicting heavy casualties, and continued to do so until nearly surrounded, when he withdrew his gun, keeping the enemy engaged the whole time. Later, during the withdrawal, he covered it with his Lewis gun. Throughout the action he set a magnificent example to the rest of his team.

250150 Sjt. H. Henderson, Durh. L.I. (Crook).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Throughout nine days' fighting this N.C.O., by his ability and leadership, rendered valuable assistance to his officers until they became casualties. On three different occasions he organised and rallied his platoon at great personal risk under heavy machine-gun fire. When his platoon commander was wounded, he led it forward in a counter-attack, and his dash and example were mainly responsible for the company reaching its objective.

34213 Fittr. S./Sjt. J. J. Henderson, R.G.A. (Harwich).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Throughout the day the battery was subjected to an intense bombardment; this N.C.O. went from gun to gun keeping them in action until two were destroyed. Later, he rescued his major and carried him to safety. On another occasion, when the battery had been pulled out, he made several journeys to the old positions and saved gun stores and fuzes.

275723 Cpl. J. Hendry, M.M., Arg. & Suth'd Highrs. (Alloa).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This non-commissioned officer, who was in charge of three guns, did not hesitate to move two of them under heavy hostile

machine-gun fire to a very exposed position, from which he was able to destroy an enemy machine-gun post and allow his own infantry to withdraw, under the cover of his fire, to a new line of defence. He behaved with conspicuous gallantry, and his action greatly assisted the infantry, while also inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy.

S.D./2446 Pte. J. Henham, R. Suss. R. (Paddock Wood).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With a serjeant and lance-corporal he entered a tank, and by his coolness and accurate handling of a Lewis gun in the tank he was instrumental in checking the advance of the enemy, causing many casualties and taking fourteen prisoners.

60985 Pte. J. Henners, M.G.C. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy broke through the line he was with one of the guns detailed to protect the flank. He twice covered the retirement when the line was forced back, the second time, supported by its infantry, he drove back a number of hostile infantry and cyclists. When the enemy under cover of some houses made a determined rush, he was the only surviving gun member, and emptied the last belt into them. By his skill and tenacity he was largely responsible for their advance being held up.

293143 Pte. J. Hennessey, M.M., R. Highrs. (Dundee).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As a Lewis gunner this man on all occasions covered the withdrawal of the troops during six days' fighting, inflicting heavy casualties on the advancing waves and setting a splendid example in steadying the troops.

17833 Sjt. G. N. Henry, M.M., H.L.I. (Clydebank).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when as medical orderly he took stretcher-bearers up to just behind the front line, and, under heavy fire, evacuated a large number of casualties from the forward area. By keeping the routes of evacuation open for the wounded he saved many lives.

8918 C.S.M. E. Herrington, R. Scots. Fus. (Tottenham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. For good work in ensuring a constant supply of ammunition, and reconnoitring a forward position for the defence of a village. When the company commander and all other officers had been killed or wounded, he reorganised the survivors into parties under N.C.O.s and ensured the withdrawal being carried out in a systematic manner.

60836 Sjt. S. Heseltine, M.G.C. (Colne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of fighting limbers which were supplying guns in action. He kept the guns constantly supplied with ammunition, and never lost touch. His work was done continuously under heavy

shell fire. Throughout he displayed the utmost disregard for danger.

13173 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) C. Hesketh, L'pool R. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He saw three of the enemy cutting wire in front of one of our posts one night, and got round them and made them prisoners. His quick action and cleverness were of great value.

430035 C.S.M. E. J. Hickman, R.E. (St. Helens).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When other troops had fallen back to reorganise, he constantly exposed himself to heavy fire in order to assist his officer in fire control. His coolness and cheerfulness contributed largely to the steadiness of the men, whose fire checked the enemy until a counter-attack could be launched.

M2/053918 Pte. A. E. Highmore, M.M., A.S.C. (M.T.) (Paddington, W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. For twenty-four hours he worked the regimental aid-post and the front line, over roads under heavy fire, evacuating many severely wounded men. Was subsequently captured with a medical officer, but both escaped.

46510 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) F. C. Hill, R.E. (Carshalton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When holding a rearguard position, which was subjected to heavy shell and machine-gun fire, and all the section serjeants became casualties, he personally reconnoitred forward and organised a shell-hole position, which held the enemy back for a long time.

200216 Pte. (L./Cpl.) G. Hill, Leic. R. (Leicester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a counter-attack by his company on the enemy, who had penetrated the front posts. He rushed forward and bayoneted five and shot two of the enemy machine-gun team and put the machine gun out of service. A most gallant and serviceable performance.

202091 Pte. H. G. Hill, Sea. Highrs. (Cricklewood).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As Lewis gunner he fought his gun in an exposed position. He poured drum after drum into the enemy, who overwhelmed his team. After lying wounded, he escaped from the enemy in the dark.

35069 Sjt. P. L. Hill, R.G.A. (Avening).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When an enemy shell burst under his gun and destroyed half his detachment, this N.C.O., although knocked off his feet and badly shaken, collected the rest of the men and continued firing the gun. It was entirely owing to his example under this heavy fire that the section remained steady.

240101 Cpl. W. Hill, M.M., Sco. Rif. (Larkhall).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He handled his Lewis gun section with great skill and ability, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. He scattered an enemy party with Lewis gun and rifle fire. Next day he directed his Lewis gun on an enemy aeroplane, causing it to crash down in flames behind the enemy lines. He did very fine work.

725155 Bomdr. W. Hill, R.F.A. (Neath).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He worked his mortar under heavy shell and machine-gun fire, until practically surrounded by the enemy. He then destroyed his gun, and withdrew to the infantry. He showed fine courage.

L/29360 Fitter Cpl. J. Hinchcliffe, R.F.A. (Holmfirth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. When one of the gun detachments were put out of action, he proceeded to serve, lay and fire the gun by himself under heavy enemy shelling for three-quarters of an hour, until a fresh detachment could be found. Later, he assisted in digging out guns which had been buried by shell fire. He set a fine example of courage and determination.

8693 C.S.M. H. Hoare, North'n R. (Weymouth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He rallied the men under his command and took them forward to a position from which they caused the enemy to fall back with heavy casualties. When compelled to fall back he again rallied his men skilfully and organised them with men of another unit in the defence of a trench. He showed fine determination and leadership.

24524 Pte. (L./C.) F. Hobden, G. Gds. ([E] Bexhill).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when, the front posts of his company having been captured, he collected his Lewis gun section on his own initiative and joined the counter-attack from the support line. Although four out of five of his section had become casualties he established himself in a front post and directed a steady fire on the enemy until reinforced.

10464 Pte. F. Hodges, E. Kent R. (Faversham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a company runner. Under heavy shell and machine-gun fire he carried messages throughout the day from company headquarters to a platoon 600 yards distant. On one occasion he conveyed a message to the artillery enabling them to disperse the enemy massing for attack. He did fine work.

265393 A./Cpl. J. Hodgson, North'd Fus. (Benwell).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When ammunition was running short he succeeded in bringing up a fresh supply at

a very critical time. The rest of his party all became casualties.

19/1100 L./C. G. Hogg, North'd Fus. (Blyth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when by two daring personal efforts he saved many lives. When his platoon was much harassed by snipers and machine-gun fire he went out, covered by fire from the platoon, and killed a deadly sniper, and again to put a machine gun out of action, which was eventually taken from the enemy.

241694 Pte. (A./Cpl.) H. Holcroft, S. Lanc. R. (nr. Wigan).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While a platoon of his company was moving forward to counter-attack a party of the enemy on the right flank this man rushed out of a trench on his own initiative and single-handedly attacked a machine gun and its crew which was checking the advance. He killed two, capturing the gun and four prisoners. He afterwards went out several times under heavy fire bringing in wounded.

6/16760 Pte. W. Holliday, S. Wales Bords. (London, N.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when as a member of a Lewis gun team he took a leading part in the action of enabling another unit to withdraw under heavy fire. He occupied successively two positions and only retired from the last under orders and with the enemy on three sides of him, showing magnificent courage throughout eleven hours continuous fighting.

26266 L./Cpl. G. Holt, Leic. R. (Nuneaton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of a Lewis gun and remained alone with his gun while his company evacuated the line, covering their withdrawal and causing heavy loss to the enemy. He brought his gun back safely afterwards.

459142 Cpl. A. Horsfield, M.M., R.E. (Hebburn-on-Tyne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went forward as scout until able to observe deployment of enemy and guided our infantry in a counter-attack. Later under direct fire, he assisted in the rescue of wounded.

41425 Bdr. J. Horth, R.G.A. (Caister-on-Sea).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under very heavy bombardment he fought his gun until all ammunition was expended and then put it out of action. Later, in making a gallant effort to go forward and get information of the enemy's movements, he was seriously wounded.

17447 Pte. L. Horton, Yorks. R. (Radford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of a Stokes mortar in a forward position at the outbreak of an enemy attack. He continued firing his gun at the advancing enemy until they were at very close quarters, and bayoneted two of them who reached his emplacement. Also, he

later went back under heavy fire to the trench and carried back his officer, who had been wounded.

28484 B.S.M. W. G. Hosier, R.G.A. (Wandsworth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This warrant officer displayed conspicuous gallantry and coolness, helping to withdraw the guns under heavy shell fire, and preventing them falling into the hands of the enemy. His fine example was a great encouragement to the battery, and contributed largely to the success with which the retirement was conducted. In every position taken up during the retreat the fine behaviour of this warrant officer brought him prominently to notice.

S/41092 Cpl. G. Hotchkiss, M.M., Sea. Highrs. (Stenhousemuir).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in carrying out many valuable reconnaissances and bringing back most accurate and concise information regarding the enemy's dispositions. Throughout the whole period he was indefatigable in his labours. He rallied and collected men, guiding them back to their companies in the line. His work deserves the highest praise.

240054 C.S.M. D. Houston, E. Lanc. R. (Church).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On two occasions he was largely responsible for saving a very critical situation. The left flank of his company was threatened, but by skilfully reorganising his men, and by his personal example and bravery, he was able to keep his company intact.

31369 Pte. G. S. Houston, R. Scots. (Saltcoats).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. An enemy bomb was thrown into the trench which he and ten other men were holding. He promptly picked it up, and when it slipped from his hand with the fuse still burning, he picked it up again and threw it over the parapet. Just as it left his hand it exploded, wounding him in the face. His plucky act saved the lives of several of his comrades.

L/973 Sjt. C. S. Howes, Lrs. (Croydon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. Two enemy machine-guns suddenly opened fire at close range, killing his officer, and inflicting heavy casualties. A withdrawal being ordered, he remained behind and covered the retirement, causing the enemy severe loss and enabling his troop to take up a new position. Throughout a very trying time he showed a fine example and an utter disregard of personal danger.

14823 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) O. Howie, M.M., R. Scots. (Clackmannan).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The enemy had worked round the trench where his gun was, and there were no rifles between them and the gun position. He was ordered to get the gun back to where it could be successfully worked. He did so,

and from an improvised position in the middle of the trench shelled the enemy trying to enter the end of it. Later, when another trench mortar was brought up, he took charge of both guns, and by their effective shelling in front and rear of the trench contributed largely to stopping the advance of the enemy. His courage and energy greatly helped the morale of the new troops who held the line.

S/6162 Sjt. R. W. Howson, Sea. Highrs. (Lancaster).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. Seeing a party without officers or N.C.O.'s, he, although an orderly-room clerk, immediately took charge of them, and handled them during a retirement with the greatest skill and courage. It was entirely at his own request that he was with the battalion and in action, instead of in the transport lines.

46674 Bdr. J. Hoy, R.F.A. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. was in charge of communications when they were all severed between batteries and Brigade Headquarters. In order to get through, he stood up in the open behind the guns, and sent messages by flag. On another occasion he sat at his instrument for a whole hour under heavy shell fire, taking messages from the Forward Observation Officers and three different battalions in the line, gaining very important information.

35652 Sjt. F. Hubbard, R. Scots. (Leicester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in taking his platoon to the help of troops who were heavily pressed. He held the enemy in check, and stubbornly resisted repeated attempts to dislodge him. He was shot in the face and lost an eye, but refused to leave his platoon. All through the operations his behaviour was magnificent, and he made the enemy pay very heavily for the ground they gained.

8172 Serjt. L. W. Hubbocks, Bedf. R. (Leighton Buzzard).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in command of a platoon he showed the greatest coolness in reconnoitring a position for the defensive flank he had been ordered to form, and in getting the men into position, though the enemy's fire was very heavy. Later, he led his men forward in daylight, under machine-gun and rifle fire, to reinforce the front line, and, being uncertain of the position and strength of the enemy, he went out with another N.C.O. to reconnoitre at great risk. Having been successful in his object, he returned with information of the greatest value.

275269 R.Q.M.S. A. Hughes, Manch. R. (Blackpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During many days of active operations he displayed the greatest courage and disregard of personal danger in getting up rations to the battalion, on one occasion forcing his way through extremely heavy

shell fire. He set a splendid example of energy and resource.

4517 Sjt. J. Hughes, M.M., R. Ir. Fus. (Portadown).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went forward with a Lewis gun and knocked out an enemy machine gun which was firing on our right flank. When his team were disabled, although wounded himself, he kept the gun in action until reinforcements came up.

25488 Sjt. J. A. Hughes, Glouc. R. (Reading).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In face of the approaching enemy he rallied his platoon, and successfully led them forward and reoccupied a post which had been evacuated. By his coolness under fire he set a fine example to his men.

2792 C.S.M. A. R. Humphrey, R. Fus. (Greenwich).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when he rendered great assistance in organising and supervising the defence of the line, assisting Lewis gunners, and instructing N.C.O.'s and men who had no previous knowledge of fighting. Later, he personally conducted an ammunition carrying party along the front line under heavy fire and issued the rounds wanted.

25488 Sjt. R. Humphreys, R. Welsh Fus. (Bangor).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After his officer had been killed, he led the platoon in attack and gained the objective, capturing a machine gun.

24762 Sjt. W. G. Humphreys, R.G.A. (Romford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although gassed, he refused to leave his gun, and by his exemplary conduct and coolness kept it in action despite heavy shell and machine-gun fire. Later, he got his gun away from a most difficult position, returning immediately and directing the withdrawal of the second gun of his section under intensely difficult circumstances.

235409 Sjt. W. V. Hunter, Gord. Highrs. (Hawick).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action when commanding a platoon holding a strong point, which he defended until almost encircled by the enemy. After inflicting heavy losses on them, he withdrew gradually, taking up successive positions, and thus allowing his company to be withdrawn. He showed the utmost disregard of danger, continually exposing himself while encouraging his men, and his superb example and fine leadership inspired all ranks with him.

52939 Cpl. E. Hurd, M.G.C. (York).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With his machine gun he dispersed a strong attack made by the enemy, inflicting many casualties. Later, under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire he held his posi-

tion against great odds, and when surrounded by the enemy fought his way back, saving his gun and ammunition. He showed a splendid example of courage and determination.

243279 Pte. S. C. Husband, York. R. (Mar-ton, Yorks.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a heavy engagement he made three journeys for ammunition, although warned that the journey was too hazardous to be attempted until dusk. It was due to his courageous conduct that his company was enabled to retain superiority of fire, giving the men confidence and assisting materially in the conduct of the defence.

S/40762 Pte. W. Hutchison, Sea. Highrs. (Cardross).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Seeing that the enemy were running out a pontoon across a canal he pushed forward fearlessly on to the canal bank and smashed it with bombs, thus preventing a crossing. His action was of great military value, and his example gave the utmost confidence to his men.

H/45711 R.S.M. W. J. C. Huxley, Hrs. (Ashton-in-Makerfield).

For conspicuous devotion to duty as R.S.M., in which capacity he has proved himself invaluable. He has at all times helped to maintain a high standard of discipline and smartness, and has been most efficient in his training of men. (Gazetted without deed 8th March, 1918.)

4009 C.S.M. (A./R.S.M.) G. F. Hyde, E. Surr. R. (Baldock).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. Under intense shell and machine-gun fire he seized a Lewis gun, and by pouring fire into the enemy did much to check his advance. He set a very fine example of courage and energy.

300616 C.S.M. J. Hylton, Dur. L.I. (Heb-burn Colliery).

For consistent gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the officers of his company were casualties he took command, and by his coolness, although outflanked, he succeeded in establishing his flank and brought a heavy fire on the advancing enemy.

14058 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) T. Hynds, Norf. R. (Streatham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a counter-attack he went ahead of the leading wave, under intense shell and rifle fire, and succeeded in cutting gaps in a belt of barbed wire which held up the advance. When his platoon commander had become a casualty, he took command, and showed great skill in reorganising his men and collecting stragglers. Throughout he set a magnificent example of courage and cheerfulness, and showed qualities of leadership of a high order.

L/13633 Sjt. J. Illidge, R.F.A. (Haydock).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy had broken through

to the battery positions and had killed some of the teams by close range rifle fire, he cut out the dead horses and got the guns away. Next day, under heavy shell fire, he carried two wounded men to the dressing station.

39213 Sjt. (A./S./Sjt.) J. Ingram, M.M.
R.A.M.C. (Seaton Delavel).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as bearer serjeant. He organised parties to search for wounded men who had been buried in the débris of a house. He dug out two men and assisted in digging out others under very heavy shell fire, and then dressed their wounds. Throughout the period he did fine work, and showed great courage, keeping in touch with the regimental stretcher-bearers and thus assisting in getting away many badly wounded men.

5462 Cpl. J. G. Innes, E. Surr. R. (Battersea).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During heavy and confused fighting he handled his section well, and successfully took and held positions. He showed great energy and power of leadership, and set a fine example of courage to his men.

42149 Cpl. J. Irwin, R.F.A. (Oxford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took a gun team and limber up through heavy machine-gun and rifle fire to bring a forward gun of the battery, which was in danger of being captured, back to the main battery position. He successfully accomplished this feat in full view of the enemy.

27921 Sjt. T. Iseton, R.F.A. (Coxhoe).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty throughout long operations. Owing to his splendid example his detachment worked coolly at their guns under heavy shell fire. On one occasion, when the batteries were being heavily shelled, he took the second section out of action through a village without a casualty, although it was being heavily shelled. His courage and coolness were most praiseworthy.

64732 Sjt. C. A. Ison, M.M., R.F.A. (Nun-eaton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When under heavy shell fire his courage, energy, and cheerfulness inspired all ranks, and on many occasions he assisted wounded to shelter.

201602 C.S.M. W. G. Ison, Essex R. (Leyton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a heavy enemy attack he covered the withdrawal of the main part of the company with a small party of men, and on succeeding occasions rallied and re-organised parties of men under heavy fire and put them in the firing line. He set a fine example throughout.

Z./1383 Cpl. (L.-Sjt.) G. F. Isted, Rif. Bde. (Kentish Town, N.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the course of a retirement this non-commissioned officer organised and

carried out a most successful counter-attack, which enabled our wounded to be carried away safely. On another occasion, when the men were held up by heavy machine-gun fire, he dashed forward and rallied them, and carried them on till they reached their objective. His coolness and the control he kept over his men inspired them with great confidence, and gave them encouragement at a critical moment.

30468 Sjt. J. Ives, Bord. R. (Tupsley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when, all his company officers having become casualties, he took command of the company, rallied it, and repelled several attacks of the enemy, later successfully withdrawing it, in spite of a dangerous bombing attack from the left.

S/22469 Pte. J. Jackson, Arg. & Suth'd. Highrs. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while acting as a platoon runner. He safely conveyed all messages entrusted to him through heavy artillery and machine-gun fire. Though seriously wounded while carrying a message to his platoon commander, he, with great difficulty, personally saw the message delivered before going to the regimental aid post. His courage was most marked.

265863 Cpl. J. Jackson, R. War. R. (Coventry).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a heavy enemy attack. He rallied twenty men, and opened covering fire in support of a counter-attack of another regiment. Throughout he showed courage and ability of a high order.

17655 Sjt. J. F. Jackson, Lan. Fus. (Altrincham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During three days' very hard fighting this non-commissioned officer was signalling serjeant, and showed great courage and remarkable devotion to his duty in establishing telephonic communication and repairing the lines, which were frequently broken by hostile shell fire. He was able to re-establish communications at the most critical period, freely exposing himself with complete disregard of danger in performing his work.

202414 Cpl. J. W. Jackson, Sco. Rif. (Malton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of a post he rallied his men at a critical time and opened fire on the enemy. Their fire killed twelve, and he dashed forward and captured two at the point of the bayonet. Later, when his platoon was ordered to fill a gap, he went forward under heavy fire and reconnoitred the position, and brought back required information to his platoon commander. He did very fine work.

40376 Pte. L. E. Jackson, N. Staff. R. (Edwinstone).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Having been sent forward to reconnoitre, he ran into a large body of the enemy.

who were hidden by a heavy mist. He fought his way back to his own line, bringing valuable information. Later in the day, when the enemy had worked round the flank, he helped his officer to collect a party of men, and repulsed several attacks, greatly assisting by his personal courage and endurance in preventing the enemy from rolling up the line. Eventually becoming attached to another body of troops, he remained in the line for fifteen days.

201478 Cpl. M. Jackson, York. and Lanc. Regt. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack on the enemy the advance of his company was checked by heavy machine-gun fire, and it became necessary to withdraw. This non-commissioned officer took up an advanced position with his Lewis gun, which he used with great skill and effect, keeping down the hostile fire and causing many casualties among the enemy. By his prompt action he saved the men of his company from many casualties, and he did not retire himself until the situation was satisfactorily established. During four days' hard fighting he has at all times shown great courage and devotion to duty.

L/10829 Gnr. W. J. A. Jackson, R.F.A. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, acting as signaller with a liaison officer during an enemy attack. Under heavy shell fire he kept communication up by repairing destroyed wire, and when the wire was totally destroyed he carried messages from headquarters to the observation post so that they could be sent from there by telephone. He showed fine courage and determination.

40483 Pte. A. H. James, S. Staffs. R. (Dudley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when runner to the officer in charge of a raiding party. He carried several messages under fire over very exposed ground. Later, he took charge of a section and successfully cleared a dug-out, inflicting many casualties on the enemy. He showed the greatest possible disregard for his own safety.

4431 Sjt. J. Jamieson, H.L.I. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of the rearguard of his company, when, with the enemy closing in on both sides, he waited to the last under heavy fire and got away, bringing in all wounded and stragglers. During the whole day he did splendid work.

350425 C.Q.M.S. J. R. Jamieson, M.M., R. Scots (Leith).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the officers of the company were wounded he took command of and reorganised the company. He displayed courage and ability of a high order.

8114 A./R.S.M. G. L. Jarman, Lin. R. (Cleethorpes).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when, all the officers having become

casualties and the men were wavering, he freely exposed himself to fire, rallied them, and succeeded in holding on for the extra ten minutes which enabled a new position in rear to be occupied, whereby many lives were saved.

8395 Sjt. J. A. Jelly, North'n R. (Epsom).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. On reaching the objective he rushed a German machine gun. Later, he repulsed a bombing attack by exposing himself and shooting three or four of the attacking party. He showed the greatest initiative and coolness and set an excellent example. He has at all times done very good work.

785321 Sjt. F. S. Jenkinson, M.M., R.F.A. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while acting battery serjeant-major at the guns. He kept the forward section in action under very heavy bombardment of gas and high explosive. One gun was put out of action by a direct hit, and he made repeated attempts to get the other guns away, firing on the enemy with open sights till the last moment. He showed great pluck and determination.

240832 Sjt. W. Jennings, R. Welsh Fus. and K. Af. R. (Llanrwst).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of a Lewis gun during a patrol engagement and rendered valuable assistance throughout the action. He collected and rallied scattered parties of men, and, by skilful handling of his Lewis gun, he caused an enemy machine gun to change position time after time. He set an excellent example of initiative and determination.

11822 Sjt. J. Jeremiah, S. Wales Bord. (Ganteg).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After an intense bombardment, lasting several hours, the enemy, in greatly superior numbers, launched a heavy attack on our positions. During this trying time Serjeant Jeremiah, who was in command of his platoon, steadied and encouraged the men by his fine example, and they fought with much vigour and determination, breaking up the attack and throwing back the enemy, who suffered heavy losses. During the afternoon of the same day he went out with a few men and captured eight prisoners. Two days afterwards this non-commissioned officer was in command of his platoon in the front line of a counter-attack, where he showed great courage and determination, entering fire bays and dug-outs, and personally accounting for many of the enemy, largely assisting in the success of the operation. Nothing in these two engagements was more conspicuous than the fine behaviour of Serjeant Jeremiah, who on every occasion has shown unstinted devotion to duty.

32033 Cpl. W. J. Jermy, M.M., Norf. R. (Norwich).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack, when,

although wounded and having lost the sight of one eye, he nevertheless alone continued to use his Lewis gun against the enemy until late in the day, when he was ordered to the rear. His courage and endurance aroused the admiration of all.

8640 Pte. (A./L./Cpl.) A. C. Johns, Devon R. (Devonport).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when commanding a section in a counter-attack, which was hastily organised from among the men at H.Q. details. He led the section with the greatest courage in the face of heavy fire at point-blank range, until, with only two men left, he reached and captured a gun, killing the team. On his own initiative he advanced further, until he came upon a party of fifty of the enemy, whom he forced to surrender. After this, being unable to advance, he occupied with the remaining two of his men a position, and held it till nightfall. His courage and devotion to duty were most marked.

682490 Sjt. J. Johns, M.M., Lond. R. (Bethnal Green).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a counter-attack by his company. After all the officers and the warrant officer of his company had become casualties, he took command, and later extricated the company from a dangerous position without a casualty.

240374 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) S. Johnson, York. L.I. (Doncaster).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He defended his post against an enemy bombing attack till his bombs were exhausted. He then rushed an enemy bomber, killed him, and took his bombs off him, and used them with great effect, eventually clearing the trench. A very fine performance.

8058 Sjt. A. Jones, Shrop. L.I. (Shipnal).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy offensive. He did great execution with the Lewis gun he was in charge of, and when withdrawing his team, he carried another gun several hundred yards under heavy fire, till he could get the guns into action again. He showed great coolness, and set a fine example to his men.

8740 Sjt. C. Jones, R. Ir. Fus. (W. Bromwich).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His conduct throughout the fighting has been magnificent. Twice, at most critical times, under severe enemy barrage of shell and machine-gun fire, he succeeded in obtaining ammunition for the battalion, and enabled them to carry on.

25660 Cpl. D. Jones, M.G.C. (Pencader).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was sent forward to fill a gap, in charge of two guns, and kept his guns in action with the greatest coolness for over two hours, keeping the enemy off until the gap was closed by infantry reinforcements. He did fine service.

13444 Sjt. E. Jones, M.M., R.F.A. (Cardiff).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a forward section of guns. The enemy opened a deliberate shoot on these guns with six 4.2's, but directly the fire slackened he ordered the gun to be manned, directed the fire from the open, and harassed an important enemy route to the front line. This section remained seven days in action afterwards in the same position, and the resource, courage and energy shown by Sert. Jones was the main factor in keeping these guns in action during a critical period.

240222 C.S.M. G. V. Jones, W. Rid. R. (Huddersfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When strong enemy attacks were being made at night against his company, and there was some confusion, he rallied the men, and successfully drove out the enemy under intense machine-gun and rifle fire.

19705 C.S.M. H. Jones, M.G.C. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when placed in command of a composite platoon, after three patrols had gone forward and failed to return. By going forward repeatedly during the night he brought back enemy information of great value. Next day, by skilful handling, he withdrew his men without loss from a very exposed position.

L/9238 Sjt. H. B. Jones, M.M. R.W. Surr. R. (Basildon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He did great execution as an expert sniper. When his post was overwhelmed by the enemy, he ordered those who had not become casualties to withdraw to a new position, while he remained. He was taken prisoner, but after dusk made his escape. He did splendid work.

G/67396 Pte. J. W. Jones, Lond. R. (Rhyoder, Radnor).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After an enemy barrage had opened he took up his battle post, utterly regardless of danger, and caused heavy enemy casualties by directing the rifle fire of the section. Later, when placed in command of a section of his platoon, owing to all N.C.O.'s becoming casualties, he again directed the fire with deadly effect, and when at length the platoon was becoming surrounded he remained at his post, harassing the enemy, and enabling the platoon to retire to another prepared position.

22193 L./Cpl. (A./Cpl.) O. Jones, M.M., L.N. Lanc. R. (Ardwick).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an enemy attack, preceded by a bombardment, directly the barrage lifted he brought his Lewis gun into action, causing severe losses to the enemy, and materially helping to stop their advance. He kept his gun in action until the whole of the detachment became casualties and the gun itself was so severely damaged by enemy fire as to be unworkable. He then took charge of the

platoon, the serjeant of which had become a casualty. Throughout the action he exhibited fine coolness and great powers of leadership.

16930 Sjt. T. Jones, Ches. R. (Gloucester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in carrying out the duties of company serjeant-major with the utmost skill. During a very heavy bombardment all the officers of his company became casualties. He immediately took command, rallied and organised the men and greatly assisted the company on his left to beat off a vigorous attack. He remained perfectly cool and cheerful throughout, and in the absence of an officer sent back valuable information to battalion headquarters.

16960 Cpl. (A./L./Sjt.) T. I. Jones, R. Welsh Fus. (Henllan).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack, when his officer was wounded, this N.C.O. took charge of the platoon, and, capturing a machine gun that was holding up the advance, led the men on and gained the objective. On another occasion, when in charge of a section, he received the surrender of a party of the enemy whom he had isolated in a shell-hole. Some of those who had given themselves up began afterwards to throw bombs, but Serjeant Jones promptly dispatched several of them and saved the section from heavy casualties. He then took charge of half the company and arranged his posts with great ability, and was largely instrumental in defeating an enemy counter-attack the next morning. Throughout the operations he showed great coolness and presence of mind.

20549 Sjt. W. G. Jones, R. Welsh Fus. (Bangor).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In an attack on an enemy position his platoon commander was wounded almost immediately, but this N.C.O. at once assumed command, and with great gallantry led the men forward through heavy shell and machine-gun fire till they reached their objective. He then disposed his men in the new line and established connection with the flanks, sending full reports of the situation to the only officer remaining in his company, to whom his assistance in forming and maintaining the line was of the greatest assistance.

356414 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) G. Jordan, L'pool R. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In an attack this N.C.O. was the first to reach the objective. Working his way round the flank, he overpowered a machine gunner who was firing his gun and holding up the main attack. His coolness and daring led to the success of the operation, with slight casualties to the attackers.

G/58799 Pte. H. I. Jordan, R. Fus. (Newport).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This man was acting as signaller to his company while the battalion was being withdrawn to a position behind. During a period of heavy fighting he and others were called on to surrender by a party of the

enemy, but with very prompt and gallant initiative he collected a number of men for an attack, and charged the enemy with the bayonet, driving them back, so that the remainder of the company was able to withdraw in safety. He himself was wounded in doing this, but held on till the retirement was completed and then rejoined his company.

6936 Pte. (A./Cpl.) H. W. Jordan, R. A.M.C. (Chatham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in remaining with the rearguard and dressing the wounded during a retirement. Later, when all ambulances had been withdrawn, he evacuated wounded on led horses, wheelbarrows, and other emergency transport until all had been removed, and then guided the last stretcher squads over the ridge under intense shell and machine-gun fire. By his courage and coolness he prevented many wounded from falling into the enemy's hands.

7012 Sjt. W. H. Jordan, M.M., Som. L.I. (Penegraig).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. displayed great gallantry and fine qualities of leadership when he led his platoon forward during an attack under heavy machine-gun fire, being always well ahead of his men. When the enemy counter-attacked under cover of heavy artillery and trench-mortar fire he steadied his men with great coolness and personal courage, and, making skilful use of his Lewis guns, was of great assistance in beating off the counter-attack.

7876 Sjt. D. Judd, Midd'x R. (Wembley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, when, the enemy having broken our line, this N.C.O. reorganised the men, restored their morale, effectively stopped the enemy attack and made counter-attack possible.

240814 Sjt. T. Julian, York. R. (Driffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After his company officers had become casualties, this N.C.O. took charge of two platoons and held on to the line. At night he found both his flanks in the air, and fell back to the line held by the battalion. He commanded the party for two days, fighting with efficiency, and it was undoubtedly greatly owing to his example and coolness that the line held.

785485 Cpl. J. B. Keightley, R.F.A. (Leeds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When this N.C.O. was bringing up ammunition to the guns, he found that the enemy were within half a mile of the battery position and advancing rapidly. He rode forward alone, saw that the guns were still manned, unlimbered the waggons, and brought the teams up at a gallop, thus saving all the guns of the battery under heavy machine-gun fire. The guns fired up to the last moment. His presence of mind and great determination were of the highest value.

15686 Sjt. E. Keith, Som. L.I. (W. Hartlepool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Serjt. Keith was in charge of two sections which had got out of touch with troops on their flanks and were being checked by machine-gun fire. His officer having become a casualty, Serjt. Keith proceeded to rally and reorganise men of different companies, and, taking control of the situation, held on to the position until ordered to withdraw in order to conform to the general situation. He carried out this operation, which was one of considerable difficulty, with great skill, and throughout his gallantry and initiative were a conspicuous example to his men.

200501 Sjt. J. J. Keith, R. Highrs. (Dundee).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went out in daylight with his platoon commander and one man, and rushed a machine-gun post, capturing two prisoners and putting the remainder to flight. Under heavy fire he carried back his officer, who was seriously wounded. He behaved magnificently.

760476 B.S.M. T. Kelly, R.F.A. (Seaham Harbour).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in saving the ammunition wagons of the battery when the lines were under heavy shell fire and bombed by hostile aircraft. Hostile infantry suddenly appeared close to the wagon lines, and, under heavy fire, he collected his battery and withdrew to a previously allotted wagon line. Throughout the retirement he showed great courage, tenacity of purpose, and unflinching energy, and it was largely owing to this that the guns were kept supplied with ammunition.

35590 Sjt. T. Kelly, M.G.C. (Montrose).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After both his officers had been wounded, he worked the battery with the greatest daring, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy and gained time for a fresh position to be consolidated. He then skillfully withdrew his guns through heavy fire, three of the guns with their teams being knocked out on the way back.

55981 Sjt. W. T. Kelsey, M.M., R.F.A. (Eynsham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On two occasions on the same day, when all the remainder of his gun detachments were either killed or wounded, this non-commissioned officer, unaided, kept his guns in action, and finally limbered up and withdrew them successfully, though under direct machine-gun fire from the enemy, who had by then advanced to close quarters.

63000 Sjt. A. Kendall, R.H.A. (St. John's Wood).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Having got his gun out of action under heavy shell fire, he volunteered to go back through the enemy barrage and withdraw another gun, whose serjeant, driver and

team had all been killed in a previous attempt to withdraw it. He succeeded in doing this under intense shell fire.

300070 Cpl. A. Kennedy, A. & S. Highrs. (Kames).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the signalling officer and serjeant had both been wounded, he took charge of the signal section and maintained constant communication with the front companies in spite of heavy enemy attacks and the telephone wires being repeatedly cut by shell fire. His courage and resource did much to encourage the men employed with him.

S/9568 Pte. J. Kevan, M.M., Gord. Highrs. (Sorbie).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in severe fighting, when he covered the right flank of his battalion with a Lewis gun while the enemy were attacking in large numbers. Two guns were knocked out while he was firing, but finding a third, he continued in action, inflicting heavy enemy casualties. His gallant conduct enabled the line to be withdrawn successfully.

37606 Pte. J. Killeen, Glouc. R. (Plymouth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went through our artillery barrage by himself and single-handed killed two of the enemy who were holding up the flank of his company with a machine gun. He led parties forward to cut off the enemy and brought in a considerable number of prisoners. He showed a splendid example of initiative, personal courage and devotion to duty.

L/29491 Sjt. A. E. King, R.F.A. (Ilford)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the battery was in action this N.C.O. carried a wounded gunner under fire to a place of safety and dressed his wound. Later, at the same place, when an ammunition dump was set on fire by a shell, he at once ran up and threw the ammunition clear of the fire. The next day when seven casualties occurred amongst the drivers and horses of the gun teams he at once assisted to re-team so that the guns were got up into action. While acting as battery serjeant-major he set a fine example to all ranks.

49504 B.S.M. A. H. King, R.F.A. (Hawwell, W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. A very heavy bombardment was directed on a neighbouring battery and a dug-out about 400 yards off was blown in. This W.O., hearing the cries of two wounded men who were in it, left his dug-out and with two men succeeded in extricating them under heavy fire and got them to a dressing station. He and the two gunners displayed splendid initiative.

42895 Sjt. C. King, R.E. (Derby).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in holding back an enemy attack he did valuable work in collecting stragglers and bringing them into the firing line. On two occasions he covered the withdrawal of

his company by remaining behind with a few men and engaging the enemy.

200968 C.S.M. (A./S./M.) C. J. King, Linc. R. (Firth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. Though suffering from a shrapnel wound in the leg he assisted with great efficiency in reorganising the line. He sited an excellent Lewis gun position, and when all the team had become casualties he worked the gun himself, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. He showed fine courage and determination.

18133 Sjt. F. King, M.M., Y.L.I. (South Elmsall).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When this N.C.O. received news of an expected hostile attack he crept through the enemy barrage to a point eighty yards in front of the wire on the flank of his post, taking a Lewis gun with him. From this point he broke up a strong attack, returning to the trench three times for more ammunition. Although wounded he remained until the mist cleared away and the attack was repulsed. The same evening he guided a counter-attack, and throughout the whole operations was full of initiative.

253287 Spr. F. King, R.E. (Rotherhithe).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a heavy enemy bombardment of battery areas all direct lines to batteries were cut. Spr. King went out immediately, and working hard for half an hour under an intense bombardment of high explosive and gas shells succeeded in effecting the necessary repairs and re-establishing communication with all the batteries. In a very short time the same damage was done again and communication cut off. Spr. King went out again, showing most gallant determination and fine endurance, and a second time repaired the lines and re-established connection under most severe fire.

28104 Pte. H. King, W. York. R. (Leeds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. Under very trying conditions he held on to his Lewis gun, keeping the enemy back and inflicting heavy casualties. Next day he again did exceptionally fine work with his gun. Throughout he shewed great gallantry and devotion to duty.

13723 Sjt. W. Kinsell, R. Welsh Fus. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went out in daylight to obtain information, being seen and heavily fired on. Single-handed he rushed an enemy machine gun, killed three of the team, put the gun out of action, and returned with valuable information. He was wounded badly, but continued at duty until forced to go down by loss of blood.

303279 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) H. Kinsella, M.M., Arg. & Suth'd Highrs. (Bonhill).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He rallied men and led them back to

their position under intense machine gun fire. He then organised the position, opened heavy fire on the enemy and silenced a machine gun post. By his courage and fine leadership he restored the situation.

275277 Sjt. R. Kirkland, M.M., Arg. & S. Highrs. (Alva).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a hostile attack. As signalling serjeant he maintained communication almost continuously between Battalion Headquarters and companies, greatly facilitating the direction of operations during a most critical period. His work, often carried out under heavy machine-gun fire, was invaluable throughout the operations.

20376 L./Cpl. W. Kirkman, M.M., Welsh R. (Bolton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Twice in succession he succeeded in carrying most important messages despite an intense barrage and in the face of an enemy attack. On several occasions he has distinguished himself by a fine display of courage and devotion to duty.

325009 C.S.M. S. Kirkpatrick, R. Scots. (Prestonpans).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, when the company being almost surrounded and ordered to withdraw, he remained behind and skilfully kept the enemy at bay until the last man had got away. Again, when separated from his company, he rounded up stragglers, and with them held the flank of the line for three hours against repeated attacks. His initiative, coolness under fire, and disregard of personal safety was an inspiring example to all ranks.

HKS.B./1178 Havildar Kishen Singh, Hong Kong and Sing. Bn., R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the officer of his section was wounded, he took his place, and though subsequently slightly wounded himself, performed the duties thoroughly and capably. By his cheerfulness and efficiency he was a fine example to the men of his section, and greatly contributed to the success of the action.

27324 Cpl. V. C. Kitchener, R.G.A. (Mill Hill).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst subjected to heavy shelling and gas the battery was ordered to open fire. No. 1 of the detachment having just been severely wounded, this N.C.O., though suffering from the results of gas, collected the remaining men of the detachment and opened fire. For the next two hours, in spite of continuous heavy shelling, he kept up a rapid rate of fire from his gun until ordered to cease fire. That night he did further good work whilst the guns were being withdrawn, encouraging the exhausted men to further efforts.

40459 L./Sjt. J. L. Kneale, Lanc. Fus. (Douglas, Isle of Man).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. was cut off by the enemy while in charge of a party of eighteen men

and two Lewis guns. He held out until dusk, and then managed with great skill and determination to bring the party through with small loss. He reported to his officer at midnight. His performance was a very fine one.

8763 R.S.M. H. Knight, Leins. R. (Cork).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When with his battalion in a difficult position the behaviour of this warrant officer was worthy of the highest praise. His disregard of personal danger was an example to all. On one occasion, being in charge of a force composed of four different regiments, he was holding an outpost line almost surrounded by the enemy in a very exposed position. All through a very trying night he kept up a spirit of cheerfulness and confidence among the men, and rendered valuable service, helping to post and visit picquets. At dawn the enemy opened a very heavy machine-gun fire on our positions, but he carried out the withdrawal that had been previously arranged in good order, his excellent arrangements and the absence of confusion making the casualties much fewer than they would otherwise have been.

22589 B.Q.M.S. J. C. Knights, R.F.A. (Bushey).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He repeatedly brought up ammunition to the guns under heavy shell fire, and his coolness and resource inspired confidence in the men on several occasions. One day limbers approaching the guns were heavily shelled and the teams bolted. He succeeded in rallying these, and by his prompt action avoided what might have resulted in the loss of the guns.

23893 C.S.M. C. Lacey, E. Lanc. R. (Plumstead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a platoon which had lost both its officers and serjeant was retiring, this warrant officer, leaving his trench, ran about 70 yards across the open under intense machine-gun and rifle fire, and rallied the men, leading them to a fresh position to protect the flank, which was threatened.

650005 C.S.M. (A./R.S.M.) J. O. C. Laing, M.C., Lond. R. (Tonbridge).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The courage and contempt of danger displayed by this warrant officer on two occasions while distributing small arms ammunition under very heavy fire, was a valuable example to the men, and its effect cannot be overestimated. Once, when the troops on the flank were driven in and the line was enfiladed and searched with fire from the rear, he remained with a small party on the exposed flank which had not yet received orders to withdraw. Throughout the operations he worked with tireless energy, and carried on his duties almost to the point of exhaustion.

68468 A./Sjt. J. Lamb, R.F.A. (Gateshead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of a forward gun. He showed great coolness under continuous shell

fire. He organised parties to put out fires in small ammunition dumps set ablaze by hostile shelling. He fired on the advancing enemy until all the ammunition was finished, when he brought his gun back to the main battery positions through a heavy barrage and under close rifle and machine-gun fire.

335053 Pte. J. Lamb, R. Scots (Peebles).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He carried important messages through heavy machine-gun fire to front and flanks, twice succeeded in bringing in wounded men under heavy fire, and protected his only remaining officer with his own body from machine-gun fire.

53050 Pte. B. Lane, M.G.C. (Cradley Heath).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the men of another team became casualties, he helped an N.C.O. to bandage and despatch them to the First-Aid Post. Then under heavy shell fire he got his gun into action single-handed, and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy.

355116 Pte. (L./Cpl.) E. Langford, R. Welsh Fus. (Llandyffsil).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a temporary withdrawal of his company. This stretcher-bearer stayed behind to dress and attend to the wounded by himself under heavy shell fire.

19772 L./Cpl. (A./Cpl.) R. H. Langford, M.M., R.E. (Portsmouth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under cover of a heavy artillery barrage the enemy had almost reached the far end of a pontoon bridge, over which our posts from "No Man's Land" were retiring. When the barrage lifted this N.C.O., who was one of a party whose duty was to destroy the bridge, ran across with great gallantry under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, and destroyed the bay on the far shore by bombing, making it possible to swing the bridge over to our side, where the demolition was completed.

202965 Pte. (L./Cpl.) H. H. W. Laverick, Dur. L.I. (Stockton-on-Tees).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the battalion on the right flank had been driven back, and his post almost surrounded, this man salvaged a Lewis gun from a derelict tank, and though not a regular Lewis gunner, worked it for two hours, until a Lewis gunner took it over, and he resumed his duties as battalion runner. By his initiative and courage he prevented the right flank from being surrounded, and rendered a subsequent withdrawal possible.

22630 L./Cpl. (A./Sjt.) F. W. Lawes, M.M., R.E. (Eye).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With his section he attacked and captured a farm, killing many of the enemy and capturing three machine guns and eighteen prisoners. He handled his men with great coolness and resource, and set them a fine example.

500017 Sjt. W. G. Lay, R.E. (Bristol).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty under a very heavy bombardment. He repeatedly went out to repair existing telephone lines, and lay new ones, and was largely instrumental in maintaining communication between Brigade Headquarters and forward battalions.

62319 L./C. G. A. Leavey, R.E. (Winchfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when for three days he was in charge of a brigade forward station, and he kept up communication under most trying circumstances. Through his personal example in mending lines and manning visual stations, he enabled the brigade communications forward to be maintained, and when the brigade withdrew he let the infantry pass him, kept open communication to the last, and then destroyed his instruments.

130914 L./Sjt. C. Ledingham, M.G.C. (Craigie, Perth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a hostile attack. He kept his machine gun in action when the enemy tried to rush and bomb his position. After driving them back he noticed they were massing again for attack on the left. He reconnoitred forward in the open under heavy shell fire for a new position, brought up his gun, and opened fire on them at close range, again rendering valuable assistance by driving the enemy back.

8514 A./R.S.M. A. Lee, E. Surr. R. (Wandsworth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack on a village, this W.O., in command of Battalion Headquarters details, established dumps and kept up an ample supply of S.A.A. and bombs to the forward companies under heavy fire. That night, when the enemy attacked, he started the men digging on their allotted portion of the defensive flank, and then, when the companies ran short of S.O.S. grenades, he fetched six tins from an abandoned dump in "No Man's Land."

31241 Gnr. J. E. Lee, R.F.A. (Ballyclare).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when the signal leads of the battery having been cut he went out to repair the line. Then he remained out for five hours under heavy fire repairing leads, and succeeded in keeping the line intact, bringing in with him eventually a gunner who had been helping him.

P.W./1541 C.S.M. H. Leighs, Midd'x R. (Stoke-on-Trent).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company commander was killed he took command of the men who were occupying his part of the trench, and distributed ammunition and encouraged the men to successfully repel heavy attacks until relieved of his command by an officer. He showed great coolness and initiative.

24381 Sjt. G. Leivesley, Ches. R. (Birkenhead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when, his company almost surrounded, he took charge of it in the absence of the officers, and conducted its withdrawal in a masterly manner, displaying much coolness under heavy fire.

G/6887 L./Cpl. E. Letts, R.W. Surr. R. (Croydon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a counter-attack by his platoon some of the men got separated. He promptly collected them and led them to the remainder of the platoon. His promptitude caused the counter-attack to be successful.

446619 Spr. (A./L./Cpl.) E. J. Lewis, R.E. (Hoylake).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of a party guarding a bridge, this N.C.O. noticed that some spun yarn in close proximity to the primers and fuses to the main charge of 500 lbs. of ammonal had been ignited by a shell-burst. He at once went and extinguished it, saving the destruction of the bridge and probably many lives.

14100 Sjt. J. Lewis, Glouc. R. (Bristol).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while commanding a platoon during an attack, when he captured five houses and three orchards. His consolidation was excellent, and his reports concise. The success of the operations was largely due to his courage and determination. Had it not been for his following close to the barrage, greater casualties might have been incurred.

8151 Sjt. H. A. Lewry, R. Suss. R. (Hurstpierpoint).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading an attack. When the company commander was killed, he took command, organised his men, and occupied the positions with great skill. His resource and coolness helped to a great extent towards the capture of the positions allotted to the battalion.

23406 Pte. C. Libby, D. of C.L.I. (Menhent, Cornwall).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in carrying messages under heavy machine-gun fire, on one occasion through a hailstorm of bullets, when the first two runners had been killed under his very eyes. It was this soldier who saw the enemy cavalry coming down the road, and warned the Lewis gun team, thereby causing the enemy's total destruction. Although worn out, and with his feet quite raw, he continued his work, and his staying powers were a wonder to all who came in contact with him. A fine example of pluck to the battalion.

14994 A./C.S.M. G. W. Lings, M.M., Leic. R. (Stapleford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During critical periods of rearguard fighting he frequently exposed himself under very heavy shell and machine-gun fire, encouraging the men in their resistance. He

showed supreme contempt of danger and untiring energy.

6389 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) F. Linnell, North'n R. (Northampton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He collected odd men and led a most dashing counter-attack, driving the enemy from the trenches and re-establishing the line. By his fine courage and initiative he saved an awkward situation.

201336 Pte. J. Livesey, L.N. Lanc. R. (Preston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy penetrated the forward positions, this man, with two others, formed a bombing block in a communication trench near the front line and held them up. He charged the enemy, and released an officer and some men who had been captured. After the actual fighting was over he went out on seven offensive and reconnoitring patrols, his courage being an inspiration to those with him.

265475 Sjt. J. O. Livingstone, Ches. R. (Stockport.)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During ten days' fighting this N.C.O., who had taken charge of the platoon when his officer was wounded, set a very fine example of courage and disregard of personal safety to his men. Throughout the operations his coolness and cheerful demeanour under trying circumstances were remarkable. On one occasion he three times met heavy attacks of the enemy, whom he forced to retire with severe casualties.

24428 Pte. W. T. Llewellyn, Welsh R. (Trehert).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He worked his Lewis gun, covering the withdrawal of his company, until the enemy were fifteen yards away, when he successfully withdrew with his gun. When wounded, he stuck to his gun, helping materially to beat off enemy attacks, until ordered to the aid post. His energy and determination had a most remarkable effect on the remainder of the men.

303001 Cpl. O. E. Lloyd, Manch. R. (Welshpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. While the enemy were attacking through a village, he led a small party of six men, and, though outnumbered by eight to one, he drove them back, killing one with his bayonet and shooting several. His conduct was very inspiring to the men, and greatly aided in repelling the attack.

9362 Sjt. R. Lock, Linc. R. (Lincoln).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when handling his platoon during a hostile attack so as to guard the flank of his company, with the enemy in contact; and on two occasions during a withdrawal he remained behind with his platoon, and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy, at all times setting a most praiseworthy example of coolness under fire and tactical ability.

280019 C.S.M. T. Lock, M.M., Lond. R. (New North Road).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the outpost line was driven back and the remnants of the garrison were being withdrawn, he went out under heavy shell and machine-gun fire and guided men back to the support line. He then established a party of men in shell-holes, and by skilfully directing their fire effectually covered the withdrawal. His unceasing labours and gallant conduct were of the greatest value.

300212 Sjt. N. Logan, Arg. & Suth'd Highrs. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as battalion Lewis gun serjeant. Under heavy artillery and machine-gun barrage, he did great execution with his gun on the enemy. In the mist he went forward and lay down with his gun, and mowed down the enemy as they advanced to attack. His courage and skill were of a very high order.

306617 Pte. M. Long, L'pool R. (Skipton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was the leader of a bombing attack, and with another man captured an enemy machine gun. The enemy was ejected after the attack had lasted four hours. He behaved with great dash and gallantry.

201524 Pte. E. Lord, Lan. Fus. (Heywood).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty for a fortnight as company signaller and linesman. He persistently mended the wires under heavy fire, and it was due to his efforts that the company lines were kept running throughout the operations. When the right flank of his company was completely enveloped, he took command of a section and directed their fire, using a rifle himself with deadly effect. He spent two hours in a village under heavy fire, keeping his lines intact, and kept all the companies linked up.

204091 Pte. W. Lord, Lanc. Fus. (Rochdale).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When returning from the front line to battalion headquarters at night by himself, this man was held up by fifteen of the enemy with a machine gun. By rushing them he frightened them into surrendering, and escorted them by himself to battalion headquarters.

165279 Bdr. H. Loring, R.G.A. (Haslingden).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his No. 1 was wounded, this non-commissioned officer carried on the fire of his gun from 4.15 a.m. to 2.30 p.m., refusing to be relieved. On his detachment being ordered to withdraw, he disabled the gun, and then remained to assist a wounded man.

242610 Sjt. C. Lowe, E. Lanc. R. (Oldham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action, when he seized a Lewis gun from a man who had become a casualty, and

rushed back to the trench from which the man had retired, and opened fire on the advancing enemy. Later, he used his rifle, and when his magazine was empty he bayoneted one of the enemy and felled another with the butt-end of his rifle before he was wounded.

810242 Sjt. P. Lowe, R.F.A. (Rickerscote).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while acting battery serjeant-major at the gun position. The battery was subjected to a terrific bombardment of high explosive and gas shells, which necessitated the use of masks for five hours. During all this time this non-commissioned officer did magnificent work in keeping the guns in action, assisting in the supply of ammunition, and encouraging the detachments. He also went through a barrage to obtain stretchers for the wounded. He displayed wonderful courage, and set a splendid example to the men of his battery.

14414 C.S.M. R. Lucas, M.M., R. Ir. Fus. (Loughall, Co. Armagh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Displayed great coolness and courage in rallying the line round a village, and by his fine example was instrumental in saving a critical situation.

33911 Pte. (A./L./Cpl.) A. J. Lucking, Essex R. (Upton Park).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a hostile attack he fired his Lewis gun with great effect until the enemy were in the same trench with him. He then fought his way out with bombs, saving his gun, which he again brought into action. He did great execution among the enemy, and his courage was beyond praise.

240018 C.S.M. G. Lumb, York & Lanc. R. (Jump, nr. Barnsley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his battery was ordered to take up a position and hold a road, he reconnoitred the positions and put the posts in order under heavy machine-gun fire. He later took charge of carrying parties, and under heavy fire delivered shells to the battery in the line. He showed fine courage and untiring energy.

5870 R.S.M. W. Lund, Lanc. Fus. (Bury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On many critical occasions he rallied the men, who were falling back, and reorganised and encouraged them, walking about under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire, indifferent to danger, and inspiring them with his example. When the battalion was ordered to withdraw to a new position he greatly assisted to regulate the operation in an orderly manner, and did not leave until the last man had retired.

141343 Pte. A. Mabson, M.G. Corps (Lewisham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack on a village the advance was in danger of being held up by enemy machine-gun fire. This man with

one other rushed forward into the house where it was, killing the crew of seven and disabling the gun.

630337 Serjt. N. McAdam, R.F.A. (Aberdeen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a withdrawal under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire. He cut two dead horses from his team, and enabled his gun to get away, and successfully held a bridge until reinforcements arrived. He was severely wounded the same night while trying gallantly to salve the guns of his battery.

43422 Pte. G. McAskil, Dur. L.I. (Stirling).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was sent forward through heavy fire to obtain information of a forward post. On two attempts to get through his companions were wounded. He carried them back to safety, then alone made his way forward, bringing back the required information.

18585 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) J. McBrier, M.M., M.G.C. (Coatbridge).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He controlled his team skilfully and coolly, and by his gallant behaviour greatly encouraged the men. At a critical moment he assisted in reorganising infantry. He did fine work.

20459 Cpl. J. McCarthy, York & Lanc. R. (Dowlais).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack on battalion headquarters. He took command of a party after his Regimental Serjeant-Major was hit, and handled them with great skill. Next day he took charge of two Lewis guns, and inflicted heavy loss on the enemy. He showed great courage and ability.

630616 Gnr. A. McCaskill, R.F.A. (Aberdeen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When one of a detachment of an anti-Tank gun, he continued firing till there was no more ammunition available. He then rendered the gun useless to the enemy, and though all the rest of the detachment were wounded or taken prisoners, he fought his way back to our own lines with great gallantry and resource.

7060 C.S.M. A. McCormick, R. Innis. Fus. (Belfast).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of a detachment post under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire, he continued to send back valuable information. Next day, with thirty men, he held up an enemy attack for six hours, until all ammunition was expended. He showed great coolness and skill in handling his men.

11062 Sjt. A. McDonagh, C. Gds. (Nuneaton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Throughout a long and very trying period he displayed the utmost coolness and courage. When on patrol, he was surrounded by the enemy, but held on to his

position, causing heavy losses to the enemy, and greatly assisting the withdrawal of troops. Later, when ten men of his platoon were killed by one shell, he promptly re-organised and quickly restored the situation. On all occasions he proved himself invaluable, and his work was excellent.

200293 Sjt. D. McDonald, Sea. Highrs. (Dingwall).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As a sniper and observer this non-commissioned officer performed valuable work under fire, when his coolness and devotion to duty were conspicuous. Through the information he afforded timely dispositions were made to repel strong enemy attacks on our flanks, during which he inflicted heavy losses on the enemy machine guns and advancing infantry.

S/11923 Pte. (A./Sjt.) W. McDougall, R. Highrs. (Wishaw).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in the signal office during a five hours' heavy bombardment, with gas shells, of battalion H.Q., which rendered signal work dangerous and almost impossible. Owing to his great courage and efforts, communication was maintained throughout the day. He also displayed the greatest coolness and determination in repairing damaged lines and in laying a new one. When signal communication became impossible, he rejoined his company, and by his personal example greatly assisted in steadying the men.

21780 Pte. A. McDowell, Dur. L.I. (Fence-houses).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the progress of a counter-attack this man showed great courage and determination. He was one of a small party who reached the objective, and, during village fighting, when men were wavering under heavy fire from the houses, he pushed on to the further end of the village, materially assisting in the success of its recapture.

2711 Cpl. D. McEvoy, M.M., Lan. Fus. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. was in charge of a section during a minor operation. Soon after starting his party came under heavy machine-gun fire from a hedge behind the objective. He got up a Lewis gun to bring a cross fire to bear, and under cover of its fire crept up to within thirty yards and bombed the enemy gun, he then returned, and led his men on their objective. His prompt action in silencing the gun ensured the success of the operation.

35199 B.S.M. W. E. MacFarlane, R.F.A. (Redruth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in operations when in sole command of the battery wagon line. He showed the utmost coolness and disregard of danger, often taking up ammunition to the guns under heavy fire. The maintenance of ammunition at the guns was due in no small measure to his splendid example, and the way in which he handled his wagon line.

1078 Pte. C. McGill, Lanc. Fus. (Merthyr).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy were met in forcing a communication trench this man climbed on to, and stood up on the parapet, in order to get a better target, though he was under machine-gun and rifle fire. Firing at the enemy, he killed several and threw them into confusion by his unexpected action, which enabled the party in the trench to rush them and capture the lot. His dauntless example was a great encouragement to the men with him.

4/9893 Cpl. P. McGlone, Dur. L.I. (Toomebridge, Co. Antrim).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He held up the advancing enemy with his Lewis gun until practically surrounded, thereby rendering important service at a critical moment.

D/12852 Sjt. W. McHardy, M.M., Dns. (Edinburgh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of a post of forty men and two Hotchkiss guns. The troops on his flanks had withdrawn, but, having received no orders to retire, he held his post for six hours against vastly superior numbers of the enemy, until nearly surrounded, when he fought his way back over a canal, bringing all his party with him. He was severely wounded early in the engagement, but his coolness and courage did much to maintain the steadiness of his men in an action against overwhelming odds.

278519 Sjt. S. McIlwaine, R.G.A. (Armagh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under heavy shell fire he kept his gun in action and kept up a rapid rate of fire during a critical period, until ordered to destroy his gun. He set a fine example to the men of his detachment.

636194 A./Sjt. A. S. McIntosh, R.F.A. (Lochee, N.B.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. kept his gun in action until it was knocked out, then sent the detachment back with the sights while he manned a Lewis gun and fought a fine rear-guard action, allowing the enemy to almost surround him before withdrawing to a new position.

265982 L./Cpl. W. S. McIntosh, Gord. Highrs. (Keith).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company was forced to withdraw, being almost surrounded, he remained behind and covered its retirement with his Lewis gun. During all the time he was being subjected to heavy rifle and machine-gun fire, but undoubtedly he inflicted severe loss on the enemy, and it was due to his energy and courage that his men were withdrawn with so few casualties.

S/25807 L./Cpl. J. McIntyre, Cam'n Highrs. (Glenelg).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed the greatest coolness throughout a heavy day's fighting when in charge of a Lewis-gun section. When his

gun and half his team were buried he dug them out. Finally, when the line withdrew, he remained at his post till the enemy were within fifteen yards and then got his gun back to a new position.

41042 Pte. D. McIver, Sco. Rif. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an enemy attack he observed a party of the enemy advancing to a farmhouse which commanded the posts held by his company. He at once moved his section forward to a position covering the entrances to the house. He beat back several enemy attacks by the well-controlled fire of his section, and his prompt action and initiative materially assisted his company in holding their ground.

S/1962 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) C. MacKay, Sea. Highrs. (Halkirk).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After the repulse of an enemy attack he took out a fighting patrol with which, by daring leadership and a total disregard of danger, he surrounded and captured several parties of the enemy and some machine guns, which he brought back.

70928 Pte. J. MacKay, M.G.C. (Cardonald).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. Under extremely heavy machine-gun fire he volunteered to ride through with an order to forward guns, and returned to report. It was an extremely gallant act, carried out under the heaviest fire. As he rode through the infantry outposts they cheered him.

44107 L./Cpl. P. McKinney, M.G.C. (Waterside).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a retirement which was covered by the guns of his battery. He remained behind with the last gun to cover the retirement of the battery. His team suffered casualties from a sniper. He went out and attacked the sniper, who was in a shell hole, killing him with his revolver. Later, he displayed great courage and determination in bringing in wounded men under fire.

143961 Cpl. A. K. McKirdy, M.G.C. (Crossmyloof)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a counter-attack to secure the flank of the brigade, which was being hard pressed, he went forward with the infantry to select positions for the two guns of which he was in charge, and which he then brought up, using them with great effect. Later, on his own initiative, he moved the guns forward to cover a gap caused by heavy casualties. When the enemy attempted to push through and widen the gap, notwithstanding very heavy machine gun fire, which caused many casualties to his men, he directed an accurate fire on the enemy and prevented them succeeding in their object. It was largely owing to the skilful disposition of the guns, which he was able to make by his personal reconnaissance, and to the example of his behaviour, which at all times has been very fine, that a critical situation was saved.

420146 Sjt. D. McLaren, R.E. (Paisley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a determined enemy attack this N.C.O., though wounded early in the fight, with great skill and devotion to duty directed the fire of his men on to the enemy machine guns, thus enabling our pontoon bridges to be destroyed. He then kept our men supplied with bombs, continually exposing himself to heavy machine-gun fire in doing so. His courage and coolness throughout the attack largely contributed to its being repelled.

247826 Spr. (A./Cpl.) D. M. McLaren, R.E. (Edinburgh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In charge of an important pumping station this N.C.O. kept it working so long as water was required, then sent away his assistants and remained behind to destroy the machinery, which he did with deliberation and thoroughness, though there was no one between him and the enemy, and he was under rifle fire.

20426 Sjt. A. MacLean, M.G.C. (Springburn).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. After both his officers had become casualties he controlled the section most efficiently, and he rendered valuable assistance in reorganising infantry at a critical moment. He did fine work.

8770 Sjt. D. MacLeod, M.M., Sea. Highrs. (Stornaway).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in stopping the enemy crossing a canal. He stood fully exposed on the towpath bombing the enemy who were attempting to cross a small foot bridge. His action was of great military value.

13523 C.S.M. J. MacLeod, H.L.I. (Glen-dale).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in assisting his company commander during an attack on a village, when he killed several of the enemy himself and captured fourteen prisoners. When the final objective had been reached he led the pursuit up to the protective barrage. He performed excellent work during the consolidation in getting the men under control and in organising defences.

40709 Pte. C. McLure, R. Scots (Bathgate).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Seeing that the advancing enemy presented an excellent target on his own initiative he mounted a Lewis gun on a position and, although under constant machine-gun fire, he continued with the utmost coolness and disregard of danger to work his gun, inflicting severe casualties on the enemy, who were forming up to attack.

5618 C.S.M. A. McMaster, Arg. & Suth'd Highrs. (Arbroath).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a heavy bombardment of the enemy prior to their attack, this Warrant

Officer moved up and down the line visiting the posts and encouraging his men by his example of cheerful courage. When the attack developed, he personally supervised the supply of S.A.A. with such effect that the platoon on the flank, who were engaging the enemy with rifles and a Lewis gun, were able to inflict serious casualties. Later in the day, during the counter-attack, he rendered invaluable assistance to his company commander in reassembling the men and reorganising the line when it had been established. Throughout the engagement his gallantry and devotion to duty were conspicuous.

S/13475 L./Cpl. C. McQueen, Sea. Highrs. (Nairn).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His Lewis gun was buried by a shell. He dug out his gun and managed to bring it into action against the enemy in spite of his serious wounds, a piece of shrapnel having entered his back and passed clean through his body.

201333 Cpl. M. McRae, Sea. Highrs. (Baltimore, Fearn).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the officers of his company had become casualties, this non-commissioned officer with great initiative and resource at once took command of all the men about him and led them against the enemy. It was largely owing to his fine example of courage and tenacity that the men held their ground against the heavy attacks of the enemy, who were in greatly superior numbers.

9682 Sjt. J. R. MacWalter, M.M., E. Kent R. (Bristol).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a platoon. He kept his men well in hand under heavy machine-gun fire, and showed great determination and ability.

11987 Pte. W. Mack, R. Scots (Edinburgh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the N.C.O.s in his platoon had become casualties in a counter-attack, he re-organised and led the platoon forward. His fine example and courage were a great inspiration to his comrades, and the position was maintained.

35088 B.S.M. K. Macklin, R.F.A. (South-end-on-Sea).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As the section was on the point of moving off several casualties were sustained from the fire of an enemy gun of large calibre. Bty. Sjt. Maj. Macklin continued to perform his duties in a most courageous manner in spite of severe wounds which have since necessitated the amputation of a limb. His example of devotion to duty and disregard for his own severe injuries had a most excellent effect on the men and greatly assisted in keeping the section together as they moved away from the shelled area.

201216 Cpl. (Sjt.) E. Maddox, M.M., Yorks. L.I. (Normanton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led a fighting patrol against two

enemy machine guns which were harassing his company, and captured one and compelled the other to withdraw. He subsequently picked off the team of another machine gun with his rifle, and when his platoon commander became a casualty he commanded the platoon for two days with great ability. He set a splendid example of courage and cheerfulness.

9306 C.S.M. (A./R.S.M.) J. Malia, Bord. R. (Sunderland).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during four days' heavy fighting. He, with those of Battalion Headquarters available, inflicted the greatest possible loss on the attacking enemy. By his fine example of courage and energy he greatly encouraged his men.

46003 C.S.M. T. Maloney, R. Scots (Aldershot).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a withdrawal. When his officer became a casualty, he took command of the platoon which had been left behind to cover the retirement. He displayed great coolness and contempt of danger throughout this very difficult operation, controlling the fire of his platoon so as to inflict extremely heavy casualties on the enemy. Although wounded, he remained in command until satisfied that the new fire position was fully organised.

72057 Sjt. H. Maltby, M.M., M.G.C. (Breaston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During ten days' hard fighting he several times covered the retirement of our infantry, inflicting such heavy casualties on the enemy that their advance was checked, and our men were given valuable time to re-organise a fresh line of defence. When the flank of the Division had become exposed, Sjt. Maltby brought up two guns in front of the line, under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, and though he had only three other men to keep them in action, he directed such accurate and crushing fire on the enemy that the threatened flank was saved and our infantry were able to extricate themselves from a dangerous position. Throughout the whole of the operations his unflagging energy, his coolness and conspicuous courage, inspired all those under him with confidence and steadfast determination.

723000 L./Cpl. A. P. V. G. March, M.M., Lond. R. (Guernsey).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On his own initiative he went forward on patrol to get into touch with the enemy. He came across a party led by an officer, and with the greatest coolness and presence of mind he feigned death until the party was within 30 yards, when he shot the officer and dispersed the remainder of the party. He searched the officer, although under heavy rifle fire and machine-gun fire, and obtained from him most valuable maps and papers. His courage and devotion have at all times greatly inspired the men with him.

19072 Cpl. S. J. Marler, Norf. R. (Norwich).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an intense bombardment, when he volunteered to carry an important mes-

sage back to Battalion Headquarters. Later, single-handed, and walking on the parapet, he drove the enemy back for 100 yards along a communication trench by throwing bombs into the trench. On many previous occasions he had displayed qualities of courage and coolness of a very high order.

482134 Sjt. N. Marples, R.E. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an engagement, while under very heavy shell fire, this non-commissioned officer was continually at work laying and maintaining cable lines. Of the two men working under him, one was killed and the other wounded. The latter he bestowed in a place of safety and then returned and carried on his work. His coolness and courage were an example to the men under him.

200535 Sjt. W. Marr, Sco. Rif. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took charge of a platoon and handled them with great skill and coolness during a heavy enemy attack. By his fine example of coolness and determination under heavy fire he encouraged his men to inflict heavy casualties on the enemy.

10594 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) C. Marsh, C. Gds. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of an advanced outpost during a hostile advance, when his valuable reports led to the enemy's manoeuvres being successfully forestalled. Later, when heavily attacked, he drove off the enemy with severe losses, and finally withdrew his party, under heavy fire, to the front line without casualties.

11300 Sjt. J. Marshall, E. Lanc. R. (Burnley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. took charge of his platoon when the commander had been killed, and moved forward to a position that was being attacked by the enemy. Though troops in the line were falling back, he kept his men together and held the position until he was ordered to withdraw eight hours later, though during most of the time his right flank was quite unsupported. His intelligent grip of the tactical situation and his gallant conduct were of the greatest value.

631561 Sjt. R. Marshall, R.F.A. (Edinburgh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under heavy shell and machine-gun fire at close range, after the gun in his own charge had been disabled, this non-commissioned officer went forward and superintended the dismantling of the forward gun. He then held the enemy in check with the Lewis gun until the detachments had dismantled the few remaining guns of the battery that had not been destroyed by shell fire.

281718 Cpl. A. Martin, Lond. R. (Hoxton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After his officer and senior N.C.O.'s had become casualties he assumed command, and successfully met and drove off an enemy

attack by leading his men out of their trench and engaging the enemy with the bayonet on the parapet. His courage and coolness greatly inspired all ranks with him.

58650 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) E. A. Martin, R.F.A. (Douglas, Isle of Man).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The guns had to be man-handled over 100 yards of soft and broken ground under the most intense shell fire. He set a splendid example of courage, and it was mainly due to his example that the guns were withdrawn, although the last gun had to be man-handled nearly 150 yards under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire at close range.

250371 C.S.M. J. R. Martin, Manch. R. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During three days especially this warrant officer was of the greatest assistance to his company officer. Wherever the shelling was heaviest he went about placing his men to the best advantage. He was seriously wounded, but continued his work until again wounded. He showed the highest courage and determination.

49092 Cpl. L. E. Martin, R.F.A. (Brighton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. Though early wounded, he remained with the battery under heavy fire all day, and after all the officers and serjeants had been wounded or killed, he commanded the battery until an officer from another battery arrived. He behaved splendidly.

S/3998 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) R. Martin, Sea. Highrs. (Maybole).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. He went forward alone between the lines in search for an enemy machine-gun which was continually enfilading the line and was eventually able to put this gun out of action, killing part of its crew. Throughout the whole action he displayed the greatest courage and coolness, and was of invaluable assistance to his C.O.

33567 Pte. W. Martin, Ches. R. (Lewknor, Berks.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He repaired his telephone wires and maintained communication during a heavy enemy barrage fire. When the enemy forced an entry into a front-line trench, entirely on his own initiative he immediately collected a supply of bombs and alone cleared 100 yards of trench full of the enemy, killing twenty and wounding several more.

21345 C.S.M. R. Maskell, Lanc. Fus. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when, in spite of heavy machine-gun and shell fire he visited his platoon, inspiring the men with confidence and putting new heart into them.

325314 Serjt. T. Mason, Durh. L.I. (Chopwell).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under very heavy rifle and machine-

gun fire he coolly directed the fire of his men and encouraged them by his example. He organised men nearest him, and with them strengthened his own position and kept the enemy in check. He showed fine courage.

60227 Farr. Sjt. W. Matheson, R.F.A. (Oban).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a heavy shell and gas shell bombardment of wagon lines. It was owing to his fine example of coolness and courage that men and horses were got out of the lines with few casualties. His work was worthy of high praise.

200831 Pte. W. P. Mattman, Sea. Highrs. (Sandyford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in carrying messages to battalion headquarters under very heavy shell and machine-gun fire, on one occasion after two runners had been killed and another wounded in trying to get through. His conduct throughout was a wonderful example to all.

283441 Gnr. G. May, R.G.A. (Lincoln).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was being employed as runner to take back information as to the disposition of our troops, and at the time was awaiting orders. He collected, under heavy shell and machine-gun fire, fifty stragglers, got them into line, and by his fine example caused them to put up a useful fight until the arrival of an officer, who took charge of the party. It was a fine proof of resource and initiative during a trying time.

83370 Sjt. A. E. Maybury, R.E. (Horwich, near Bolton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in the face of the enemy. On the commencement of an enemy bombardment, he went from dug-out to dug-out, through heavy shelling and gas, organising his men into squads, and sending them to their battle stations. Though gassed himself, his only thought was for his men. When nearly at his own battle station he was severely wounded. Throughout the operations his fearless courage and initiative were of the highest order.

3756 Sjt. B. G. Mayhew, M.G.C. (Barnsbury, N.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his gun emplacement was blown in, he promptly brought his gun into the open and silenced enemy machine guns at close range. Next day, though practically surrounded, he kept his team working, and set a splendid example of grit and determination.

12327 Serjt. G. Maylett, L'pool R. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He took command of his company, led it forward over almost impassable ground, and captured the position. He reorganised his company, consolidated his position, and held it despite repeated counter-attacks by the enemy.

M2/100314 Pte. V. C. Mears, A.S.C. (near Eastleigh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He was constantly in the forward area, and throughout displayed great courage and energy in carrying out his duties efficiently under heavy fire. The rapid and successful evacuation of the wounded from the divisional front was largely due to his untiring efforts.

235254 Serjt. R. F. Mee, Worc. R. (Ipswich).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went forward in the face of heavy machine-gun fire, together with a corporal, to bring back his company commander, who had been wounded. The corporal was wounded in the attempt, notwithstanding which he proceeded alone, brought back his officer, and went back again and brought the corporal in.

266706 Pte. A. Mellor, L'pool R. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This man with another proceeded about 100 yards with the object of capturing five enemy observers, but on approaching they discovered a party of fifty, with several machine guns. They held their ground, shouting and shaking their bayonets, assisted by shouts of men behind, which induced the enemy to surrender. They captured thirty men and four machine guns.

17951 C./S./M./S. Mellor, R. Scots (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. When trenches in rear of those which had to be occupied were entered by the enemy, he organised bombing parties and formed bombing blocks, and held back the enemy all night. Next morning, when the enemy again attempted to advance, he remained at the bombing block bombing for two hours, and finally enabled his company to withdraw in safety. He showed fine courage under difficult circumstances.

132221 Sjt. S. J. Menadue, R.E. (St. Day, Scorrer).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This non-commissioned officer with another was in charge of a portion of underground defence that was overrun by the enemy; they, however, refused to surrender, and remained below with an officer who was unable to walk, having always in view the possibility of an escape during the confusion. Their anticipations were justified, and in spite of a heavy machine-gun fire and shell barrage they succeeded in carrying the wounded officer into safety and in rescuing six other men. The happy result of this enterprise was due to the courage and resource of these non-commissioned officers, who were equally responsible for its success.

2484 Cpl. J. P. Menah, R.F.A. (Balham, S.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an enemy attack he led two fresh detachments from wagon lines to gun line through a heavy barrage. He then

acted as No. 1 of his gun for over seven hours, firing over open sights at close range on the enemy, under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire. He did fine work, holding up the enemy and inflicting heavy casualties.

M2/018966 Sjt. C. K. Menkinick, A.S.C. (M.T.) (Bishop's Stortford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of ambulance cars. He personally took the only available car into a village which was being very heavily shelled and evacuated all the wounded. His devotion to duty and disregard of personal danger were beyond all praise, and set a splendid example to all.

11296 Serjt. (A./C.S.M.) F. S. Metcalfe, York. R. (Middlesbrough).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led a party of men to counter-attack a post, and succeeded in ejecting the enemy and completely restoring the position. By his prompt action, initiative and courage he set a very fine example to his men, which enabled our positions to be maintained intact.

25365 B.Q.M.S. J. C. Miles, M.M., R.F.A. (Nelson).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at the gun position during an enemy bombardment. He supervised the supply of ammunition and got wagon teams away under heavy shell fire. Later, he accompanied an officer, and assisted to observe until the officer was killed, when he was ordered to bring his party in. Throughout he showed marked courage and determination.

546286 L./Cpl. (A./Cpl.) G. Miller, R.E. (S. Tottenham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in the defence of a strong point. He repeatedly exposed himself under very heavy enemy fire, in order to observe targets and direct the fire of the garrison. His courage and energy greatly assisted the garrison in holding out.

200293 Sjt. J. Miller, M.M., L.N. Lanc. R. (Withnell).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This non-commissioned officer was in command of a post in the support line. When the enemy were known to be in the front line he organised and led a bombing party down the communication trench and cleared them out. Later, he captured a hostile machine gun and team that were menacing the position. He constantly led out reconnoitring patrols to gain information as to the enemy's dispositions, and his coolness was a great asset.

200114 C.S.M. J. W. Miller, Soc. Rif. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the troops in front of and on the flanks of his company had been driven in, and his platoon commanders and serjeants, except one, had become casualties, he went forward and re-organised the position on the right, in doing which he was severely

wounded. He then insisted on the stretcher-bearers taking him to his company commander, to whom he gave a clear and valuable report of the situation. He showed fine courage and determination.

S2/018327 L./Cpl. (A./Sjt.) T. Miller, A.S.C. (Norwich).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He was sent out to get into touch with details and wounded. He successfully accomplished this under heavy barrage, and brought back the information required by his company commander. Later, he was sent on patrol and returned with the information required, having performed his task under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire. Later, with a small party, he successfully defended a position against repeated enemy attacks. He showed fine courage and tenacity.

267321 Pte. W. Miller, Sea. Highrs. (Wick).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. An enemy machine gun was harassing the retirement of some of our parties. This man went back alone, and, creeping from shell-hole to shell-hole, under the fire of machine guns and snipers from the enemy positions, he managed to get within 200 yards of the gun. He steadily picked off the machine gunners and finally silenced the gun. As he retired he picked up a Lewis gun, and from his advanced position inflicted very heavy casualties on the enemy and kept down their fire until his comrades were established in their new position.

15/11727 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) T. Milligan, R. Ir. Rif. (Belfast).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was the backbone of the battalion when acting as R.S.M. during eight days' fighting. By bringing up ammunition, and organising the firing line, he enabled successive positions to be held. He was untiring in rallying and re-organising the men, setting a splendid example to all.

265496 Cpl. W. Milne, Sea. Highrs. (Buckie).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His own section having all become casualties, this non-commissioned officer rallied a party of men of different units and held on to a position, inflicting severe losses on the enemy as they appeared over the hill, though he and his men were under heavy enfilade fire all the time. When his company withdrew, he remained and covered their retirement, conducting the operation in splendid order, though bombed from the front and in danger of being cut off in rear. His leadership and gallantry were conspicuous.

L/12644 Sqd./S.M. J. Miskimmin, Lrs. (York).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He ably assisted his squadron leader to hold the line, which was being very heavily attacked. When the position had to be evacuated, owing to the enemy being in the woods in rear of the squadron, he was sent back to fetch up the led horses. In spite of heavy casualties to men and horses, he

brought them up and succeeded in mounting the remnants of the squadron. When all the officers had become casualties, he took command, and with courage and resource completed the movement.

32165 Pte. A. Mitcham, Glouc. R. (Wam-brook).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was No. 1 of a Lewis gun team defending a post. With only three of his men left he kept his gun in action throughout the day. Attacked on three sides, he moved his gun from point to point, doing great execution, and beating back the enemy whenever they attempted to approach his post. Throughout a long day's hard fighting he rendered the most valuable service.

267275 Cpl. D. Mitchel, R. War. R. (Cross-gate).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while acting as platoon commander and as company serjeant-major. In both capacities he showed courage of a high order. Also his work with Lewis gun team was remarkably good.

45306 Pte. H. Mitchell, Durh. L.I. (York).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His company was seriously harrassed by a machine gun firing from a hedge near by. He volunteered to silence it, and went forward by himself, and by crawling along in the dusk rushed the gun team, bayoneted three men, and put the gun out of action. His bold action saved the company many casualties.

25/1099 C.S.M. J. Mitchell, North'd Fus. (Newcastle-on-Tyne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Throughout heavy bombardment and repeated enemy attacks, he rendered invaluable service in organising and leading isolated and mixed parties in the absence of officers. He was responsible for the sufficient supply of ammunition from the forward dump to the firing line. He set a fine example to the men.

266244 Pte. W. Mitchell, L'pool R. (South-port).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This man was with a post on the extreme right flank of the company during an attack. He did excellent work in holding up the attack, and when a live grenade was thrown into the trench he picked it up and threw it back amongst the enemy, where it exploded. He thus saved the lives of his comrades, and caused havoc to the enemy by his coolness.

10145 C.S.M. J. Moffat, M.M., R. Scots Fus. (Muirkirk).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This warrant officer, seeing part of his company disorganised by heavy shell and machine-gun fire, and without a leader, immediately took charge and reorganised a new line of defence, which he held for two hours, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy as they advanced. He withdrew only when he found himself outflanked both on the right and left.

19244 Sjt. A. H. Mogg, Worc. R. (Broms-grove).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. An advanced post was being heavily trench mortared, and the enemy was attempting to capture it. Notwithstanding the heavy shelling he took over a Lewis gun and did exceptionally good work with it, and, in spite of a wound, refused to leave the gun until the enemy had withdrawn.

4678 C.S.M. J. Montgomery, M.G.C. (Dalkeith).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This warrant officer commanded a platoon of infantry and handled them with considerable skill. On one occasion he took charge of two machine guns and ably controlled and directed their fire. Several times he gave great assistance in rallying men, and throughout he showed great courage and ability.

46817 Sjt. D. Moodie, M.M., R.E. (Kirk-caldy).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This non-commissioned officer was in charge of a post, which he held under heavy flanking and frontal machine-gun fire until ordered to withdraw. On another occasion, during a retirement, having given invaluable assistance in collecting stragglers, he was the last to leave the position, remaining behind to bring in a wounded officer, being almost surrounded by the enemy in doing so. He was in fact cut off from his own people, but placing himself under the orders of the nearest officer he rendered great service in destroying a dump in the face of the advancing enemy.

70745 Sjt. A. Moorcroft, M.M., M.G.C. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He rushed out from his position and rescued a wounded man under exceptional heavy machine gun and shell fire, who was conveying an important message to his section officer. Later, during a withdrawal, he rallied men, and by skilful direction of fire served to check the enemy's advance. He showed fine courage and leadership.

5355 Cpl. P. Moore, M.G.C. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of three guns comprising a battery. He constantly exposed himself, while supervising the firing and attending to ammunition to shell and machine-gun fire, and when the enemy practically surrounded the battery he broke through and carried away a gun and brought it into action again later.

201290 Pte. W. Moore, Manch. R. (Wigan).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when he remained in an open trench at a visual signal station under heavy bombardment, and by this action maintained communication.

13648 C.S.M. W. J. Moore, H.L.I. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading parties of volunteers to the attack on enemy posts and dug-outs, he showed the greatest skill and determination. On one occasion going with one serjeant into an enemy dug-out, he took prisoner the complete headquarters staff of a battalion, some 48 all ranks. His magnificent example had a very material effect on the result of the operations of his company.

W/3089 Gnr. A. Morgan, R.F.A. (Oswestry).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Gunner Morgan was one of three volunteers (the other two have since died of wounds) who, with their battery commander, kept two guns in action at a critical period, when the battery was almost overwhelmed by heavy and accurate fire of enemy artillery of large calibre. Later, when all the wires to Brigade Headquarters were cut, this man volunteered to attempt to get through the enemy barrage with a message. In this he was successful, and he also returned a second time through the barrage with an answer. His battery commander stated that such was the intensity of the barrage that he had small hope of seeing him again, and it was only the extreme urgency of the occasion that induced him to accept the office of this gallant soldier.

9943 2nd Cpl. (A./Sjt.) C. R. Morgan, R.E. (Bishop's Waltham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of divisional telegraph lines. When the only line between Division and Brigade was broken he went out and restored it under very heavy shell fire. Thanks to his courage and energy communications were successfully kept up during a very critical period.

17092 Sjt. D. Morgan, R. Welsh Fus. (Rhondda).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack, seeing an enemy machine gun holding it up, he worked round it and captured it, enabling the troops to advance. He then reorganised the remainder of two platoons and consolidated the line.

62369 C.S.M. E. D. Morgan, R.E. (S. Bank-on-Tees).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when assisting his company commander to hold a line. The company was short of officers, and his assistance in organising defences and leading men under heavy rifle fire was invaluable.

36243 Cpl. G. Morgan, Welsh R. (Henllys).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in handling his troops and rallying his men. When the enemy worked round his flank he stuck to his ground and offered material resistance. His value to his officers was infinite. He was wounded, but made efforts to continue resistance until ordered to the aid post.

47497 B.S.M. E. Morley, R.F.A. (Lewes).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the battery was under very heavy hostile shell fire this W.O. showed a very fine example of coolness to the men, which had a great effect and greatly assisted in keeping the battery in action until it was ordered to cease fire some time later. During a long period of hard fighting and heavy work this W.O.'s services have been invaluable.

31156 Sjt. F. Morley, R.G.A. (Dorrenth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when the detachment of his gun having been reduced to three men, his dial sight blown off, he himself suffering badly from gas and shock, he kept his gun in action for 13 hours absolutely in the open, under such an accurate fire that the ground within a radius of 30 yards of it was literally ploughed up by shell.

M2/183996 Pte. P. S. Morrill, A.S.C. (Fulham, S.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst acting as runner. Though slightly gassed and once blown over by a shell and severely hurt, he repeatedly carried messages through heavy shell fire, and continued his duties for three days until completely worn out. His splendid efforts were invaluable.

8047 Sjt. A. E. Morris, M.G.C. (Leytonstone).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he, as section serjeant, supervised the working of his gun for five hours, firing 15,000 rounds on enemy masses at close range, pouring water on the gun to keep it cool. He also collected stragglers and organised them as a Lewis gun team in a good position. Thanks to his coolness and example the position was held for three days against persistent enemy attacks.

23602 2nd Cpl. B. T. Morris, R.E. (Falmouth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. formed one of a party with one officer and two sappers, sent forward to destroy a bridge over a canal. While there a heavy barrage was put down on the canal, and the demolition charges had to be renewed four times, the bridge being finally destroyed when the necessity arose. The officer was killed and both sappers wounded.

S/17880 Cpl. J. E. Morris, Cam. Highrs. (Wrexham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during lengthy operations. In command of a Lewis gun section, and assisted by one other man, the remainder of his section having become casualties, he continued to work his gun until practically surrounded, and covered the withdrawal of his company. Finally, when the withdrawal was complete, he and his man carried back their gun. His conduct throughout was magnificent.

5529 Sjt. J. L. Morris, N. Staffs. R. (Smallthorne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, when his quickness in appreciating each situation as it arose, and his dash in executing the necessary manœuvre to meet it, repeatedly led to success. In doing this he worked quite regardless of personal danger, and eventually gave the greatest assistance to his company commander when the C.S.M. became a casualty.

3/6973 Cpl. A. Morrison, Sea. Highrs. (Stornoway).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The platoon of which this non-commissioned officer was in charge was surrounded by the enemy, who had worked up to within 20 yards of them. On being summoned to surrender, he leapt up, and, calling on his men to follow, emptied his magazine into the enemy and then attacked them with bayonet and rifle butt. They retired in disorder, and by his courageous and daring conduct he was able to save his men from capture.

280079 Sjt. H. W. Moss, Lond. R. (Mile End).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as signalling serjeant to the battalion. In command of the signallers and other details, he organised the defence of a position with marked ability, and then led, with the greatest coolness and courage, a successful counter-attack. Later, he led many patrols into "No Man's Land," capturing several prisoners and two machine guns.

350714 Pte. J. Moss, Manch. R. (Ashton-under-Lyne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. After all the officers and N.C.O.s had become casualties, he took command of the platoon, which had been badly disorganised, and re-organised and led it for many days in continuous action with the greatest bravery and powers of leadership. Time after time he rallied men of other units, and took charge of them. His fine work was beyond praise.

10751 Sjt. J. E. Mounty, Som. L.I. (Bristol).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of reinforcements he organised a counter-attack and re-established the line, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy and capturing a machine gun. He showed great courage and determination.

1712 Cpl. W. H. Muckell, R. Fus. (Tottenham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With a small party he successfully held up the enemy and enabled his company to withdraw without casualties. In rejoining his company he had to fight his way back through a party of the enemy, and it was greatly due to his splendid example that his company was successfully withdrawn from a critical position.

45188 Pte. J. Muir, Dur. L.I. (Milngavie).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when one of a party sent out into shell-holes in front during an enemy attack. All

except him were killed or wounded, but he remained at his post, killing many of the enemy and greatly assisting in holding them back. He showed great courage and determination.

950309 Sjt. W. J. Mumford, R.F.A. (West Hampstead, N.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He made a daring rapid reconnaissance, and brought back valuable information, to do which he passed twice under very heavy enemy barrage. He did fine service.

77055 Cpl. W. G. Murby, Tank Corps (Northampton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of a Lewis gun team. He successfully covered the withdrawal of a company of infantry, in spite of both flanks being enveloped. He remained until the retirement was complete, when all his ammunition was exhausted. In spite of a very heavy shell and machine-gun fire, he brought away his gun intact.

22082 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) T. Murphy, D.C.L.I. (Tottenham Court Road, W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. was in charge of the Lewis guns. He assisted throughout the day in keeping the guns in working order against repeated attacks, and was instrumental in killing large numbers of the enemy.

23535 Sjt. F. Murray, R. Scots (Huntly).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went out in the mist in front of the trench to investigate suspicious enemy movements, and came on some 200 enemy massing for attack. He returned with this valuable information to his platoon commander, and when the enemy attacked later he took a prominent part in throwing them back.

11371 Pte. F. Murray, R. Dub. Fus. (Dublin).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The battalion which had been surrounded by the enemy was fighting its way back to our lines but found a bridge on which they retired already in the possession of the enemy; an immediate attack on the bridge was undertaken. Two of the enemy however were hiding under the bridge ready to fire at close quarters, and had not been noticed. Private Murray saw them and instantly rushed at them and killed them both. His unhesitating courage undoubtedly saved the lives of many.

29335 Sjt. J. E. Murray, M.G.C. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed marked ability in directing the fire of his guns which broke up four big attacks with heavy casualties during seven days' operations. By his personal courage he set a fine example to the men under him.

8828 Sjt. T. Murray, Ir. Gds. (Kinsale).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a building containing a num-

ber of men was struck by a shell and set on fire, several men being wounded, he called for volunteers and organised their relief, saving many lives from the burning building. On several other occasions this N.C.O.'s conduct has been beyond all praise.

72725 Motor-Cycle-Cpl. G. H. Musson, R.E. (Tamworth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when, no other means of communication existing, he took messages between the Division and the Brigade, always under a heavy fire, and taking the shortest route in spite of warnings of the danger of that route. Three times he did this, and once had to repair a puncture, his example being a fine inspiration for other despatch riders and his assistance to the success of the operation invaluable.

16340 C.S.M. E. Mutch, Ches. R. (Monton, Ches.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. By his splendid example and complete disregard of danger he gave invaluable help to his officer, and kept his men well together at a most trying and critical time. When his company was withdrawing he remained until the last, and issued orders for the covering fire. All this time he was working under heavy enemy fire.

113065 C.S.M. J. Naylor, R.E. (nr. Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He rendered invaluable assistance by steadying men untrained in infantry warfare during the enemy's advance. He was wounded in trying, under rifle and machine-gun fire, to get out to a wounded man. He set a splendid example to the men.

C/12055 Pte. J. W. Neave, K.R.R.C. (Hainton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy tried to raid his trench, he shot the leader and one or two more, and caused them to run. He then went down the trench and captured one of the enemy who remained there. Then, taking command of the section, he reorganised the defence. During the whole period of operations he showed great gallantry and determination.

20349 L./Cpl. (A./Cpl.) W. Neilly, R.E. (Belfast).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He had charge of the demolition of a railway bridge, and waited under continuous artillery and machine-gun fire until the enemy were actually on the bridge before destroying it. Later, when ordered to demolish another bridge, he sent back his party and waited alone till the enemy were on the opposite bank before firing the charge. He displayed courage and initiative of a high order.

242100 Sjt. J. Neilson, Sea. Highrs. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon commander had become a casualty he rallied the men and took command, showing great powers of

organisation under adverse circumstances. On one occasion, finding the ground unsuitable for a Lewis gun position, he laid down and ordered the gunner to use his back as a rest. By his disregard of personal danger and unflinching courage he inspired his men, who were nearly exhausted by five days' continuous fighting, and they held on to their positions.

151626 Sjt. J. H. Newell, R.E. (High Wycombe).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O., with another, was in charge of a position of underground defence that was overrun by the enemy; they, however, refused to surrender and remained below with an officer, who was unable to walk, having always in view the possibility of an escape during the confusion. Their anticipations were justified, and in spite of a heavy machine-gun fire and shell barrage, they succeeded in carrying the wounded officer into safety and in rescuing six other men. The happy result of this enterprise was due to the courage and resource of these N.C.O.s, who were equally responsible for its success.

476763 Sjt. R. Newett, R.E. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. was one of a party of sappers who had become involved in action as they were returning from work. They hurriedly organised two strong points within 400 yards of the enemy, whose threatening advance they held up for many hours, though outflanked on both sides and under heavy artillery and machine-gun fire, which caused many casualties. The gallant determination and cheerful courage of this N.C.O. encouraged the men to hold the position till next morning, when, having saved an important position, they were withdrawn as the infantry had consolidated behind them.

36989 Cpl. H. Newport, R. Welsh Fus. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an engagement he led his section forward with great gallantry and determination, and engaged an enemy machine gun with his Lewis gun at close range. The whole of his section became casualties and he himself was wounded, but he continued to use his gun until he could do so no longer, being completely exhausted.

136357 Gnr. G. E. Newton, R.G.A. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under heavy fire he went out from an observation post and saved two buried men from a machine gun post, which had been destroyed by a direct hit. He showed fine courage and determination.

15478 C.S.M. G. W. Newton, R. Welsh Fus. (Talycafn).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack when all his officers had become casualties, he assumed command of the company, and under fire of all descriptions took adequate and skilful measures for consolidation. He disposed

his men for defence with much ability, and neglected no means of keeping Battalion Headquarters continually informed as to the needs of the situation.

H/270032 S.S.M. E. Nicholson, Yeo. (Mirfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of some Hotchkiss guns which he fought with the highest courage and coolness, doing great execution, though the flanks were turned, and he was severely wounded. All the guns were eventually damaged, but he kept the teams firing with their rifles until the last possible moment.

9619 Cpl. F. S. Nix, Leic. R. (Leicester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He mounted five Lewis guns and one Vickers gun and maintained them in action, causing the enemy heavy losses. He erected a block and held it, enabling our troops to withdraw. He was wounded, but had his wounds dressed and returned to help his men get away the guns successfully. He showed great endurance and courage.

11370 Cpl. J. Noblett, M.G.C. (Darwen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of a signal station amongst the front posts. When the posts were driven in and his station surrounded, he signalled the situation under very heavy fire, and reported himself with his two signallers to the nearest machine-gun commander. He and his two men then helped with the guns until all ammunition was expended, and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy. He saved his gun from capture by shooting enemy with his revolver, and behaved with great gallantry.

SE/13428 Farr. S./Sjt. W. J. Norman, A.V.C. (Workington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of ammunition wagons refilling at a dump, when enemy shell-fire set the dump on fire. He set to work and extinguished the flames, and saved the ammunition. He was under fire all the time.

14875 Sjt. C. Norris, M.G.C. (Holloway).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He remained in a trench alone and held up the enemy for an hour, after the infantry had evacuated it. He thus enabled the infantry to construct a strong defensive position in rear, and held the enemy. His gallant act was of great service.

S/31529 Pte. (L./Cpl.) F. Norsworthy, Rif. Bde. (Coventry).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He handled his Lewis gun with gallantry and initiative, pushing it up into gaps, and covering the withdrawal of troops. A daylight reconnaissance which he made with an officer resulted in the capture of three enemy machine-guns.

660 C.S.M. E. A. North, Lanc. Fus. (Netherfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a hostile attack. When the enemy repeatedly tried to force a passage through our block, he showed great skill and organisation in keeping a constant supply of bombs and grenades. He displayed great courage, and set a fine example to all the men around him.

87281 Cpl. A. F. Norton, R.F.A. ("E" E. Ham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a retirement. The whole control of the ammunition supply to the battery was placed in his hands, owing to casualties to officers and N.C.O.'s. He showed untiring energy and courage in collecting ammunition and bringing it to the battery, often under intense fire, and often with no one to assist him. He had his horse shot under him twice, but he rose superior to all difficulties, and the battery never ran short of ammunition.

11345 Cpl. A. Ockwell, Wilts. R. (Purton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy made a determined flanking attack, and the battery presented a most conspicuous target, undaunted by casualties, he brought his gun into action with the utmost coolness and courage. Later, the battery remained in action to cover the withdrawal of the infantry, and, when all ammunition was expended, and the enemy were close upon him, he blew up his gun.

20767 L./Sjt. P. O'Connor, M.M., Ches. R. (Middlesbrough).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O., in charge of a Lewis gun, attached to Company Headquarters, hearing that his company commander had been killed, rushed to the front, and, rallying the men, led them to attack a strong point. All his men becoming casualties, he went out and recovered the body of his officer, which was lying about forty yards from an enemy machine gun in action. He showed great gallantry.

10890 Sjt. Frank Odell, Hamps. R. (Newport, I. of W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the flank of his unit was almost enveloped, on his own initiative he seized a Lewis gun and poured a heavy fire into a large ammunition dump, which immediately blew up, killing many of the enemy and causing the remainder to withdraw. This courageous act, performed well in advance of our line and under heavy machine-gun fire, undoubtedly saved the company from being surrounded, and inspired fresh vigour into all ranks.

9488 Sjt. J. R. Ogden, W. Rid. R. (Halifax).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in temporary command of a platoon. The troops on his flank were held up by heavy barrage, and he was under machine-gun fire from a house, but he nevertheless led his platoon straight for their

objective. At night he showed conspicuous ability in consolidating the ground won. He set his men a splendid example by his own behaviour.

5915 L./Cpl. G. T. Ogilvie, R.W. Kent R. (Chatham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack on an advanced trench. He brought an abandoned Lewis gun into action under heavy shell and machine-gun fire and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy. Later, he guided an ambulance back alone under heavy fire, and brought in a wounded officer. He behaved magnificently.

290104 L./Sjt. D. O'Hare, R. Highrs. (Glencraig).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during lengthy operations. He was called upon to act as R.S.M., and it was largely due to his energy, courage, and resource that the men were kept supplied with ammunition. When the corps line was being held, and the supply of ammunition was running short, he personally distributed further supplies under very heavy shell fire. His coolness greatly inspired the men and encouraged them to hold on till the last possible moment.

45583 L./Cpl. C. Old, Lanc. Fus. (Cardiff).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. was leader of a bombing party, and ran into a nest of the enemy, who fired on them with two machine-guns at point blank range. He immediately rushed them with the bayonet, capturing them and the guns. Later, he was the first man to re-occupy points of the original front line and crater posts, showing coolness and determination.

126 C.S.M. (A./R.S.M.) E. Oldridge, Dur. L.I. (Darlington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Throughout a critical day's fighting this warrant officer was ubiquitous in helping to rally men and organise defensive posts. He was twice in the very last group of men to withdraw. During the next two days he was always at work in helping with the linking up of trenches and general arrangements for defence, and proved his solid value to the battalion as R.S.M.

L./11312 C.S.M. W. A. O'Leary, R.W. Surr. R. (Willesden, N.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He helped to rally his company at a critical moment under intense machine-gun and rifle fire, and by his fine example enabled the company to make a valuable stand.

33354 Sjt. E. Oliver, R.F.A. (Walkington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty throughout a retirement. On one occasion, when all his detachment had been wounded, he continued to serve and fire his gun until the battery was withdrawn from action. His courage and cheerfulness was most marked.

786581 Bdr. J. Orme, R.F.A. (Rotherham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an intense hostile bombardment. Owing to casualties, although badly gassed himself, he took charge of the battery and acted as battery serjeant-major, receiving and carrying out orders from one of the gassed officers. He showed great initiative and devotion to duty at a very trying time.

18825 Sjt. H. Orvis, M.G.C. (Gt. Oakley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He broke up several enemy attacks at close range, and hung on to positions with great tenacity. He inflicted severe casualties on the enemy. He showed great courage and determination.

72895 Pte. R. L. Ottaway, Notts. & Derby. R. (Fulham, S.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. When in a Lewis gun section in the front line, the heavy bombardment killed all the other members of the crew, but he continued to hold the post until it was blown in. He then took up another position, which was also blown in. Finally, when the enemy attacked, he got his gun on the parapet and did great execution, enabling the initial attack to be repulsed. His disregard of danger and coolness were throughout the operations most marked.

47616 Cpl. P. A. Ovenden, R.A.F. (Groombridge).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty under heavy shell fire whilst in charge of the balloon guard. In spite of heavy shelling, he made repeated attempts to repair a balloon which had been damaged. Later he returned with a party to remove the deflated balloon, when a shell fell amongst them, wounding five. He was largely instrumental in removing them to safety.

25206 Pte. (A./Cpl.) L. Overall, M.G.C. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst in charge of a machine-gun team. He remained in action in a very exposed position covering the withdrawal of other troops. He then withdrew his gun and reopened fire. When all his team had become casualties he retained possession of his gun and carried on for two days. By his determination and pluck he set a fine example.

31285 Pte. (A./Cpl.) V. H. Pace, M.M., R.A.M.C. (Leytonstone).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The officer in charge of the bearers having been wounded, this N.C.O. volunteered to go and find out why no wounded were coming in from a regimental aid post. He found that one medical officer had been taken prisoner, and the other had moved farther back, so, though exposed to fire of all sorts, he personally organised and carried out the evacuation of the wounded from the front line.

11018 L./Cpl. S. J. Palmer, Wilts. R. (Marlborough).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to

duty when, undaunted by a terrific fire directed on his party, he brought up his Stokes gun and ammunition and got into action. And, again, when he stayed behind during a withdrawal, firing his gun until the infantry were clear and his ammunition expended, when he blew up his gun with the enemy close up to it and got away.

13765 Sjt. W. W. Palmer, M.M., Norf. R. (Felthorpe).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the line on his right was withdrawn in face of violent hostile attacks, he went forward at great personal risk, and by his fine example encouraged the men to stand firm. Later, when his own front was attacked by overwhelming odds, he directed his platoon fire with deadly effect, personally accounting for many of the enemy, and when the line was withdrawn he remained until every man had gone.

S/4087 Pte. H. Park, Sea. Highrs. ("E" Kilmarnock).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action, when, single-handed, he attacked a hostile machine gun, killing its crew and putting it out of action. His courage and resource on all occasions have been most praiseworthy.

200782 Pte. T. Park, M.M., L.N. Lanc. R. (Preston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This man, acting as stretcher bearer during a heavy bombardment, worked unceasingly, dressing wounded in the open and carrying them in. In the afternoon he went out with a bombing patrol to a post strongly held by the enemy, five of whom were captured. The same night he again went out and assisted in capturing a machine gun and team. He was untiring in carrying ammunition and bombs.

14716 Sjt. H. Parke, M.M., Norf. R. (E. Harling).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy were advancing down a communication trench he repeatedly went forward under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire, and kept them at bay by standing on the parapet and throwing bombs into the trench. Later, when in charge of a platoon, he showed great ability. Throughout, by his courage and cheerfulness, he set a splendid example to the men.

72379 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) W. J. Parkin, R.F.A. (Huswell).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Several men of his detachment having been hit he carried on from 5 a.m. until 12 noon, firing the whole time without relief. When his men were completely worn out he sent them to a dug-out to rest whilst he himself, single-handed, carried on loading, laying and firing his gun. During the whole period his battery was being subjected to very heavy shell fire. His conduct has always stood out as a fine example to his battery.

15485 Sjt. R. W. Parlett, M.M., Norf. R. (Norwich).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an intense bombardment. When a Lewis gun team had all become casualties he showed great initiative in firing a Lewis gun under heavy shell fire, and held up the enemy's advance until his gun was destroyed. Throughout the whole action, as on many previous occasions, he set a fine example of coolness and utter disregard of personal danger.

8945 Pte. F. G. Parsons, Leic. R. (Leicester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a hostile attack when in charge of a mortar. After expending 150 rounds the remainder of the ammunition was blown up by a shell, and while the mortar was being taken out of the emplacement the team received a direct hit, which destroyed it and killed the whole of the team except Cpl. Parsons. Later in the day he proved himself invaluable in several counter-attacks, not withdrawing until machine guns were turned on him at close range. His great courage and determination in the face of the enemy set a fine example to all ranks with him.

242091 Pte. W. Pasquill, R. Lanc. R. (Bolton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This man volunteered to form one of a bombing party, attacking an enemy post. During the attack an enemy bomb dropped amongst them. Seeing that there was no time to throw it clear he placed his foot upon it, thereby saving several lives, but his foot was shattered.

20213 Sjt. G. Paterson, M.G.C. (Myrebird, Crathes).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in controlling his guns, making frequent journeys across the open exposed to heavy shell and machine-gun fire, thus greatly inspiring his comrades, who beat off frequent enemy attacks. Subsequently he led small parties forward at great personal risk, and on each occasion returned with an enemy machine gun.

7312 Sjt. G. Patience, M.M., Linc. R. (Burn).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in a daylight raid he reorganised the men in the captured line and refused to go back in spite of having been twice wounded and being in great pain. He greatly assisted in the success of the operations, and by his personal example inspired his comrades.

44751 Cpl. E. V. Payne, M.M., R.E. (Portsmouth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the advanced divisional exchange in an unprotected bell tent was being heavily shelled he ordered the whole personnel under cover, manned the exchange and took charge of the office himself until the shelling had diminished.

H/270016 S.S.M. F. W. Peacock, Yeo. (Sunderland).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of "B" Squadron dismounted Hotchkiss gun teams. Although their flanks were turned, he fought these guns with splendid courage and coolness, doing great execution until they were all knocked out. He then kept the teams firing with their rifles until the last possible moment.

26539 Pte. (A./L./Cpl.) G. Peacock, Bedf. R. (Peterborough).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a counter-attack on a village, which resulted in its recapture, our advance down the main street was being checked by the fire of a heavy enemy machine gun. Private Peacock, handling his Lewis gun with great skill, put the enemy gun out of action, and our troops were able to push forward through the village with few casualties. On another occasion he took command of the Lewis gun section after the N.C.O. had become a casualty, and though subsequently wounded, he remained at his post, and by his skilful handling of the gun greatly assisted the advance of his platoon by directing covering fire on the enemy positions. He was wounded a second time, but refused to leave his Lewis gun section until ordered to do so by his platoon commander.

10784 Pte. H. C. Peake, C. Gds., attd. M.G. Gds. (London, S.E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When acting as machine-gun commander, his gun and gear were buried by artillery fire. In spite of the intense fire of six machine guns, he got his own gun into action again on light mounting, and was largely instrumental in repelling the attack which followed. On the commander of the gun on his left being killed and the gun destroyed, he re-formed the remains of the two teams into one and took charge.

18685 Sjt. L. Peake, M.M., K.O.S.B. (Hanley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when, after the company commander was wounded, he kept the company together through a long and difficult retirement, displaying much coolness and courage.

12587 L./Cpl. H. C. Pearce, M.G.C. (L. Edmonton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. volunteered to go to a trench which had been evacuated, to fetch much-needed ammunition. On the way he dispersed a party of the enemy with his revolver, and brought back a supply of S.A.A. a distance of 700 yards under heavy fire. He then carried an important message back to Company H. Q. under a heavy barrage and machine-gun fire.

M2/151873 Pte. (A./Sjt.) J. W. Pearce, A.S.C. (Cradley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was sent up with three caterpillars to pull out the guns of the forward half battery. Through heavy shell fire he reached the guns, and with assistance quickly

hitched them up and got them away. Two days later he managed with only four caterpillars to pull six guns out of action just in time to save them from the enemy. His pluck and endurance were the means of saving at least three heavy howitzers from the enemy. The courage and splendid work of this N.C.O. were throughout the operations beyond praise.

25586 Pte. P. Pearce, Glouc. R. (East Cowes, I. of W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an enemy counter-attack he worked out by himself in front of his position and forced two enemy posts to surrender. Others of the enemy, seeing these posts surrender, did the same, with the result that about 80 prisoners were thus captured. He did splendid work.

7427 C.S.M. S. Pearce, M.M., Wilts. R. (Wimbleton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty throughout continuous fighting. He was invaluable to the regiment in controlling and encouraging the men, and materially assisted in holding many important positions. In a counter-attack he showed great courage in advancing ahead of the attacking troops with a Lewis gun, and killed no less than 18 of the enemy. His fine example greatly inspired all ranks.

200208 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) G. Pearson, York & Lanc. R. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led a party, after the officer was killed, with great dash and ability under heavy fire, and cleared part of a village of parties of the enemy.

6/17090 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) J. Pearson, S. Wales Bord. (Gladstone).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Owing to officer casualties, this N.C.O. was frequently left in charge of minor operations which he conducted with great courage and initiative. When his company commander was wounded severely he went to his assistance, and carried him back into safety, though the enemy were advancing at a short distance. His work throughout the operations was invaluable.

36352 Sjt. F. Peck, R.G.A. (Lowestoft).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The battery coming under very heavy gas and high explosive bombardment, as well as machine-gun fire, was ordered to retire from its position by a light railway. This N.C.O. was outstanding in the way he directed the pulling out and loading up of the guns, entirely disregarding his own safety. It was greatly due to his efforts that the battery was got away without loss of guns or stores.

G/2048 L./Sjt. W. C. Pepper, R. Suss. R. (Clapton, N.E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. When in charge of two sections at a forward post he held on till the gunners of the battery he was defending had been able to retire with their breech blocks. He then withdrew and

worked a machine gun with great effect on the enemy. Throughout he gave a fine display of fearlessness and devotion to duty.

G/24695 L./Cpl. T. Percival, M.M., R.W. Surr. R. (Faversham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as N.C.O. stretcher-bearer during an attack. He worked continuously during the day under very heavy rifle and machine-gun fire, and it was due to his courage and untiring efforts that all the wounded were evacuated.

23497 Sjt. E. Perry, M.G.C. (Wenden).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went out and carried in a wounded man through a hail of machine-gun and shell fire. He then returned and rescued his gun, which had been buried, under heavy fire, and got it into action again. He set a splendid example to his men.

39989 Sjt. R. C. Perry, Sco. Rif., Upper Clapton, N.E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his battalion was held up by the fire from a post of two enemy machine guns he advanced with three men to attack it. On his way he found a box of bombs, and, dashing forward, he bombed the post, killing three of the enemy and capturing the two machine guns. The remainder of the garrison retired in rapid disorder, but he opened fire with his rifle and killed them all. Being then attacked by two of the enemy from a neighbouring post, he wounded and captured them both, and then turned the machine guns he had taken on the enemy. He greatly assisted his officers in consolidating the line, and when the battalion was relieved by another battalion he remained twenty-four hours with the latter imparting useful information. He behaved all through with the greatest gallantry.

36687 Pte. J. E. Peters, R. Berks. R. (Ledbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He volunteered to accompany an officer over the top of the trench to tackle an enemy sniper who was doing much execution amongst our men. Under heavy fire he rushed the sniper and took him back to the trench.

201277 C.S.M. W. Peters, E. Kent R. (Canterbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when he organised the issue of S.A.A. and rations under most difficult circumstances. Again, when going up to the line with rations, etc., he met a large party of different units retiring in disorder, which he reorganised on his own initiative and led back to the line.

202339 Pte. D. Petrie, M.M., R. Highrs. (Spittalfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He stayed behind to delay the enemy and gained very valuable information. He was badly wounded in doing so. Finding that his battalion had crossed a river and that the bridge was destroyed, he swam across in spite of his wound, arriving in a

very exhausted condition, but giving his information before he would allow himself to be carried away.

36702 Pte. T. T. Petrie, Lanc. Fus. (Middlebro').

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He rallied and brought up two sections to the flank of a trench which was in danger, as the enemy were outflanking the company. This party then defended the trench for a considerable time, and when the enemy's weight of numbers enabled them to enter it he placed himself between them and his men and covered the withdrawal of the latter, while inflicting heavy losses on the enemy. He was the last to leave the trench. He displayed great gallantry.

27049 Sjt. E. D. Phillips, N. Lanc. R. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. When his company were reinforcing the corps line he displayed the greatest coolness and courage in leading it through the barrage. On reaching the line he collected all the men in the vicinity, and, taking them under control, he set them a magnificent example of devotion to duty. Later he took up a position on the parapet and personally accounted for a great number of the enemy before being wounded.

62735 Cpl. G. Phillips, M.G.C. (Kennington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This non-commissioned officer was in charge of two machine guns in the front line, and, though under heavy shell fire and amidst many casualties, he held on, repulsing the enemy's strenuous endeavours to regain a footing in the position they had lost. He remained in his forward position for seven days—a fine example of fortitude and endurance—while his cheerful determination and initiative did much to keep up the moral of his men.

7429 Sh./Smith/Cpl. W. J. Philpot, R.F.A. (Finchley, N.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When several shells fell in the wagon lines, causing a large number of casualties to men and horses, this N.C.O. had the wounded bound up and the horses taken to a place of safety. He remained behind, and shot wounded horses, and later returned three times, under shell fire, to collect wounded horses and harness.

55178 Serjt. H. E. Philpott, R.F.A. (Sheerness).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As No. 1 of his gun, this N.C.O. displayed great gallantry in keeping his gun in action and firing on the enemy, who were only a few hundred yards away, when our own infantry had fallen back to a position in rear of the guns. On another occasion he kept his gun in action, notwithstanding the fact that nearly all his detachment were either killed or wounded; and on other occasions, during six days' fighting, his coolness and gallant conduct under heavy fire have been remarkable and worthy of all praise.

16320 L./Cpl. N. A. Philpott, E. Surr. R. (Bermondsey).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He protected his company's flank with his Lewis gun, and covered their withdrawal. He finally worked single-handed, the rest of the team being casualties, and collected sufficient magazines to keep his gun in action, under heavy shell fire, until it was knocked out. He showed great courage and determination.

27376 Cpl. G. Pickup, Bord. R. (Blackburn).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when, his platoon commander having been killed, he took command of the platoon at a most critical moment, and succeeded in repelling several attacks of the enemy, and holding him at bay until ordered to withdraw.

54035 Cpl. P. Pike, R.A.M.C. (Virginia Water).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy bombardment. Though slightly gassed, he showed the greatest determination in evacuating cases from his post. On one occasion, while carrying the last of the wounded over a bridge, it was blown up under him, wounding him and killing two of his party.

40473 Pte. (L./Cpl.) C. A. Piller, Hamps. R. (Gt. Yarmouth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy had occupied some huts on the flank of his unit, he at once dashed forward with two Lewis gun teams, causing the enemy to withdraw, and following him up and inflicting heavy losses upon him. This gallant act, performed under heavy fire, undoubtedly saved a grave situation.

89970 Pte. G. P. Pipe, M.G.C. (Seacombe).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Pte. Pipe asked permission to remain in a strong point, which had been formed when the enemy's advance had penetrated our line. He fought at the strong point which had been formed when the enemy's advance had penetrated our line. He fought at the strong point for five hours, and latterly fired one of the guns himself when the remainder of the gun numbers had become casualties. He remained at his post until ordered by his commanding officer to retire. His gallant conduct was of the greatest value in delaying the enemy's advance.

S/40308 C.S.M. C. Pirie, Sea. Highrs. (Alness).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during lengthy operations. He frequently rallied men and reorganised them, and was of the greatest assistance to his officers. Throughout the operations he displayed the greatest courage and devotion, and his services were invaluable.

58925 L./Cpl. H. Pond, M.G.C. (Stamford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He held a bridge-head by keeping the only remaining gun in his section in action throughout the night. His determination and courage did much to impede the enemy's advance.

241753 Sjt. L. W. Ponson, R. War. R. (Steypning).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on enemy trenches. He led his party with great skill, capturing two enemy machine guns personally, bombing dug-outs and bringing in a prisoner.

43849 Pte. G. Poole, M.G.C. (Cambridge Heath).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This man volunteered to accompany some bombers to reconnoitre "pill-boxes" which had been rushed by the enemy the previous day and in which three machine guns had been left. He retrieved one of the guns under heavy fire, and was severely wounded by a sniper, but hung on to the gun and crawled back with it until he collapsed and was carried in.

D/19643 Sjt. G. E. Pope, Dn. Gds. (Oak-hill).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at all times during lengthy operations. On one occasion, although buried by a hostile shell and severely shaken, he insisted upon remaining with his men until a retirement had been successfully carried out. The handling of his men in action has been most praiseworthy.

125582 Pte. (A./Cpl.) A. O. Porter, M.G.C. (Wandsworth, S.E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. was in charge of one of the machine guns in a strong point which had been formed when the enemy's advance had penetrated part of our line. He inflicted losses of the heaviest description on the enemy, whose further progress he checked for some time, holding on to the post to the last and firing the gun himself when all the gun members had become casualties. His coolness and disregard of danger were a fine example to the men whom he had collected to man the strong point, and on whom it had a marked influence.

7159 L./Sjt. I. Porter, Cam'n Highrs. (Rutherglen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O., who was in charge of a Lewis gun, displayed great resource and initiative under heavy shell fire in selecting positions for his gun; his unflinching cheerfulness had a most inspiring effect on his section. When many of his section had been badly wounded later in the day and he himself was suffering from a severe shell wound, he crawled with great difficulty some fifty yards to inform his platoon officer of the state of affairs. During all this trying time he maintained the composure and cheerful demeanour of a gallant soldier.

20/955 C.Q.M.S. G. Potts, Dur. L.I. (Sunderland).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations when acting as C.S.M. On the occasion of the battalion's counter-attack he became in command of a platoon; which he led forward with great courage and coolness, and was the first to reach the objective. Although wounded he remained on duty, displaying the utmost coolness and resource until the withdrawal.

10302 Sjt. G. Powditch, M.M., Notts. & Derby. R. (Harrow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a hostile attack, when he personally led three bombing attacks, and in spite of heavy casualties he successfully drove the enemy back each time. Later, a hostile machine gun having come up, he rushed out, bombed the crew and brought the machine gun back. His utter disregard for personal safety and fine example were beyond all praise.

23277 C.S.M. W. H. Pratt, E. Lanc. R. (Burnley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On one occasion, his company having run short of ammunition, he led parties forward to positions that had been abandoned, and having collected the necessary supplies of ammunition he returned with them to his company. His entire disregard of danger was an inspiration to all ranks.

116646 L./Cpl. G. Price, M.G.C. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. was in charge of one of four guns attacked by the enemy in a mist. He stuck to his post, firing six belts at close range before retiring. At dawn the next morning he volunteered to return to the position, and succeeded in getting past the enemy and recovering his gun, which he carried back. He next assisted to bring in a wounded man.

73334 L./Cpl. J. T. Price, M.G.C. (Dudley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of a gun team. He kept his gun in action to the last, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. The burst of a shell knocked his gun over while the enemy were charging, but he kept them back by firing his revolver and bombing. He set a fine example to all.

200923 Sjt. W. Price, Shrop. L.I. (Cleobury Mortimer).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. was in charge of a post in the front line, the garrison of which, under a very heavy bombardment, had been reduced to four. However, he held up the enemy when they attempted to advance, and inflicted severe losses on them. When the battalion was ordered to withdraw he remained at his post all the time, and only retired when he ascertained that the operation had been successfully accomplished.

202566 L./Cpl. A. F. Pride, Ox. & Bucks. L.I. (Owen Moigne, near Dorchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a counter-attack. Having, with another man, become detached from his battalion, and while endeavouring to rejoin, they noticed an enemy machine gun, which had been brought up unobserved to a position on the flank. Realising the situation, they crept up under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire, engaged the guns at close range, killing three of the crew and wounding one, and capturing and holding the gun, in spite of repeated enemy attempts to recover it. This gallant act enabled the advance to continue, and undoubtedly prevented many casualties.

200551 Cpl. S. Pryke, York. R. (Middleborough).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was frequently sent out on reconnaissance duty, which would normally have been entrusted to an officer. He obtained information of the greatest value. Whilst performing this duty he was frequently under heavy fire.

22002 B.Q.M.S. H. F. B. Purser, R.H.A. (Elstree).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during thirteen days of continuous fighting, when he showed the greatest courage and coolness in clearing horses and men to a place of safety, though shells were falling near the wagon lines all the time. He also showed untiring energy in supplying food and ammunition to the battery, being often in the greatest danger and covering long distances. Owing to the absence of the captain, extra responsibility fell on his shoulders, but he never spared himself, and his coolness and cheerfulness under great difficulties was of the most material help in keeping the battery mobile and efficient.

16248 Pte. (L./Cpl.) J. T. Quine, Manch. R. (Andres, I. of Man).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. When the N.C.Os. of his platoon became casualties he at once took charge and carried out all duties with his platoon most efficiently. On several occasions he led vigorous and active patrols, securing valuable information as to the dispositions of the enemy. Throughout the operations he showed great initiative and courage.

S/3549 Sub-Cond. P. H. Rackley, Army O.C. (Witney).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He remained at ammunition rail-head after the trains had been withdrawn, issuing ammunition till the infantry commenced to retire; then stayed under shell and machine-gun fire to warn the infantry while the rest of the ammunition was being destroyed.

7407 C.S.M. A. E. Radford, York. R. (Richmond, Yorks.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Throughout eight days' operations he rendered valuable assistance to his company commander. The success of the com-

pany in withdrawal was largely due to his ability in reorganising parties of men, and skilfully directing their fire.

7209 Sjt. G. Radford, Som. L.I. (Cardiff).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack Sjt. Radford led a section with great dash, and captured a "pill box" and two machine guns, which were holding out and causing casualties. It was owing to his gallant initiative and skilful leadership that this local attack was immediately and completely successful.

11985 B.S.M. W. Rainbow, R.F.A. (Hitchin).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, in leading up the limbers and man handling the guns under very heavy fire. It was owing to his fine work that the guns were got away. Later, he gave great assistance in getting the guns ready for action and showed great courage in taking limbers to alternative positions under intense shell fire.

19370 A./Sjt. T. V. Ramsden, W. Rid. R. (Bradford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack, when the company on his left gave way. He kept his men going, and at one time mounted the parapet to encourage and keep them at their posts, maintaining a steady fire on the enemy.

265089 Sjt. H. Randall, Herts. R. (Hatfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on numerous occasions. He organised counter-attacks with the utmost gallantry, and led his men with amazing daring. Throughout the operations he behaved with the utmost courage.

457135 2nd Cpl. (A./Cpl.) A. Ratcliffe, R.E. (Gateshead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. made all arrangements for the demolition of a swing bridge while the vicinity was being heavily shelled. After the bridge had been successfully destroyed, and his C.O. had been killed, he also destroyed a pontoon bridge alongside.

38368 S.M. E. Ratcliffe, R.A.M.C. (Lees, nr. Keighley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in continuing to supervise the evacuation of wounded when the enemy were rapidly advancing towards his station. He rendered the greatest assistance, and by his coolness and presence of mind during danger and by his disregard for his personal safety he set a noble example to all ranks under him.

630066 Bdr. D. Rattray, R.F.A. (Linlithgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With the assistance of two other men he kept his guns continuously in action for twelve hours till all the ammunition was expended, though under heavy shell and enfilade machine-gun fire all the time. When

at last they had to withdraw they put the guns out of action, taking away the sights, thus rendering them useless to the enemy.

28064 Pte. F. Reddish, L.N. Lanc. R. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy had penetrated the front line, and the situation was doubtful, this man accompanied an officer to reconnoitre. Meeting a large party of the enemy, they bombed them out of the trench. Later, when they came on again, he stood on the parapet regardless of danger, throwing bombs until his stock was exhausted. He then went on firing until wounded, his courageous conduct being instrumental in saving the left flank of the line.

16117 Sjt. H. W. Redfern, Notts. & Derby R. (Holbrook).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when on patrol. He accompanied his platoon officer in a search through houses for the enemy, of whom several were killed and three prisoners taken. He set a fine example to the men and contributed largely to the success of the patrol. He has shown great courage, and has on previous occasions obtained valuable information when on patrol.

22774 Sjt. D. Reid, K.O.S.B. (Creetown).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty throughout a lengthy retirement. He took command of the platoon after his officer had been wounded, and kept it together with extraordinary ability. His courage and devotion was most marked.

300246 Sjt. T. Reid, A. & S. Highrs. (Kinlochleven).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid, when an enemy machine gun opened fire at short range. He at once rushed at the gun from a flank, knocked it out and killed three of the team with a rifle grenade, and captured and brought in the two remaining men. He did splendid work.

2506 Sjt. T. Reilly, M.M., Ir. Gds. (Mersham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. at the head of a company, on entering a communication trench, met five of the enemy. He at once went for them, shooting two, and bayoneting two, while the other ran away.

13309 Sjt. J. Rennie, H.L.I. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he led his platoon with great skill and courage. After reaching his final objective, and when on reconnaissance with an officer, he assisted in stalking and capturing twenty-two prisoners. Later, he showed conspicuous ability in handling his platoon during the consolidation of the position gained.

7540 Cpl. T. S. Renton, Cam'n Highrs. (Edinburgh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in temporary command of a platoon. Throughout a period of twelve hours, during which two attacks were re-

pulsed, he moved along the line under heavy machine-gun and artillery fire, reorganising his posts and cheering on his men. His very gallant conduct and able leadership inspired the greatest confidence to all ranks.

292377 C.S.M. R. A. M. Renwick, Gord. Highrs. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in lengthy operations. When the left flank was being withdrawn, he, with a handful of men, held on to his position until the operation was accomplished. Later, whilst in command of a half company, he displayed the greatest coolness, encouraging his men to stay at their posts till the last possible moment whilst covering the retirement of another division, and then successfully withdrawing them, under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire.

48307 Sjt. J. W. Rhodes, Rif. Bde. (Wakefield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While on patrol, he succeeded in killing or wounding the entire crew of an enemy machine gun. Later, through his efforts, on his battalion being relieved, all the wounded were evacuated over 1,000 yards of ground swept by enemy fire.

20786 Sjt. J. S. Richardson, M.G.C. (Evenwood).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action in charge of a machine gun. Three times he drove back a fierce hostile attack with very heavy casualties, and, when his officer was killed, he continued to fire his gun until practically surrounded. Finally, his gun being knocked out, for five hours he assisted to take up ammunition to a battery, across exposed ground, until ordered to retire. His gallantry and determination was quite exceptional.

290123 C.S.M. R. Richardson, North'd Fus. (Berwick-on-Tweed).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when his company was advancing in artillery formation, under heavy fire, he greatly assisted the platoon leaders; and, later, he dug two men out who had been buried, although heavy shelling was taking place at the time.

203031 Sjt. E. Richmond, R. Berks. R. (Leeds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. The enemy, having taken up a position enfilading a trench with a machine gun, he organised a party, attacked and drove them off with severe losses, and smashed the machine gun. Throughout the operation he displayed the greatest courage and resource, and his example was of a very high order.

26550 L./Cpl. (A./Cpl.) R. A. Richmond, G. Gds. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all his officers were casualties and the enemy, who had surrounded his party, had called on them to surrender, he led a charge through their lines, and, killing one of the enemy, fought his way back with his men, most of whom were

killed. He displayed the greatest gallantry, and his behaviour all through two days' hard fighting was worthy of all praise.

305611 C.Q.M.S. A. Riding, Lanc. Fus. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during heavy enemy attacks lasting for several days. Absolutely regardless of personal danger, he continuously collected and issued ammunition to troops in advanced positions, and thus frequently prevented the necessity of withdrawals. His courage and vigorous personality inspired all who came in touch with him with confidence.

24437 L./Cpl. T. Rigby, R. Welsh Fus. (Wheaton, nr. Chorley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in repairing and maintaining signal communications under the most intense machine gun and high explosive barrage. Owing to his utter disregard for his own safety information of the greatest value continued to come through. Subsequently, he commanded small bodies of troops in counter-attacks on many occasions with the greatest audacity and skill.

56839 Gnr. T. Riley, R.F.A. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was wounded shortly before the zero hour of an infantry action, in support of which the battery were ordered to fire a barrage. Though ordered to leave the position, he asked to be allowed to remain, as the battery was short of layers. For an hour and a quarter, under intense pain, he took his turn as layer, while the battery was subjected to an intense fire. He collapsed shortly afterwards, and had to be carried to the dressing station.

40101 Sjt. R. Rimmer, R.E. (Nottingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when he took command of his company, held the men together, and by his example withdrew them as a fighting unit, at the same time showing much gallantry under fire when organising for defence.

58743 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) M. H. Ritchie, R.E. (Clapton, E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in establishing and maintaining communication under very heavy shell fire at a most critical period. Thereby he made it possible to transmit many important orders and reports.

23733 Sjt. J. S. Rivett, M.M., R. Lanc. R. (Burney).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. was in charge of three fighting patrols, whose objective lay beyond some 1,200 yards of open ground, which was heavily shelled and swept by severe machine-gun fire. He manœuvred his men forward with great skill and courage, and, in spite of heavy casualties, he reached the position, where he maintained himself until the retirement of troops on his flanks brought him under enfilade and reverse machine-gun fire. He then withdrew, covering the movement

himself with the Lewis gun, of which all the crew had become casualties, until he reached a position in rear, where he remained until relieved the following night. His coolness and ability were a great example to his men.

12590 Sjt. F. Roberts, M.G.C. (Pontefract).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He handled two machine guns with great skill and coolness. He took command of a party of infantry and reorganised them. When most of the teams, including himself, had been wounded, and one gun knocked out, he fired the remaining gun himself. Subsequently, after inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy, he carried his gun out of action, and, though weak from wounds, returned and rescued the spare parts. His conduct throughout was an inspiration to the men under him.

20704 Sjt. M. R. Roberts, R. Welsh Fus. (Carnarvon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In an attack on an enemy position he reached the furthest point attained by his company with the first wave. His officer became a casualty, but of his own initiative he took skilful steps for defence, reconnoitring the position of companies on his flanks and informing them of his situation, and making suitable dispositions of his own men. He then sent back full information to his company commander. All his arrangements were made under heavy shell and machine-gun fire. His behaviour throughout was marked by coolness and resourceful ability.

23404 Pte. W. Roberts, M.M., York. R. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This man, who was a company runner, and had just come in with a message, volunteered with another man to take a message back to battalion headquarters over 1,500 yards of open fire-swept ground. His companion was killed, but he got through, and on his return brought back ammunition for his company, who badly needed it. He subsequently got through to battalion headquarters twice more and brought back orders. At a later date he was wounded when starting out with a message, but delivered it, and remained with his company until relieved, setting a fine example to all.

25360 C.S.M. W. C. Roberts, R. Welsh Fus. (Bangor).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Observing that an attack by two platoons on enemy positions was being held up by enemy machine-gun fire, he went forward and collected a section, and led a bombing attack on the gun position. His men becoming casualties, he attempted alone to silence the gun, and was shot in the stomach. By his fearlessness and fine example he enabled the line to be advanced.

200283 C.S.M. W. L. Roberts, R. Welsh Fus. (Denbigh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a retirement he steadied his men with indomitable energy and courage, at the same time carrying on his back a wounded officer. He continued carrying the

latter and exhorting his men for fully half a mile under very intense machine-gun fire until the officer was again shot, this time through the head.

11406 A./Cpl. (L./Sjt.) A. Robertson, S. Gds. (Kincardine).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was one of a strong patrol, which divided into two parties to capture an enemy post at night. He led one of the parties most successfully. He killed two of the enemy, and with another man acted as covering party, while the patrol mopped up the remainder of the garrison. He behaved with fine courage and resource.

S/14281 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) J. Robertson, Arg. & Suth'd Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the officers and serjeants of his company had become casualties, he took command of the remnants and various stragglers, and held out along a sunken road until almost completely surrounded, when he fought his way out and gained touch with the rest of the battalion. Later, in full view of the enemy, and under intense machine-gun fire, he brought in two wounded men who were lying out in front of the trench.

27874 Sjt. J. Robertson, R. Scots (Lanark).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was sent out in charge of a patrol to clear up a situation. He encountered a body of the enemy advancing, and by his bold and skilful handling of his command he captured one officer and made over thirty other prisoners. The information gained from these was invaluable.

18570 Sjt. H. G. Robinson, Bedf. R. (Stoke Newington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his company after a successful counter-attack, organised the defence of the position gained, and, under very heavy rifle and machine-gun fire, hung on to it all next day. He showed fine courage and initiative.

14798 C.S.M. J. E. Robinson, M.M., Linc. R. (London).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He behaved with conspicuous gallantry and much initiative during an attack, when the first objective, owing to the stiff resistance of the enemy, was only reached after all three waves of our advance had been absorbed in the fight. He organised the advance on the second and third objectives, and while holding the last he showed great skill in consolidation. In the afternoon the very heavy counter-attack of the enemy rendered it necessary for our troops to withdraw. During the whole of this retirement his fine behaviour was an example to all about him.

5/12397 Pte. S. Robinson, R. Ir. Fus. (Keady, Co. Armagh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst carrying an important message to company headquarters he was seriously wounded, his leg being fractured. He crawled for 200 yards over rocky ground

under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, and successfully delivered the message.

102353 2nd Cpl. (A./Cpl.) S. Robson, R.E. (Durham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in volunteering to fire the demolition charges at certain points. This involved remaining behind for several days after his section had been ordered to withdraw at the commencement of a hostile attack. After the infantry had withdrawn beyond a certain point he fired the charges with perfect success, although the enemy were in his immediate vicinity.

266109 Cpl. A. Rodger, Gord. Highrs. (Kintore).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This non-commissioned officer saved a critical situation when his company was being hard pressed by the enemy in greatly superior numbers. Although wounded, he continued to fire his Lewis gun until his ammunition was becoming exhausted. He procured a further supply, and, though wounded a second time, held up the enemy until, exhausted with loss of blood, he was brought in by the stretcher-bearers. His exceptionally gallant and determined conduct enabled his company to extricate itself from a difficult position under his covering fire.

1575 C.S.M. A. T. Roffey, R.W. Kent R. (Westerham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He gave great assistance to his company commander during a counter-attack, and under heavy machine-gun fire did much to help in successfully gaining the objective. Throughout he set a fine example to his men.

681658 Gnr. A. W. Rogers, R.F.A. (Seacombe).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When carrying an important dispatch this gunner had to pass through a heavy enemy barrage. He was severely wounded in the head, chest, both legs and one arm, his horse being killed under him. Unable to walk, he crawled with indomitable courage the remainder of the distance, some 400 yards, still under heavy shell fire. He collapsed on reaching his destination, and had to be carried in to the officer to whom the message was to be delivered.

22344 L./Cpl. (A./Sjt.) R. Rogers, R.E. (Farnham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all communication lines were constantly being cut both to batteries and outposts, this non-commissioned officer went out again and again under shell fire and gas, and, by untiring efforts, kept open communications. He was working continuously on the line for the greater part of two days and one night, though twice knocked over and badly shaken by shell bursts.

9829 Sjt. V. Rogers, Som. L.I. (Glastonbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack, when part of the line on the flank of the platoon, of which this non-commissioned officer was in com-

mand, was held up by heavy machine-gun fire, he led his men forward in spite of the difficulties, and reached his objective. This example, when his personal courage and fine leadership were conspicuous, had the effect of bringing on the platoons on his flank also. On another occasion, when another battalion, on whose flank he had been ordered to co-operate, advanced from an unexpected direction, he nevertheless carried out his original orders and led his two platoons forward to the objective which had been assigned to him. Though wounded and in a difficult situation he remained until it was cleared up and his company commander had received his report.

116945 Pte. R. Rollason, M.G.C. (W. Bromwich).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This man acted as No. 1 to his gun during an enemy attack, being subjected to heavy bombardment for over eight hours and afterwards to machine-gun and rifle fire. All through this he kept his gun firing, inflicting many casualties on the enemy, who were attacking in mass formation. At last, when nearly surrounded, he withdrew, and, though badly wounded, carried on till his gun was again in action.

170 C.S.M. J. K. Rollo, M.M., Gord. Highrs. (Cavaich Brora).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He located the enemy by a daring reconnaissance at a critical period. Later, led a bombing party against the enemy and put them to flight. Although wounded in the head he refused to leave his company for twelve hours.

106867 Sjt. W. Rookes, M.M., R.E. (Liversedge).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. was in charge of the telephone lines between the brigade and battalions in attack. The casualties amongst the linesmen were heavy, but regardless of danger he went several times through the barrage repairing the lines, and it was almost entirely due to his exertions and example that communications were maintained during the whole operations.

242243 Pte. W. H. Roscoe, Lanc. Fus. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He handled his Lewis gun with great skill, mowing the enemy down time after time. At one period the enemy were only twenty yards from his post and he was surrounded, but he did such execution that they were completely driven off from that part of the line.

16864 Sjt. E. W. Rose, R.F.A. (Hounslow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the officer, serjeant and the team, who were pulling a gun out of action, were all either killed or wounded, this N.C.O., without waiting for orders, took up a fresh team and successfully withdrew the gun. On the same day he brought the gun limbers up to the battery position through a very heavy enemy barrage of shell and machine-gun fire, and by his determined handling of the teams under heavy fire

greatly facilitated the successful withdrawal of the guns. His coolness and efficiency were worthy of high praise.

7230 Cpl. J. W. Rose, M.G.C. (Saltby).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack in keeping his machine gun in action continuously for eight hours. He twice remedied damage to his gun under heavy fire, and kept it in action, firing continuously until the enemy were fifty yards off and he was hit in the head. His conduct throughout was splendid and his gunnery magnificent.

41716 Sjt. W. R. Rose, M.G.C. (King's Heath).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the officers had become casualties he took charge of all the machine guns. It was due to his energy and coolness whilst under heavy machine-gun and shell fire that the guns were placed in the most effective positions and were enabled to inflict severe losses on the enemy throughout the day.

7397 Cpl. E. R. Rosewell, R. Fus. (Chertsey).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He covered the advance of an armoured car under heavy shelling; and later he so manoeuvred his section as to cause a position to be held. By his courage and initiative he materially assisted the advance and consolidation.

7111 Col. Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) D. Ross, R. Highrs. (Tomatin).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He several times saved critical situations by his able leadership, setting a magnificent example to the young soldiers of his company under heavy machine-gun fire.

7020 Sjt. J. Ross, Cam'n Highrs. (Leith).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when acting company serjeant-major. During periods of fighting and under heavy and continuous machine-gun and artillery fire he moved about the front line regardless of danger, cheering on the men and assisting the junior N.C.O's, and setting a most inspiring example to all ranks.

12073 Pte. G. Rothwell, R. Lanc. R. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This man was a battalion sniper, and when reconnoitring a tactical point held by the enemy, worked his way up a shallow trench under heavy fire to within twenty yards of an outpost. He bombed them, forcing them to withdraw; then, returning for fresh supplies of bombs, he, with the help of a few men, cleared a group of houses strongly held by the enemy.

249624 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) A. G. Rowbotham, R.E. (Nottingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He was continuously out on the lines, keeping communications going under heavy shell fire, and was wounded whilst repairing a line.

It was greatly due to his fine work that communication with the batteries was kept up.

16585 B.S.M. J. F. Rowe, R.F.A. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Though the teams were hit and wagons damaged by shell fire this W.O. removed all ammunition from the wagons and delivered it at the gun positions. Again, when the lines were being heavily shelled, he personally supervised the removal of the horses, by his initiative and resource saving casualties to men and animals.

200027 Sjt. J. Rowen, Lanc. Fus. (Rochdale).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when he fought his platoon with great gallantry, although the position on his right had been taken. He himself fought one Lewis gun until ordered to retire, and his devotion to duty undoubtedly saved the greater part of his platoon.

5/14769 Pte. L. J. Rowles, S. Wales Bord. (Newport, Mon.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He rushed forward with his Lewis guns to a point in the line where a break had occurred, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. When one gun had been put out of action he took up an exposed position on the flank with the other, checking the enemy for a considerable time. He continued to fire until almost surrounded, thereby greatly assisting the troops on his left.

685464 Sjt. J. Royden, R.F.A. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was instrumental in keeping up the prescribed rate of fire with his gun under intense enemy bombardment. Later in the day he successfully checked enemy infantry at nine hundred yards over open sights, showing great pluck and determination, and handling his gun splendidly.

240370 C.S.M. F. W. Rudd, York & Lanc. R. (Denaby).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, when, during an attack, the expected tanks not having arrived at the lifting of the barrage, he encouraged his gun team to advance in the face of a heavy fire, and by his own personal example enabled an enemy gun to be rushed and several prisoners taken. He then, still under heavy fire, greatly assisted to reorganise the company and to capture and consolidate the final objective.

93250 Gnr. (L./Bdr.) W. M. Runciman, R.F.A. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a dump was heavily shelled and caught fire he brought up his wagon through the burning dump, amid exploding ammunition, and made two journeys with wounded men under heavy fire. His coolness and resource were of a high order.

57984 Cpl. (L./St.) A. R. Russell, L'pool R. (Virginia Waters).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during long operations. On one occasion, when the battalion counter-attacked,

he went forward alone, put out of action an enemy machine gun, which was holding up the advance, and then led his men forward. His determined courage and coolness set a splendid example to all near him.

23715 Sjt. J. Russell, M.G.C. (Elgin).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He covered the infantry withdrawal, keeping his guns in action and his detachments well in hand under a severe enemy barrage fire. Notwithstanding the fact that he was surrounded on three sides, he held on to his position for two hours after the infantry had retired. He then fought his way out to a new position, which he held until the infantry withdrawal had been completed and he was again outflanked. On a subsequent occasion he fought a rearguard action with great skill, inflicting very severe losses on the enemy. The initiative he displayed in selecting his positions was not more remarkable than the courage and tenacity with which he defended them.

95509 Bombr. R. B. Russell, R.G.A. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When communications with his brigade headquarters had been cut by shell fire this N.C.O. went out eleven times and kept up communications until the dug-out was blown in, he then dug-out the two men inside, who were seriously wounded, and carried them to a dressing station, afterwards laying out a new line and opening communications.

12276 Sjt. W. Russon, Notts. & Derby. R. (Worksop).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. A party of the enemy succeeded in surrounding his post and section. He immediately charged them, killing two and capturing five. Owing to the courage and initiative he displayed the post remained intact, although the enemy made another attempt to take it. For ten days he led and handled his section in the most capable manner, rendering valuable assistance to his company commanders at critical periods.

277139 Pte. C. Ryan, Dur. L.I. (Durham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when his platoon was held up by two machine guns. He rushed forward under very heavy fire and bayoneted the gun crews, killing seven. The act was a splendid one and saved many lives during the subsequent advance.

11782 Q.M.S.I. M. T. Ryan, L'pool R. (N. Zealand).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When acting as C.S.M. the officer commanding two platoons in the front line was killed, and he took command of them, passing through a heavy barrage of shells and machine-gun fire to reach them. The enemy attacked in great strength, but by his splendid example and coolness in directing the fire under extremely heavy hostile shelling he was responsible for holding up for a time the attack, although very hard pressed both in front and on the flank. Although wounded

he remained at his post until ordered to withdraw, which he did in good order. His conduct throughout was beyond praise.

1152 C.S.M. R. H. Sainsbury, M.M., R. Fus. (Kingston-on-Thames).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This warrant officer rendered valuable service during a raid on an enemy advanced position. His coolness was conspicuous and his experience and ability of the greatest service, especially at a critical moment when the raiding party having been observed were heavily fired on by the enemy. He personally shot down several of the enemy at short range, and rushing the position took prisoner one of the garrison. His gallantry and complete disregard for his own safety were a fine example to all members of the party.

12453 L./Cpl. F. Salter, Manch. R. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This man remained at his post till almost surrounded, when he broke through, bayonetting four of the enemy and shooting several others. He did magnificent service.

No. 65178 Sjt. W. Sanders, M.M., R.E. (Dumfries).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his section was holding the right flank of the line with enemy fire converging from three sides, his conduct in visiting posts under a hail of bullets was a great inspiration to his men. He assisted materially in getting two machine guns into action, thereby arresting the enemy's advance. The orderly withdrawal and successful evacuation of the wounded was largely due to his organising capacity and coolness under devastating fire.

39929 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) J. Sandilands, M.G.C. (Penecuich).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a hostile attack. After the troops holding part of a line had retired he remained in action with his machine gun, although holding an isolated position, and continued to keep their skirmishers in check. When the enemy pressed their attack he brought his gun into action in the open, doing great execution, and giving time for a line to be organised further back.

111865 Gnr. D. Sapier, R.F.A. (Leeds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The battery to which this man belonged was being heavily bombarded with gas shells but he continued his duties as signaller and maintained communication by telephone, although suffering from gas poisoning. Later, when a gun detachment became casualties, he manned the gun, and continued firing until overcome with gas. Throughout the night and early morning the courage and devotion of this man was a splendid example to his comrades during a critical time.

106 Pte. T. W. Saville, Yorks. L.I. (Leeds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He made seven journeys under fire to fetch up ammunition for his company,

enabling them to beat off four enemy attacks. On the last journey he was wounded, but refused to leave the line until ordered to do so.

11831 C.S.M. W. Saward, Wilts. R. (Shepherd's Bush).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when acting battalion serjeant-major in inspiring his exhausted men and rallying them at various critical periods in the tide of battle. He displayed fine qualities of leadership and an exceptional personality in command.

240101 C.S.M. H. Schofield, W. Rid. R. (Huddersfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while his company was fighting a rearguard action and the flank was threatened. He led a platoon successfully against the enemy on that flank and prevented his company being enveloped. All through the operations he was a fine example to his men.

10451 A./Sjt. T. Schofield, M.M., N. Lanc. R. (Oldham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, ability and resource during lengthy operations in maintaining communication with brigade headquarters and the battalions on the flanks. Under heavy shell fire he persisted in repairing broken wires, and when this became impossible, at great personal risk he established a visual station in the open.

5296 Sjt. P. Schoon, R.G.A. (Surbiton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. kept his gun in action under heavy shell and machine-gun fire and was the last to leave the position, assisting a wounded gunner away. Throughout the day he encouraged his detachment to further efforts and ensured the constant service of the gun.

266307 Pte. J. Scoltock, North'd Fus. (Chelsea)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With a Lewis gun he held up an enemy attack from the window of a house, killing many. When his ammunition was exhausted and all the officers except three in the battalion were casualties he rallied the men and succeeded in bringing his gun safely out of action.

14591 Sjt. A. Scott Bedf. R. (Scune).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack against enemy positions. After his platoon officer had been killed he assumed command, and successfully led his men in face of very heavy machine-gun fire and artillery barrage to their objective. Then he personally, with a few men, established a more advanced post close to the enemy position. He behaved with great courage and showed fine leadership.

76804 L./C. R. Scott, Tank Corps (Cambois).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a rearguard action. He and a comrade volunteered to remain behind with an officer, and cover the withdrawal of the

remainder of the company, with the Lewis guns. They remained firing until the post was entirely surrounded, and then cut their way out with the last drum of ammunition, and carrying the guns. They set a splendid example of courage throughout.

204636 Pte. A. G. Scurrah, York. R. (Middlesbrough).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as stretcher bearer during a heavy enemy attack. Two out of four carriers with him were wounded. He, unaided, after upwards of one hour manœuvring with the stretcher, succeeded in bringing his wounded man to the dressing station. This was carried out under intense shrapnel and machine-gun fire, with the enemy advancing in force in close proximity.

201256 Sjt. G. W. Scuddah, M.M., Sea. Highrs. (Bradford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This non-commissioned officer, who was acting as company serjeant-major, took charge of the section of the trench when the officer in command was killed, and reorganised the defensive line. During succeeding days of prolonged fighting the gallant example he set to his men was very valuable.

71581 Sjt. F. H. Seabrook, R.E. (St. Albans).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in repairing and maintaining telephonic communications, which were constantly being shelled down. He worked with untiring energy and courage, in spite of frequent heavy shell and machine-gun fire, and set a splendid example to all his men.

71655 L./Cpl. J. E. Seagrave, Notts. & Derby. R. (Derby).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led a determined bombing attack, drove out the enemy, and established a block. While defending this block the remainder of his squad became casualties, and he then held on by himself and successfully resisted repeated enemy attacks. He did magnificent service.

22187 Sjt. J. F. Sellick, M.G.C. (Exeter).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He brought in a wounded officer during an enemy bombing raid. Throughout the battle he behaved with great coolness and ability, and rendered invaluable service.

M/301209 Pte. B. H. Sermon, A.S.C. (M.T.) (Bermondsey, S.E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Without being asked, he drove his car through the enemy outposts and evacuated all the wounded from an aid post, returning under heavy fire. He was on duty for forty-eight hours, and cleared wounded in full view of the enemy. He did fine service.

52705 B.S.M. J. Seville, R.F.A. (Preston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty under heavy shell fire. It was due to

his judgment and coolness in safeguarding the gun teams that the six guns were safely withdrawn to another position. This warrant officer acted in a most gallant manner throughout.

10743 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) C. Shand, M.M., Gord. Highrs. (Aberdeen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a counter-attack by his company. When the platoon commanders became casualties he assumed command, and displayed great ability and courage in the way in which he conducted the subsequent part of the operations. During consolidation, after his counter-attack had been successfully accomplished, he got back all the wounded under very heavy fire. He set a very fine example to the men around him.

266089 L./Cpl. J. Shand, Sea. Highrs. (Hopeman).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the battalion was rushed up into the line he showed great initiative and brought a Lewis gun into action when the enemy were close and held up their advance. Under heavy fire he carried a wounded man to the rear, and returned with a supply of magazines for his gun. His devotion to duty and good work were most marked throughout the period.

23120 Sjt. (Act./C.S.M.) C. J. Sharp, R.E. (Aldershot).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Sjt. Sharp rendered good and meritorious service, and by his splendid example he has been able to carry out the arduous task which has been allotted to him under various conditions of danger and difficulty. (Gazetted without deed 8th March, 1918.)

M2/098666 Pte. R. Sharples (M.T.), A.S.C. (Ashton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In order to re-establish our line, which had been penetrated by the enemy, this man volunteered to take machine guns and their crews up to the spot in the motor lorry he was driving. He eventually succeeded also in bringing two companies to within a few hundred yards of where the enemy were advancing, though he was exposed to very heavy rifle and machine-gun fire at the time. The energy and promptitude with which he then fetched up picks and shovels, wire, and necessary materials enabled the line, which at one time was held only by the machine-gunnery he had conveyed, to be solidly re-established. His cheerful courage as he performed his duties under heavy fire never faltered.

306904 C.Q.M.S. R. Shaw, Lanc. Fus. (Smethwick).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The company had lost all its officers but one. This warrant officer rallied the men and led them forward to a new position. His personal reconnaissance under fire of another position was invaluable. His behaviour was splendid, and he set a brilliant example to all.

4850 R.S.M. A. Shelley, N. Staffs. R. (Tottenham, London, N.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when he enabled our left flank to be maintained by taking out a patrol and opposing the enemy. He maintained his position under heavy fire, withdrawing his party after dark intact, and it is due to his action that the flank was not driven in.

17177 Pte. H. J. Sherborne, E. Surr. R. (Richmond).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company commander had been seriously wounded, and was lying out in the open, he left the trench and succeeded in dragging this officer over very rough ground for about 600 yards to a place of safety. It was entirely due to his efforts that this officer escaped capture.

7586 C.S.M. (A./R.S.M.) J. Shiels, M.C., M.M., Cam'n Highrs. (Portobello).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the front line was driven back, he at once turned out all men at battalion headquarters and got them into new fire positions, stopping all further efforts of the enemy to advance.

17558 Pte. J. Shillinglow, York. & Lanc. R. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When one of a fighting patrol he accompanied his officer and followed him in the final rush, and knocked down and secured one of a group of four enemy. He has volunteered for every patrol found by his company, and is a splendid example to his comrades.

265094 Cpl. H. Shires, W. Rid. R. (Guiseley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy advance. He was in charge of a patrol of five men with a Lewis gun, and met a greatly superior enemy patrol. He at once engaged them, killing three, capturing two, and dispersing the remainder. Invariably he showed an example of fearlessness.

630316 B.S.M. W. T. Shirreffs, R.F.A. (Aberdeen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy had almost surrounded his battery he was of the greatest assistance in extricating the guns, and afterwards rode back and brought in a driver whose horse had been killed. He then formed one of the detachment of a gun to cover a bridge crossing, and finally helped to save abandoned guns. He did fine service throughout.

The above is a substitution of the announcement of the award of the Distinguished Conduct Medal to No. 630316 B.S.M. W. T. Shirreffs, R.F.A., which appeared on Page 6482 of the London Gazette dated 3rd June, 1918.

20011 C.S.M. G. Silver, M.G.C. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a retirement. In spite of very heavy shelling and machine-gun fire he kept his gun in action in a most exposed spot for

four or five hours, and greatly helped to cover the infantry as they withdrew.

13874 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) W. Sim, Scots Gds. (nr. Falkirk).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On one occasion he carried out a most successful reconnaissance which involved passing through some of the enemy's outposts, a dangerous duty for which he volunteered. At another time, when the platoon, which he commanded with great skill, was being heavily shelled, he went from section to section, in full view of the enemy, reorganising the garrisons of his detached posts and arranging for the evacuation of the wounded.

99939 Cpl. R. Simister, M.G.C. (Ipswich).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of two machine guns in an exposed position. He held up the enemy's advance and kept his guns in action until he and one other man were the only survivors of the two teams, and when the enemy bombed his position, he destroyed both guns and withdrew.

550666 Spr. (A./L./Cpl.) B. E. Simkins, M.M., R.E. (Harlesden, N.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O., who was company stretcher-bearer, was with a portion of the company in an isolated trench which had to be evacuated under very heavy fire. He remained behind for half an hour, bandaging the wounded and having them carried away. Later, he went out with three men across the open to rescue a wounded man who had been left behind, carrying him back for about a mile under heavy fire. He no doubt saved the lives of many wounded men, and prevented their capture by the enemy.

6770 Cpl. E. Simpson, M.M., M.G. Corps (Oxford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack on a village the advance was in danger of being held up by enemy machine-gun fire. This N.C.O. located the gun, and with one man rushed forward into the house where it was, killing the crew of seven and disabling the gun.

141200 Pte. J. Simpson, M.G.C. (Anstruther).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a withdrawal, when he went forward on his own initiative to an evacuated position and under heavy machine-gun fire he brought back ammunition for his gun, which he was thus able to keep in action. The same day he went out under heavy fire and carried back a wounded and helpless man. Subsequently he surprised a party of the enemy with bombs, and did great execution. Throughout the period he set a magnificent example of courage.

63250 L./Cpl. J. E. Simpson, M.G.C. (E. Croydon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an enemy attack his section officer had been killed and the serjeant

wounded. Corporal Simpson took charge of the guns of the section and kept them in action until all the belts of ammunition had been used up, inflicting very heavy losses on the enemy, who, however, had managed to advance too close for it to be possible to fill any more belts. Corporal Simpson's action, however, had permitted our troops on either flank to withdraw slightly to other positions in rear, which they had had time to consolidate, and when the new line had been thoroughly established, he withdrew what remained of his section with great skill, and retired to the new position. His conduct was marked by great gallantry and able leadership.

13546 L./Cpl. J. G. Simpson, Hrs. (Penrith).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a hostile attack. On his own initiative he took up a position with his Hotchkiss rifle while in defence of our line, and brought the most effective flanking fire to bear on the advancing enemy, thus very materially assisting in repulsing an attack at a critical moment.

H/45427 Sqd./S./M. J. T. Simpson, Hrs. (Dublin).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when it was entirely due to his coolness and courage that a position was held and the enemy's advance arrested through his action with a Hotchkiss rifle.

6896 Sjt. N. Simpson, R. Scots (Halifax).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a withdrawal, when he remained behind with the rearguard. He handled his men with the greatest skill, encouraging them by his unfailing cheerfulness and magnificent example of total disregard of danger. After the officer in charge of the rearguard had become a casualty, he successfully withdrew his men, while inflicting severe losses upon the enemy.

7884 Sjt. W. Simpson, Leic. R. (Leicester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an enemy attack. After his officer had become a casualty, he commanded his platoon, although practically surrounded, with the greatest coolness and courage, and on withdrawal he carried a wounded man back to the new line. Later, he was severely wounded through the body, but refused to move until the platoon was withdrawn. His gallantry and fine leadership undoubtedly led to very heavy casualties on the part of the enemy.

301801 L./Cpl. N. Sinclair, Arg. & Suth'd Highrs. (Kilmarnock).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed good leadership in command of his Lewis gun section, and stuck to his gun during the whole of the operations. During a counter-attack he took up a commanding position, and gave most useful covering fire to the advance. Throughout he worked his gun with great skill and courage under heavy fire.

267348 L./Sjt. W. Sinclair, Sea. Highrs. (Berriedalie).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His company officer having been wounded and the men beginning to waver under very heavy machine-gun fire, he sprang forward and led them on fearlessly exposing himself. By his personal courage he saved a critical situation, and pushing on he took a leading part in the capture of an important strong point that contained five machine guns.

23954 Sjt. E. Sisterson, M.G.C. (Corbridge).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the flanks were exposed he handled his guns with great skill and initiative, and went over ground swept by machine-gun and artillery fire to bring up ammunition. He covered the withdrawal of other troops, forcing an enemy battery into cover and then successfully withdrew his guns to new positions.

245025 Rfn. R. C. Skews, Lond. R. (Bethnal Green).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a Lewis gun section, which he kept in action for two hours after all his section had become casualties, and he himself had been blown up. Later, he held on to an advanced post after being almost surrounded, and after three days' heavy fighting, unaided he brought his gun out of action. His splendid courage and tenacity was a magnificent example to all ranks.

297619 Bomdr. G. A. Slack, R.G.A. (Stockport).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. It was largely due to his splendid efforts under very heavy fire that communication was maintained between a forward observation post and brigade headquarters. Although twice blown over by shell bursts, and suffering from severe shaking, he refused to leave his lines until orders for withdrawal had been received. He set a splendid example of pluck and determination.

73672 L./Bomdr. R. T. Slater, R.F.A. (Cambridge).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. Though a junior, he performed the duties of No. 1 for several days with great efficiency. He kept his gun in action to the last possible moment, finally getting it away successfully under close machine-gun and rifle fire.

87463 Sjt. W. Slatter, R.F.A. (Eton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was sent to take command of a gun detached from his battery. The enemy were attacking, and the S.O.S. signal was given by our troops in the front line. After firing a few rounds from the gun, the detachment was put out of action by a shell, killing two and wounding the other two. Although wounded in the legs and shoulder, he continued to fire his gun alone through the night, displaying magnificent courage and devotion to duty.

12320 Pte. E. Smalley, Sco. Rif. (Walthamstow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in carrying out an important patrol with three men, and bringing back valuable information as to the enemy's strength and dispositions. He also showed great coolness and power of command in rallying men under heavy shell and machine-gun fire during enemy attacks.

D/8311 Pte. W. J. Smart, Dns. (Bowes Park, N.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action as squadron stretcher-bearer. He repeatedly attended wounded under heavy machine-gun fire in the open. On one occasion, during a withdrawal, he remained behind alone in the open, under heavy fire, with one of the wounded, whom he brought in unaided to safety. He invariably showed a total disregard of personal danger, and great endurance, and earned the admiration of all ranks.

68325 Sjt. A. Smith, M.M., R.F.A. (Exeter).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when his battery was being withdrawn under fire, he succeeded in getting his gun away in spite of two of his horses having been killed, and he then assisted to get another gun away whose serjeant had been wounded.

3/10300 Sjt. A. C. Smith, Suff. R. (Richmond, Surrey).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With one other man he worked his way forward to a position which the enemy had occupied, killed or wounded some of them, and brought back four prisoners. His conduct during five days' operations was most gallant, and his cheerfulness of the utmost value to all ranks.

2506 Pte. A. E. Smith, R.W. Kent R. (Chelsea).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. Under heavy shell fire he got away much valuable material. Also, he kept exposing himself most gallantly, and encouraged men to stubbornly resist the enemy. This young soldier set a fine example of courage and determination.

43387 Cpl. A. P. S. Smith, M.G.C. (Bromsgrove).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. By promptly bringing his gun into action he frustrated an enemy surprise flank attack. Through continuous fighting he acted as section serjeant, and was invaluable to his C.O. Later, he covered an infantry withdrawal, and was the last to leave. After all the guns had been destroyed he attached himself to the nearest infantry, and held a bombing post.

348055 B.S.M. B. Smith, R.G.A. (Penarth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the battery position and the Corps R.E. yard were being heavily shelled by a large howitzer, this W.O.

showed great courage and presence of mind in extinguishing a fire which had broken out in one of the wooden sheds, whilst the shelling still continued. In acting so promptly and fearlessly he undoubtedly saved many thousands of pounds worth of material.

S/43166 Pte. F. Smith, Sea. Highrs. (Leeds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in carrying reports. He passed through the enemy's annihilating barrage on four occasions. His fearless courage enabled his commanding officer to reinforce the line at the critical moment.

530969 Sjt. G. B. Smith, Lond. R. (Langley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty throughout eight days' operations, especially one day in command of a platoon, which, though badly cut up, he skilfully controlled, under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire; and, before withdrawing, led a final counter-attack, being the last to retire, assisting in carrying a wounded man back for over a mile of exposed ground.

13323 Sjt. H. Smith, Worc. R. (Bewdley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When two successive patrols had been forced to evacuate a farm, he volunteered to go out and burn down the farm. He did this successfully under heavy fire, and thereby prevented the enemy from occupying a most important position.

5819 C.S.M. H. Smith, Linc. R. (Grimsby).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when he set a magnificent example by his coolness and courage under heavy shell fire, and worked unceasingly in organising carrying parties, etc. This example made itself felt by all who worked under him.

27141 Sjt. J. Smith, R.G.A. (Hythe).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when, with all but two of his detachment casualties and his ammunition set on fire, he extinguished the fire and removed the wounded; then with the remaining men re-opened fire and remained at his gun for three days and nights without relief. His example had a noticeable influence on the whole of the battery.

18891 Cpl. J. G. Smith, M.G.C. (Ashford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action in charge of two guns. He remained in position till the infantry had retired, firing direct at the advancing enemy till most of his ammunition was expended and causing heavy casualties. He then retired and took up another position, using up the remainder of his ammunition on the advancing infantry at close range. He has been out four years, and has invariably set a fine example of courage and devotion to duty.

32511 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) W. Smith, Glouc. R. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an obscure situation. He worked along a road towards a farm, where he helped an officer and a runner to capture thirty prisoners, who were in a cellar. Later, when the enemy bombardment set fire to a farm, the light from which would have revealed the movements of troops, he went forward with another man, under heavy shell fire, and extinguished it.

5/14855 Cpl. G. Smith, S. Wales Bord. (Abersychan, Mon.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his platoon in a counter-attack. It was due to his tremendous efforts that the remainder of the company, on their flank being turned, were able to withdraw with slight losses. His leadership and example throughout were beyond all praise.

250762 Pte. (L./Cpl.) C. Snedden, R. Scots (Boness).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. Observing that casualties were being caused from the fire of a nest of enemy snipers, he collected a small party of men and charged the snipers' post. He himself shot two and bayoneted a third, when the remainder took to flight, leaving a machine gun behind them.

10505 Cpl. T. Snelgrove, R. Lanc. R. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As he was going along the front line he came across a Lewis gun, with the team all killed or wounded. At the same moment three of the enemy made a rush for it. Killing all three, he withdrew the gun and opened fire, holding up the enemy. He was twice wounded during the day.

8551 C.Q.M.S. R. G. Somers, R. Ir. Rif. (Wandsworth Common, S.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of a ration party proceeding to the front line, he was charged by two Uhlan patrols. He beat them both off, killing two himself, and delivered the rations.

44174 Sjt. A. Somerton, M.G.C. (Old Hill)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O., who was in charge of two guns, displayed great courage and a quick appreciation of a difficult situation when the enemy were advancing behind a heavy smoke screen. Having skilfully located them, he brought his guns into action, using them with destructive effect, and held up the enemy's advance for a considerable period at a critical moment. He then covered the flank of our infantry as they withdrew, and eventually brought both his guns safely away. His gallantry and initiative were worthy of the highest praise.

203186 Pte. H. S. South, R. Highrs. (Cape Town).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He volunteered to lead a party to check an enemy movement that he had reconnoitred. With seven men he was

engaged with twenty of the enemy for five hours, and prevented them from getting two machine guns into position. He displayed fine fighting qualities as a leader.

307357 Sjt. W. Sowden, R. War. R. (Chester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in command of a platoon which was attacked at dawn, he visited his posts and repelled the attack. Afterwards, with another non-commissioned officer, he located an enemy machine gun and captured prisoner.

14766 Sjt. E. Spalding, Suff. R. (Suffolk).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During two days continuous fighting Serjeant Spalding on more than one occasion was able to secure the safety of his company by leading reconnaissance patrols to get touch with the enemy and obtain timely information. At a critical stage of the fighting, when he was in command of an outlying post some 300 yards in advance of the main position, he saw the enemy forming up in large numbers for an attack from the flank. He immediately disposed his platoon in the best position for defence, while he himself and a few men remained in front to engage the enemy in the first stages of their advance. All these measures were taken under heavy shell and machine-gun fire in presence of greatly superior enemy forces. The result was very successful, and it was largely owing to Serjeant Spalding's skilful arrangements, as well as to his great courage and untiring efforts, that his company were able to hold their own against odds which might have been overwhelming.

1504 Sjt. P. Spargo, R.A.F. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When clouds were low and weather conditions unfavourable, he flew at a height of 300 feet, and in face of intense rifle and machine-gun fire dropped his bombs on the objective, destroying a machine-gun emplacement gun and crew. He then flew along the hostile trenches, bringing machine-gun fire to bear on the occupants, and caused many casualties. He then returned to his aerodrome for more bombs, but in view of the weather conditions he was not allowed to go out again.

11701 Sjt. W. H. Sparks, M.M., Leic. R. (Loughborough).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as signal serjeant. His fine example to the men under him caused telephone communication to be maintained under very trying conditions for two days with brigade and battalion headquarters. He frequently carried messages, under machine-gun fire, to battalion headquarters.

15334 Pte. L. O. Sparrow, L'pool R. (Birkenhead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He acted as battalion runner, and showed great pluck and perseverance in successfully carrying a message through heavy shell and machine-gun fire to the front line after four others had failed.

10249 Sjt. W. J. Spokes, R. Berks. R. (Twyford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his battalion was completely surrounded he was one of a bombing party ordered to clear a communication trench for the withdrawal of the battalion. Both officers of the bombing party being killed, he organised a fresh party and successfully cleared the trench of the enemy. He showed great gallantry and determination.

11073 Sjt. W. Spick, Notts. & Derby. R. (Nottingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. During an initial gas bombardment before a hostile attack he remained at the telephone without a mask, and stuck to his post until all the wires had been cut. Later, although feeling the ill effects of the gas, he took charge of the few remaining signallers and employed them as a rifle section. He set a fine example of courage and devotion to duty.

17516 Spr. (A./Sjt.) E. J. Springer, R.E. (Ryde).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during lengthy operations. Hearing that some of the battery lines were cut, he continually went out under heavy shell fire and repaired the cables. He did the same work on four consecutive days, and it was chiefly owing to his courage and coolness that communications were maintained. Throughout he set a magnificent example to the brigade signal section.

G/593 Pte. (L./Cpl.) C. Sprunt, R. Suss. R. (near Saxmundham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With a serjeant and another man he manned a Lewis gun in a Tank, and by his accurate handling of the gun inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy and took fourteen prisoners.

1618 C.S.M. W. D. Stafford, M.M., R. Fus. (Pietermaritzburg).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His coolness and courage made him of great assistance to his company commander, and when the latter was wounded and there were no other officers remaining he handled the company with ability and skill. Later, while acting as regimental serjeant-major, he was most useful to his battalion commander in organising the battalion. He also personally worked a Lewis gun and killed numbers of the enemy, cheering and inspiring confidence in the men. He set a very fine example of courage and initiative under adverse conditions.

1407 Cpl. A./Sjt. G. Staples, M.M., R.A.M.C. (Sevenoaks).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in the collection and evacuation of wounded he showed a complete disregard of personal danger, and brought in Capt. Hancock, who was lying severely wounded, exposed to machine-gun fire, although in great danger of being cut off by the enemy. Later, during the retirement, he rendered valuable service in organising relay posts and evacuating the wounded.

636163 Bombr. A. Stark, R.F.A. (Dundee).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. was in charge of a gun in action in the open under very heavy artillery fire. All the rest of the detachment had become casualties. As soon as he had placed the wounded under cover, as far as possible, and dressed their wounds, he returned to his gun, which he continued to serve, single-handed, for three hours, until the enemy infantry had worked their way round to the rear of the battery. His behaviour was most gallant and he displayed marked devotion to duty.

46044 S.S.M. H. C. Steane, Hrs. (Coventry).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. At a period when the regiment was extremely short of officers, owing to heavy casualties, he showed the greatest coolness and courage in reorganising troops and covering a retirement of the regiment during a most critical period.

38707 S.M. W. B. Stedman, R.A.M.C. (Margate).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when, the advanced dressing station having been destroyed by fire, he carried out a careful search amongst the ruins for the wounded in spite of heavy shell fire.

13521 B.S.M. F. Steeden, R.H.A. (Tottenham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. When the battery wagon line was repeatedly shelled heavily, he displayed a complete disregard of personal danger, and by his coolness and initiative succeeded in keeping all ranks steady, and by slight moves saved many casualties. Throughout recent operations his courage and good work have been of the utmost value.

925409 Sjt. E. E. Steele, M.M., R.F.A. (Holloway, N.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a withdrawal. He worked his gun to the last possible moment, put an enemy machine gun out of action, and did much to check the enemy's advance.

S/2235 Pte. T. Stevens, R. Suss. R. (Hove).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in taking a message along the front-line posts under a raking shell and machine-gun fire. Later, he went out under fire to one of our tanks, which was lying in front of the line, set fire to it, and put it out of action. He showed wonderful coolness and rendered invaluable assistance throughout the action.

22217 Sjt. W. Stevenson, M.M., M.G.C. (Pollockshaws).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. handled the guns of which he was in charge with admirable skill, under a very heavy enemy barrage, in a strong point, working with unremitting energy and great devotion to duty. After heavy casualties had greatly reduced his de-

tachment he fired one of the guns himself, and set a very fine example to his men, inspiring them to their utmost effort. The situation at the time was critical, but the great execution done by these guns prevented the enemy from debouching to attack as he had intended.

265603 Cpl. C. Stewart, Gord. Highrs. (Midmar).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. One one occasion, when the enemy had penetrated our support line, this non-commissioned officer, at once grasping the situation, fearlessly advanced and held them until a block had been established, setting a fine example of initiative and disregard of personal safety to the men under his command. Subsequently he brought back valuable information to battalion headquarters, through heavy machine-gun fire, on two different occasions, and throughout the fighting he commanded his section with great gallantry and determination, offering a stubborn resistance to the advance of the enemy, on whom he inflicted heavy losses.

S/8649 Cpl. D. Stewart, R. Highrs. (Kirkcaldy).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty throughout a withdrawal, when his platoon and some details were ordered to act as rearguard to cover the withdrawal. He went from man to man in the line, fearlessly exposing himself, under intense machine-gun and rifle fire, to encourage them to hold on. When the order was given to retire, he was the last to cross the broken girder of a bridge.

3/9563 Sjt. J. F. Stiff, M.M., Suff. R. (Bury St. Edmunds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the C.S.M. and most of the N.C.Os. of the company were killed or wounded, he cheered and encouraged the men to maintain their position, as well as maintaining communication with the next division, over the open. He also led a Lewis gun team to cover the flank which was turned.

65307 Sjt. G. E. St. Ledger, M.M., M.G.C. (Failsworth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of the battalion scouts. He rallied infantry under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, and held them to their ground. He carried out very valuable reconnaissances, commanded his scouts with great ability, and set a magnificent example to all ranks.

107435 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) G. W. Stockdale, M.M., R.E. (Huddersfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. was untiring in his exertions in maintaining communications throughout ten days' mobile operations. When shelled out of one station, he calmly selected another—this happened not once, but many times—and he was mainly responsible for maintaining touch between advanced signal posts and battalions.

10517 C.S.M. J. H. C. Stockford, E. Lanc. R. (Preston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. Under heavy shelling he never failed to maintain a constant reserve of small arms ammunition, frequently getting fresh supplies. On one occasion, when a Lewis gun team had become casualties, he worked the gun single-handed. His courage and determination inspired his men.

200023 C.S.M. B. A. Stone, R. Suss. R. (Bognor).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This W.O., who was in charge of a platoon, showed marked ability and great coolness throughout the operations. At a very critical period the tenacity with which he held the line with his men delayed the enemy, and enabled our troops to effect an orderly retirement, he himself, with his command, under shell-fire of great intensity, only withdrawing on orders from his company officer. He was of the greatest assistance to his officers. His good leadership inspired his men with confidence, and his courage and cheerfulness under most trying circumstances were the admiration of all ranks.

201130 Pte. (L./Cpl.) J. Stott, Manch. R. (Lee).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when by bringing the fire of two Lewis guns to bear on a strong enemy attack he broke it up, and when most of the men had been killed or wounded he worked a gun himself.

R/2325 Pte. W. T. Strong, K.R.R.C. (Walton-on-Thames).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was badly wounded in carrying an important message he had volunteered to deliver. He returned with the answer, over ground swept by heavy machine-gun fire, and was again wounded, but managed to deliver the reply before having his wounds attended to. He showed a fine example of determination and devotion to duty.

392317 L./Cpl. S. O. Stroud, M.M., Lond. R. (Fulham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In a night attack on a wood, this N.C.O. rushed a post single-handed, which was held by eight of the enemy. He killed one with the bayonet, and took the other seven prisoners, and, although wounded, brought them in to battalion headquarters by himself. He did splendid service.

18195 Sjt. J. W. Stubbings, M.M., M.G.C. (Leeds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When completely isolated on the flank of a division, he maintained his position until nightfall, after his section officer and both gunners had been sniped, preventing the enemy's advance and inflicting heavy losses.

47131 Sjt. H. Stubbley, R.F.A. (Batley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. A section of his battery having suffered severe casualties, with two other men he got all the wounded to a place of safety, although under heavy shell fire at the time. He then helped to get both guns away, and was personally responsible for bringing a damaged wagon off the position. Later, when the teams came under heavy shell fire, it was principally through his efforts that guns, wagons and wounded were got away safely.

23024 Sjt. J. Sturch, M.G.C. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of a wiring party, and took his party to the assistance of a party of infantry who wanted help. He organised his men as a fire unit and held the line. Later, he reinforced a weak flank with his party. He directed the fire of his men with great ability, and his coolness and fine leadership were of great service at a critical moment.

25278 Sjt. D. Sullivan, M.M., Welsh R. (Cardiff).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company commander had been badly wounded, this N.C.O. took charge of two platoons and held on to the position for forty-eight hours without food or water, keeping up fire on the enemy until his ammunition was exhausted. He was eventually surrounded, but fought his way out, rejoining the battalion with the remnants of his men.

680168 C.S.M. E. Sullivan, Lond. R. (Bermondsey).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when his company was ordered to counter-attack. He showed great initiative and courage in rallying the men under heavy machine-gun fire, and in re-establishing touch with the troops on his right flank.

23281 Sjt. M. Sullivan, R.G.A. (Sheen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under very heavy shelling he kept his gun in action and continued firing until the advancing infantry were close on him, and his ammunition was expended. He then stayed to destroy his gun, and attached himself to a party of machine gunners, helping them to hold up the enemy.

13955 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) W. N. Summers, M.M., Glouc. R. (Dursley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He set a splendid example of coolness and resource under heavy fire after his platoon commander had become a casualty, and he effected a very difficult withdrawal successfully. During the whole of a week's operations he showed a total disregard for his own personal safety.

74091 Sjt. E. W. Surplice, R.E. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of a breakdown party, when many of the telephone wires

were destroyed by shell fire. In spite of the continued heavy shelling, he remained with his men at work and succeeded in restoring communications. Later, he repaired a line under heavy machine-gun fire from enemy aircraft.

13007 Sjt. J. Sutherland, M.M., York. R. (Washington Station, Co. Durham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He rallied and took command of two Lewis gun sections, and at a critical period of the fighting placed them in such a position as to materially assist the defence. His general cheerfulness on all occasions was a fine example to his men, and increased their morale very materially.

16999 C./S.M. G. Sutton, L'pool R. (Walton, Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a violent attack by the enemy a party of about twenty succeeded in entering one of the advanced posts. This W.O. immediately attacked them, single-handed, with bombs, killing and wounding a number, and recapturing the post. The enemy had penetrated at a most important point, and had he been given time to establish himself, it would have taken a large force to eject him.

3114 Sjt. F. Sweetapple, R.F.A. (Greenwich, S.E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in continuing to supervise and fire his gun after being heavily gassed. When almost surrounded by the enemy, he succeeded in escaping with the gun sights. For some days he remained at duty, although unfit, and set a fine example of determination to his own and other detachments

265195 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) H. Swinden, W. Rid. R. (Bingley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. led his section in an attempt to rush the enemy from a trench in which they had obtained a footing, though he had already been twice wounded in the leg, nor would he fall out until he was satisfied the situation had been cleared. At his urgent request he rejoined his battalion, after being a fortnight in hospital at the base, and immediately went into the front line into action and rendered the most valuable services on patrol work. He went far out to the front, staying out till dawn watching the enemy and sending back information of the most important description. The energy and courage of this N.C.O. were a very fine example to his men, and inspired his platoon with the greatest confidence.

174339 Gnr. J. F. Symes, R.F.A. (Fulham, S.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He helped in repelling the enemy by rifle fire, and then assisted in dismantling a gun. His officer commanding being shot through both legs, he carried him, though surrounded by the enemy, under cover of the mist to the R.A.M.C.

9270 Sjt. H. Tait, Sea. Highrs. (Rosemarkie).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during lengthy operations. When his company serjeant-major was killed he took charge, rallied and reorganised the men, and materially assisted in the retirement. Throughout a most trying period he set an example of courage, coolness and energy worthy of the highest praise.

72384 Cpl. C. Talbot, M.G.C. (Colchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He covered the withdrawal of other troops, holding up the enemy and causing hostile artillery to withdraw into cover. He collected a party of infantry to fire until he could get more ammunition, and then again kept up covering fire. By his coolness and personal courage he kept the morale of his men up to a high standard.

M2/153184 Pte. ((A./Sjt.) G. Talmey, A.S.C. (M.T.) (Brighton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. was in charge of tractors, and worked unceasingly under gas and heavy fire of all descriptions, over ground which was a shell-torn morass, into which they sank repeatedly up to the driver's platforms. It was largely due to him that a great portion of the armament and stores was successfully retired. On completion of this work he assisted in pulling out under heavy shell fire some heavy howitzers belonging to another battery.

109090 C.S.M. J. Tandy, R.E. (Warrington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the evacuation of a position. In spite of very heavy shell fire, he three times brought away guns and rolling-stock, not leaving the position until the whole place had been cleared. His great courage and contempt of danger was worthy of high praise.

16040 Sjt. J. W. Tann, M.M., M.G.C. (E. Ham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of two gun teams. His guns were attacked early in the morning, but he held on to his position throughout the day, though heavily shelled and sniped, beating off three attacks, only withdrawing his guns at dusk to conform to a new infantry line. Later in the operations he again did splendid work, and his coolness and total disregard of personal danger greatly inspired all ranks with him.

375311 Sjt. H. Tarbuck, Manch. R. (Oldham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the right flank of his company was threatened, owing to the withdrawal of other troops, he advanced his platoon on his own initiative to a forward position, from which he brought heavy fire to bear on the enemy, and caused many casualties, thereby driving off the attack. Throughout the action his courage and cheerfulness were a great inspiration to his men.

75540 Cpl. G. Taylor, M.M., Tank Corps (N. Berwick).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when, after the officer and all the crew of his tank, except one, had become casualties, he collected three infantrymen to work the Lewis guns and drove his tank again twice into action, on each occasion inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. He only brought the tank out of action when three of his guns had been disabled and the Lewis gunners had become casualties.

52376 Sjt. J. Taylor, R.F.A. (Patricroft).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O., in charge of a section, kept his guns firing until the enemy was within 100 yards. He then ordered the gunners to take the breech mechanisms and dial sights and retire, while he himself took a rifle and fought a rearguard action with the infantry for four hours.

201667 Sjt. J. Taylor, Lanc. Fus. (Bury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when his company withstood a strong enemy attack and covered the withdrawal of a brigade and other units. He himself assisted at the firing of two Lewis guns which heavily checked the enemy's advance.

201254 Sjt. L. Taylor, W. Rid R. (Halifax).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when an enemy attack appeared imminent. He went without orders round the company front line posts across open country under heavy artillery, machine-gun and trench mortar fire, to see that all was correct and encourage the men. After visiting the last post he was wounded.

9212 Sjt. S. Taylor, M.M., L'pool R. (Radcliffe).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of a platoon. Though his platoon was in an isolated position he held it throughout the day under very heavy shell fire. His fine example of courage and determination did much to encourage his men.

230230 Fte. T. H. Taylor, Shrops. L.I. (Shrewsbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Noticing a party of the enemy making for a counter-attack he organised and led a bombing attack on them and dispersed the party. He showed great courage and initiative.

10575 Sjt. W. A. Taylor, Bord. R. (Finchley, N.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of stretchers. Hearing that all his company officers and senior N.C.O.'s were down he left his job and went forward to take charge of the company at great personal danger, passing through a heavy barrage. He took charge of the remainder of the company, collected stragglers, organised them into bombing and Lewis gun sections, with the result that when another came he found all the work had been done. During lulls he produced a piccolo, and by

playing popular airs cheered up and put new spirit into his men.

15804 Cpl. W. D. Taylor, Suff. R. (Hundon Bridge).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With his two Lewis guns he repeatedly drove back the oncoming enemy. When both guns were knocked out and the enemy had got round him, he remained, with two men, holding off the enemy while the garrison withdrew. He set a splendid example of courage and devotion to duty.

99292 C.S.M. C. Thirlwall, R.E. (Balby, Doncaster).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went out alone under heavy machine-gun fire, going on by bounds for 500 yards, obtaining valuable information and returning the same way to his unit. Throughout he showed a very fine example by his gallant conduct.

290873 C.S.M. C. E. Thomas, R. Suss. R. (Battle).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This W.O. displayed conspicuous courage throughout two days' hard fighting, in defence of a post which he held to the last. By his own example of gallantry and coolness he kept his command well in hand when all the officers had become casualties. Under the stress of circumstances the men broke temporarily on one occasion, but he rallied and reorganised them and putting fresh heart into them by his example, led them back to the trenches. He was thus able to hand over the position intact to the troops who were sent to relieve him, the very large number of enemy casualties lying in front testifying to the stubborn manner in which it had been defended.

9444 Sjt. E. Thomas, E. Yorks. R. (Wandsworth, S.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of his platoon. Orders directing a general withdrawal failed to reach him, and he kept up a continuous fire with his Lewis guns and two captured machine-guns. He remained in position until his ammunition was exhausted. Having then ascertained that battery headquarters had withdrawn he caused both captured machine guns to be destroyed, and withdrew with his three remaining men, bringing his Lewis gun with him. His marked courage and great devotion to duty materially assisted in the withdrawal of his battalion.

18531 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) R. Thomas, L.N. Lanc. R. (Blackpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When it was reported that the enemy were approaching close to company headquarters he skilfully engaged and drove them back with considerable losses. He performed services of the greatest value in organising bombing parties and keeping them supplied with bombs, and greatly assisted his company commander in forming a line of defence. Throughout the enemy bombardment and subsequent attacks this N.C.O. showed a fine disregard for his own

safety, and by his prompt decisions displayed qualities of able leadership.

231042 Sjt. R. J. Thomas, Shrops. L.I. (Willington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while commanding his company after the officers had become casualties. He repelled a heavy enemy counter-attack, and by his personal example of coolness proved his capabilities as a leader. He showed ability and promptitude at a critical moment.

67360 L./Cpl. W. I. Thomas, M.G.C. (Aberdare).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the troops on his flank counter-attacked, he led his party of men of all units forward with them. A party of the enemy became pocketed between his command and the next unit, whereupon he charged with the six men nearest him. As a result sixty Germans surrendered.

11/812 C.Q.M.S. E. M. Thompson, E. York. R. (Hull).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O., who was orderly room serjeant, left his desk and joined with head-quarter details. On the way up to the firing line, owing to his courage and skill an enemy patrol of one officer and twelve men were captured, and another patrol dispersed after close fighting, one prisoner being taken.

191499 Sjt. A. J. Thurley, R.G.A. (Shepherd's Bush).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. One gun belonging to an anti-aircraft section was in a position on which the enemy opened an exceptionally heavy bombardment, in consequence of which the section officer withdrew the men of the detachment to a place that was less exposed. Later on news that the enemy had penetrated some of our lines made it imperative that the gun should be brought away without delay. The motor-driver of the gun could not be found at the moment, and Sjt. Thurley volunteered for the duty, although untrained in motor-driving. He returned to the gun through an intense barrage, started the engine, and drove the gun back through the barrage to safety. The gun lorry was repeatedly hit by shell splinters. Sjt. Thurley performed a very gallant act of conspicuous devotion to duty.

6967 Cpl. A. G. Tigwell, M.G.C. (Reading).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when he remained with his guns in spite of having been twice wounded until ordered to go down the line by an officer. He then reported at his company headquarters and assisted at belt filling. Later, when scratch teams were formed to meet the still advancing enemy, he got a gun into action. He remained with his gun until seriously wounded a third time.

855053 B.Q.M.S. L. Till, R.F.A. (Ryde, I. of W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The battery was under heavy shell fire, and there was considerable confusion owing to stampeded horses. All the officers

were employed at the guns, and he kept the men well in hand by his example of coolness and courage, and sent up the teams as required and enabled all six guns to be got away. On another occasion, under heavy shell fire, at his wagon lines, when his officer got badly wounded, he set a splendid example, moved the battery twice out of the shelled area, and had a sufficient number of men and horses left to move the guns. The courage and ability shown by this warrant officer prevented a single gun of the battery falling into the enemy's hands.

S/12206 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) C. S. Tite, Sea. Highrs. (Fulham, S.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a retirement, when he carried back, under heavy machine-gun fire, his platoon officer, who had been wounded, to a place of safety, returning under intense machine-gun fire from both flanks to where his C.O. lay wounded, and making a gallant attempt to carry him back. On another occasion he occupied an advanced post of his section, and in spite of heavy machine-gun fire managed to delay the advance of the enemy and allow the main body to retire. His coolness and courage in most trying situations were very marked.

12005 Sjt. A. Titley, S. Staffs. R. (Walsall).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On his own initiative he collected a body of stragglers and brought them forward to reinforce his company in the front line. Throughout five days' severe fighting he showed great coolness, and by his fine example and courage greatly assisted an orderly retirement.

17644 Sjt. W. J. Tobin, Som. L.I. (Forest Gate, London).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. After the enemy had obtained a footing on a position, he collected, on his own initiative, a small party, and led them under heavy artillery and machine-gun fire against the enemy, dislodging him from the ground gained. He at all times set a fine example to the men.

71671 Bomdr. W. Todhunter, R.F.A. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was ordered to blow up an anti-tank gun. He placed a prepared round (106 fuse) in the bore and another in the muzzle, and tried to fire the gun with a long wire. Failing to do this, he went up to it and pulled the firing lever, thus destroying the gun. He did the same with a gun belonging to another detachment.

S/470 L./Cpl. (A./Sjt.) C. Tomkins, R.W. Kent R. (Penge).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Having taken up a position with his platoon and "dug in" under heavy fire of all descriptions, he defended the position until the companies on either flank had been withdrawn and were established in fresh positions. On four separate occasions he went along the line with important messages, though exposed to heavy fire. He rendered valuable service to his company

commander during a most trying period, keeping his men well in hand and inspiring them with confidence by his courage and spirited behaviour.

51695 Sjt. H. F. Tomlinson, M.G.C. (Mar-
ton, nr. Hartlepool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of a machine gun, which he kept in action after the infantry on either side had been driven back. Owing to his courage and tenacity in so doing, time was given to reorganise the infantry in the rear, and bring them back into action. On all occasions his courage and resourcefulness were invaluable.

5886 Cpl. J. Tomlinson, M.M., M.G.C.
(Castleton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. was in charge of an advanced gun position. At 9 at night an enemy raiding party penetrated the lines under cover of the mist, capturing a machine gun post in rear, and challenging this N.C.O. to surrender with his team. His answer was to pour a belt into the raiders, causing heavy casualties, and dispersing them. Although isolated, he held on through the night until the following afternoon, when the gun was knocked out by a shell. Although badly shaken, he withdrew in good order with his men, taking the damaged gun and equipment. He then took control of another gun, and set a fine example to all.

8500 Cpl. P. Toomey, R. Scots (Edinburgh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He handled a Lewis gun with brilliant effect, and held up the enemy's advance until his ammunition was exhausted. Then he fought his way out, carrying his Lewis gun with him. He did splendid work.

350674 L./C. A. G. Torrance, H.L.I. (Glas-
gow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when, during a whole operation, he showed the finest initiative and disregard of danger, but particularly when, alone, he attacked a sniper's post which was causing many casualties, killing two of its garrison and bringing back one.

53299 B.S.M. J. R. Towner, R.F.A (East-
bourne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After bringing up guns into action, as the teams were moving off a shell killed this W.O.'s horse, giving him a nasty fall. On recovering, he found the nearest team out of hand owing to two of the drivers having been wounded. He pulled the team up, and then, finding the officer in charge had been hit, he extricated the rest of the teams, and led them to a place of comparative safety.

10023 L./Sjt. E. Tozer, Devon. R. (Exeter).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the troops in front of a bridgehead withdrew, he rallied them, led

a counter-attack, and saved a critical situa-
tion.

56595 Sjt. J. Tracey, R.F.A. (Epsom).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his battery was being heavily shelled by gas and high explosives, and a gas shell wounded three of his detachment, this N.C.O., though gassed himself, stayed at his gun and fired it until the order to cease fire was given. Two days later, when enemy shelling had wounded nearly all his detachment, he carried on with one gunner at his gun until it was knocked out by a direct hit. He then carried on with another gun till all ammunition was expended. He showed splendid grit and determination.

8368 C.S.M. (A./R.S.M.) J. Trobridge,
Ches. R. (Chester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. When all the officers of his company became casualties, he took over command. Throughout the fighting he showed great courage, initiative and resource, and was a fine example to his men.

201715 Pte. (A./L./Cpl.) F. Trowsdale,
Manch. R. (Boosbeck, S.O.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when three men took a Lewis gun to an exposed shell hole to get a better field of fire. They remained there for twelve hours, doing tremendous execution to the enemy, and were largely responsible for breaking up the enemy attack and driving it off.

5975 C.S.M. W. Tuck, D. of C. L.I. (Old
Kent Road, London).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a rearguard action. When the three officers of his company were wounded, he promptly assumed command and repulsed three very determined enemy attacks, inflicting heavy losses by his excellent fire control. While covering the retirement of the main body, he again caused the enemy severe loss. His coolness under heavy fire and disregard of personal danger was an inspiring example to all under him.

504359 Cpl. A. Tucker, M.M., R.E. (Bath).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when entrusted with the demolition of a bridge. Owing to the rapid advance of the enemy, it was impossible to get orders to him, and, knowing the importance of keeping the bridge intact until the last moment, he waited until the troops had retired and the enemy were within 150 yards, and then crawled on to the bridge, which was being subjected to very heavy machine-gun fire, lit the fuse, and successfully demolished the bridge. Knowing that, if wounded, he must have been blown up, his courage and devotion to duty were of a high order.

202098 Pte. P. W. Tuckwell, Ox. and Bucks.
L.I. (Wallingford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a counter-attack. Having, with another man, become detached from his bat-
talion, and while endeavouring to rejoin, they noticed an enemy machine-gun which

had been brought up unobserved to a position on the flank. Realising the situation, they crept up under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire, engaged the gun at close range, killing three of the crew and wounding one, and capturing and holding the gun in spite of repeated enemy attempts to recover it. This fine act enabled the advance to continue, and undoubtedly prevented many casualties.

14/1181 Sjt. D. W. Tuffley, R. War. R. (Sutton Coldfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of the battalion transport, when he succeeded in conveying to the front line a very large quantity of ammunition which was badly needed at the time. It was necessary for his limbers to proceed along a road which was continuously shelled by the enemy, and it was largely due to his perseverance and courage that the ammunition got through.

25290 Sjt. J. W. Tugby, M.G.C. (S. Shields).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. When his officer was wounded, he took command of his section, directing their fire with great effect and covering the retirement of infantry until practically surrounded. He then skilfully withdrew his guns, remaining behind with one to cover their retirement. On reaching a new line, he again brought his gun into action, beating off several attacks and inflicting severe casualties on the enemy. He continued in action until all his team were casualties except himself and one man, and when his last gun was knocked out he fought his way back. His courage and endurance were splendid.

14275 C.S.M. G. A. W. Turner, Suff. R. (Freckenham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He engaged with rifles and rifle grenades a strong enemy party which was working up a covered approach to his lines, and forced them to retire. Later, he brought rifle and Lewis-gun fire on enemy infantry forming up for attack. Throughout he showed fine courage and powers of command.

9332 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) G. G. Turvey, M.M., R. Berks. R. (Bagshot).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed a complete grasp of the situation during a counter-attack, and splendid powers of leadership when all his officers had become casualties. He set a fine example to his men.

26094 L./Cpl. (A./Cpl.) P. C. Tustin, W. Rid. R. (Maida Vale, W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Though wounded, he continued to lead his section. At night he established and consolidated a post, despite having been exposed constantly to heavy machine-gun and shell fire. He held the post till ordered to the dressing station. By his courage and endurance he set a splendid example.

15880 C.S.M. J. Tuton, 11th Bn., R. Scots. (Dumbarton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on many occasions during a retirement

lasting seven days. When only three officers remained with the battalion, he took charge of his company and led it with consummate skill, encouraging his men by fearlessly walking up and down his sector. At one period, when the enemy were approaching too rapidly for the safe withdrawal of the main body, he organised a local attack which had the effect of checking the enemy's onset. His fearlessness under most trying circumstances greatly inspired all with him.

201479 Pte. T. Tweddle, Dur. L.I. (Spenny-moor).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Together with another man, he inspired others to rush a bridge, which was captured after desperate resistance, during which he was wounded in the right arm and chest.

22007 Sjt. W. Twinning, S. Lanc. R. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When acting as platoon leader he jumped on the parapet and shot one of the enemy, who had advanced within ten yards of the trench, afterwards attacking and killing several in hand-to-hand fighting. Eventually, when nearly surrounded, he withdrew his platoon with great skill and coolness.

13/955 Pte. C. Tyas, York & Lanc. Regt. (Barnsley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although wounded on three separate occasions he refused to leave his Lewis gun, and kept it in action, repelling continuous attacks by the enemy.

590062 C.S.M. H. Tyers, Lond. R. (Fulham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy attempted to turn the flank he collected a party of men and manned a post, putting a hostile machine gun out of action, himself accounting for three of the team. Later, when in a cellar which was blown in, he dug himself out and at once started to dig out the remainder of the party. By his prompt action he saved several lives.

15017 Pte. J. Tyrrell, R. Lanc. R. (Blackburn).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This man took command of a Lewis gun team, in the absence of the N.C.O., and during the whole of a hostile attack kept it continuously in action, in spite of constant sniping, which accounted for three of the team. His gun broke down four times, but he fired forty to fifty magazines, until the barrel mouthpiece burst. His pluck and tenacity were instrumental in inflicting heavy losses on the enemy.

9224 Sjt. H. Underwood, Notts. & Derby. R. (Derby).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations. When the situation was very obscure he volunteered to go forward through a heavy barrage, and succeeded in obtaining valuable information. He then carried ammunition to various posts under heavy artillery fire, and was wounded

in doing so. As scout serjeant his great courage and determination have been most valuable.

42604 Cpl. J. Ussher, M.G.C. (London-derry).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O., outstripping the second wave, entered the objective actually in front of the first wave of our attack, and was preparing to bring his gun into action when he discovered that his No. 1, who was carrying the tripod, had become a casualty. He immediately went back and found the tripod, but was at first unable to carry it away as the enemy's snipers were keeping the spot under continuous and accurate fire. He tied some wire, however, to the tripod and managed to crawl back to the position dragging it after him. His detachment, who had heard he had been killed, had gone back to cover, but he went and brought them up again, and, getting his gun into action, used it with great effect until the position was blown in late in the evening. The gun was badly wanted in the place where it was eventually mounted, and had it not been for the courage and initiative of Corporal Ussher it undoubtedly would not have been got to this advantageous position.

24045 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) F. Varney, M.M., R. Berks. R. (Stanford-in-Vale, Faringdon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When three of the enemy tried to drag one of his men over the parapet he bombed and scattered them. He then went out into "No Man's Land," under heavy fire, and brought in a dead enemy officer, thus securing a very valuable identification.

34786 Sjt. (A./B.Q.M.S.) A. Vellacott, R.G.A. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under most severe shell fire he organised the evacuation of the wounded, until the enemy were within two hundred yards. He set a fine example of coolness and determination to his men.

L/18727 Sjt. G. T. Vernon, R.F.A. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The leading man of this N.C.O.'s gun accidentally struck the head of a shell against the breech wing, igniting the fuze, and then dropped it. This N.C.O., without hesitation, picked it up, loaded and fired it, the round bursting harmlessly in the air, thereby averting a serious accident at the risk of his life.

41230 Pte. G. C. Vice, Essex R. (Tuddenham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a hostile attack he fired his Lewis gun when the remainder of the team had become casualties, and inflicted heavy losses on the enemy. When outflanked on both sides he fought his way out, saving his gun, and then took up another position and continued firing on the enemy. It was greatly due to his gallantry that the enemy were held back.

27912 Sjt. A. Vincent, M.G.C. (Bensham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action, when he moved across the open under heavy machine-gun and artillery fire, and brought his guns into action, thereby breaking up an enemy attack and inflicting very heavy casualties on him. His courage and determination were most marked.

35962 Sjt. W. R. Vyle, R.F.A. (Derby).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while supporting an officer during an action. Under machine-gun and shell fire he kept up the fire of his guns over sights and was completely devoid of fear. He behaved magnificently during the operations, and as acting serjeant-major at the gun line gave repeated examples of his inspiring energy, pluck and devotion to duty.

15482 Sjt. A. Wagstaffe, M.G.C. (Hyde).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. was serjeant of a section of guns which took part in two heavy days' fighting. He started by long range fire on the enemy advancing over a ridge, but soon had to shift, two guns having to be left behind owing to the violence of the barrage. In the evening he took out a party, and fetched in these two guns and ammunition. Shortly after the section officer was severely wounded, and, owing to heavy casualties, only one gun could be manned. The next day, after further heavy bombardment, the enemy again attacked, and he kept his gun in action till they were within fifty yards when he got his gun away, the company officer being killed.

11388 Pte. D. Wain, Leic. R. (Leicester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a company runner. He was sent with a message to a neighbouring unit headquarters. As it had been moved and he was unable to find it, knowing the contents of the message, he showed it to various batteries, who immediately opened fire and dealt with the hostile attack. His splendid courage and initiative in taking the message through heavy artillery and machine-gun barrage to the batteries, after failing to find the unit headquarters, was deserving of the highest praise, as his promptness undoubtedly saved a serious situation.

204133 Pte. F. Wain, Shrop. L.I. (Bath).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as stretcher-bearer. When the line had been evacuated this man went back through heavy machine-gun fire and fetched a wounded man in. Again returning, he dressed the wounds of an officer whose thigh was fractured and carried him across 400 yards of open ground to the dressing station. He undoubtedly saved two lives.

57736 Pte. T. W. Wainman, North'd Fus. (Leeds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was one of a party of four detailed to destroy a footbridge across a

river after the troops had all crossed. They began chopping, but owing to the hail of bullets three of the men left the bridge and lay on the bank. He, however, continued working alone until he had cut the bridge completely in two, thus enabling the pontoon to be liberated and floated down stream.

350317 C.S.M. D. Walker, M.M., R. Scots (Edinburgh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during recent operations. He repeatedly rallied men and, under heavy fire, reorganised and led them forward. Throughout he set a fine example to all.

H/45447 S.S.M. G. A. Walker, Hrs. (Crewe).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during hostile shelling of trenches, when he kept walking up and down the line encouraging the men and showing complete disregard of danger. Owing to the narrowness of the trench he was obliged to keep in the open, thus exposing himself to the heavy barrage.

H/45515 Sjt. F. Walkington, Hrs. (Consett).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when with a patrol which had been completely cut off. In the dash for escape he steadied the leading men, whilst the officer brought up the rear, and, although exposed to fire at 150 yards, he successfully extracted the patrol. Again, he took up ammunition to hard-pressed infantry at a critical moment when others had failed to do so. He did this without a guide and under heavy fire, returning safely to his squadron, and his action was only just in time, ammunition being nearly exhausted.

40103 Pte. N. Wallace, Tank Corps (Newcastle).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. Though early wounded, he continued to drive his Tank with skill and determination, so that the gunners were able to obtain the most effective fire on the enemy and cause them many casualties. After completing his duty he collapsed from loss of blood as he got out of his Tank. He showed fine courage and determination.

20795 Pte. W. M. Wallace, R.A.M.C. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a bearer. He went out "over the top" with three other bearers to locate a wounded man lying in "No Man's Land." They found him and brought him in. Throughout his courage and endurance were of great help in evacuating wounded.

3797 T./R.S.M. A. E. Waller, R. Welsh Fus. (Poplar, London).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when, the right flank of the brigade being heavily attacked and his officer wounded, he took charge and organised a defensive line. It was through this action that the centre of the brigade was enabled to withdraw.

11511 Pte. R. Walsh, E. Lanc. R. (Darwen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when acting as company runner. He carried messages continually under very heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, and never failed to get his message to its destination. He also showed remarkable courage and devotion in attending to wounded under heavy fire. His fine example of courage and endurance was of the very highest order.

8050 Sjt. W. J. Walsh, Ir. Gds. (Bagnalstown, Co. Carlow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a night raid. Having reached the objective which had been assigned to him he saw that the section on his flank was being checked by the fire of a hostile machine gun. He promptly organised an attack, and rushing the gun from the flank, he himself accounted for the team. Later on he took command of two sections whose leaders had become casualties, and rushed another post. Great courage and complete disregard for his own safety marked his behaviour throughout and were a fine example to all his men.

1825 C.S.M. H. Ward, M.M., R. War. R. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a party of men in a successful raid. Seeing some of the enemy attempting to escape he rushed forward and wounded one, bringing him back a prisoner. He led the party with great courage and skill. He also reconnoitred the position before the raid several times in daylight.

19304 Sjt. J. Ward, Ches. R. (Leigh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when, only one officer being left with the company, he took charge of and reorganised two platoons, and by his personal example inspired his men to hold on under the most trying conditions, and when no officer was left he took command of the whole company.

13/745 C.S.M. G. Wardle, York & Lanc. Regt. (Little Houghton, nr. Barnsley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a post was attacked and driven in, this W.O. at once collected all available men and counter-attacked, driving the enemy off and re-establishing the post.

16794 Pte. H. Wareing, Lanc. Fus. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his party of reinforcements had made three attempts to get forward in face of withering machine-gun fire this man crawled across the open to within bombing distance and proceeded to bomb the post, which threw the enemy into confusion and facilitated their capture by another party which had worked round their rear. His action thus cleared part of the flank of the enemy and was an incentive to those with him.

228391 Sjt. J. Waring, M.M., Lond. R. (posted R. Fus.) (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all officers of his company had been killed or wounded he took command, and by his skilful handling of the men and the personal example which he set them, succeeded in repelling very heavy enemy attacks. He did fine work.

40183 Pte. J. H. Waring, W. York. R. (Ingleton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under an exceptionally heavy artillery and machine-gun barrage this man dressed and attended to the wounded, running from one to the other and succouring in all about fifty. When wounded in the head he carried on until he dropped from exhaustion and loss of blood. After his wound had been dressed he had to be forcibly prevented from returning to the line.

11316 Pte. W. Warman, E. Surr. R. (Tooting).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This man was a company stretcher-bearer, and did splendid work during an action in bringing in wounded under heavy machine-gun fire. He personally was instrumental in bringing in at least thirty wounded, and at the end of the day's work he carried a badly wounded N.C.O. back several miles to a dressing station.

4286 C.S.M. L. Warren, Rif. Bde. (Croydon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He made a valuable reconnaissance under intense machine-gun fire. Later, he rallied his company time after time when all platoon officers had become casualties. He showed a fine example throughout.

5415 C.S.M. W. Warren, Rif. Bde. (Brighton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After a very heavy artillery bombardment the enemy launched a series of strong attacks against the position this warrant officer was helping to defend. He was constantly moving up and down the line under the heavy shell fire encouraging the men and showing an inspiring example. During the hostile attacks he himself accounted for many of the enemy. When forced to retire he carried with him a badly wounded man and brought him to a place of safety.

300164 L./Cpl. (A./Cpl.) J. Waterhouse, Manch. R. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed great keenness and initiative in action. On one occasion, when the enemy were advancing to the attack, he charged forward with six men against a hostile party of over twenty and put them all to flight.

48004 R.S.M. W. Watkins, Lanc. Fus. (Plymouth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a retirement lasting many days. On several occasions he displayed the

greatest courage and initiative in collecting stragglers and leading counter-attacks, when officers had become casualties, and throughout a most trying period he showed a very high standard of energy and devotion.

C/12699 Sjt. R. W. Watkinson, M.M., K.R.R.C. (Grimsby).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Owing to severe casualties among the officers, this N.C.O. was in command of a company when the enemy opened an exceptionally heavy bombardment on the position they were occupying. During several hours under very heavy fire Serjeant Watkinson was moving up and down the line encouraging the men without concern for his personal safety. On several occasions he brought back valuable reports to battalion headquarters through intense shell fire, and when orders to withdraw were received he conducted the retirement of his company in perfect order, and throughout the battle he showed a splendid example of courage and good leadership.

250426 Sjt. H. Watsham, Essex R. (Wivenhoe).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. In charge of the first wave of his company, he led them to the assault, and reorganised them in the captured trench, after which he cleared a communication trench with bombs, and was clearing another when badly wounded. He set a fine example to all.

21721 Pte. J. Watson, W. Rid. R. (Parkhead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. A large dump having exploded from enemy shell fire, he rushed to the spot and with assistance dug out and saved the lives of two buried men. He also organised stretcher parties to attend to the other wounded. He set a fine example of promptitude in a dangerous situation.

245498 Spl. W. Watson, R.E. (Strathaven).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The work of a survey post was beginning to suffer some deterioration in consequence of the men having been under a practically continuous bombardment, chiefly with mustard gas shells, for seven days, when Corporal Watson volunteered to take charge of the post and put matters right. His courage, determination and cheerful bearing put renewed heart into the detachment, and in spite of continued shelling and gas, he kept the post in action until about a week later he received orders from his commanding officer to withdraw the post as observation had become impossible. This N.C.O. has on previous occasions shown the highest qualities of determination and contempt of danger.

21793 Sjt. T. E. Watterson, L'pool R. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when all officers but two in the battalion having fallen, he took command of the company and held on to his position

under heavy machine-gun fire, keeping the enemy back by an intelligent use of the fire of his men. By moving about regardless of danger he encouraged his men, so that they appreciably delayed the enemy's advance.

240073 Sjt. F. Weatherill, York and Lanc. Regt. (Rotherham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He took out a Lewis-gun team and prevented the enemy from surrounding his battalion. He inflicted severe casualties on the enemy, who outnumbered him by six to one. He did splendid service.

267241 Sjt. B. Weaver, North'd Fus. (Derby).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the only remaining officer had been wounded, he took charge of the company and led it in a counter-attack. Afterwards he skilfully withdrew it by small parties, avoiding many casualties.

2244 Sjt. J. Webb, R. War. R. (Rugby).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in handling his platoon. While trying to establish posts in a wood, he was twice surrounded, and it was only his courage and skill that enabled the platoon to fight their way back. Later, during an attack, he again displayed the greatest courage and ability, penetrating far into the enemy's position, and when forced to withdraw, bringing back prisoners.

7123 B.S.M. (T./R.S.M.) F. G. Webster, R.G.A. (Cromer).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When Brigade Headquarters was being heavily shelled and gassed, this warrant officer displayed wonderful coolness, and showed a fine example to all the men. With the utmost dispatch, he loaded up six lorries with men and material, and though casualties were severe, he went on with his work, regardless of the enemy's fire. By his prompt initiative, all available transport and horses were evacuated, and largely owing to his efforts, it was possible to send gun limbers and caterpillars to the battery positions and withdraw the guns.

200911 C.S.M. G. Webster, L'pool R. (Wallasey).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Throughout four days' fighting this warrant officer was with his company holding a village. He was constantly round the lines organising supplies of ammunition and cheering the men. He rendered the greatest assistance to his company commander, and showed a fine fighting spirit, which kept up the morale of the men, and materially helped the course of operations in that locality.

630032 Bdr. F. W. Webster, R.F.A. (Aberdeen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With the assistance of two other men he kept his guns continuously in action for twelve hours till all the ammunition was expended, though under heavy shell and enfilade machine-gun fire all the time. When

at last they had to withdraw, they put the guns out of action, taking away the sights, thus rendering them useless to the enemy.

12676 Sjt. S. Wedd, Linc. R. (Royston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a bombing block which entirely stopped the advance of the enemy. He held this block in spite of many casualties until relieved. Again, on his own initiative, he held a post of considerable tactical importance which delayed the enemy for twenty minutes, and enabled the rest of his battalion to withdraw unmolested to a new position. Later, he reorganised stragglers, incorporating them into his platoon.

352979 L./Cpl. A. Weir, M.M., R. Scots. (Larkhall).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a Lewis-gun section. After all the members of his team had become casualties, he carried the gun forward into action himself and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy. At another time, when units had become mixed, he reorganised a section and directed heavy fire on the enemy. Throughout he showed fine courage.

16589 A./Sjt. G. T. Welborn, M.M., Midd'x R. (York).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He led his section with great coolness through a heavy barrage in a counter-attack. Though wounded, he remained at duty and consolidated his position. He behaved with fine courage and determination.

MS/3793 Mech. S.M. H. Wellavise, A.S.C. (M.T.) (Southend-on-Sea).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The workshops, consisting of five shops, 100 men and about twelve broken-down vehicles, had to be evacuated after ten hours' bombardment. This warrant officer collected the men and supervised the evacuation of all vehicles, stores, etc., to the value of some thousands of pounds. The next day he fetched two store lorries which were ditched. With the aid of a N.C.O. and drivers, he unloaded them, pulled them out and loaded them up again, and got safely away with all the stores, despite the fact that he had to send the men away to cover four times, he himself remaining with the N.C.O..

15813 Sjt. B. Wells, R.G.A. (Corham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of the gun and wagon teams. Twice in attempting to rescue his guns he was driven back by intense and well-directed enemy bombardment, but eventually succeeded in getting away all his guns, one at a time, and all ammunition.

202247 C.S.M. R. H. Wells, M.M., R. Welsh Fus. (near Doncaster).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When intense machine-gun fire had caused heavy casualties among his company,

encouraged by his aggressive spirit and inestimable elan the remnant swept forward and reached the edge of a wood, which they held till relieved. It was due to his fearless energy that a machine gun was silenced and the crew killed. His efforts to collect the wounded were tireless and unceasing.

267110 Spt. T. Wells, M.M., W. Yorks R. (Leeds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After the company stretcher-bearers had been killed, he bandaged up several wounded under heavy fire. After seeing them away he returned to the Lewis guns of his company and supervised them in action. He did fine work.

18/187 Cpl. J. R. F. Welsh, North'd Fus. (Newcastle-on-Tyne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the right flank of the company retired he took his team and Lewis gun to that part of the line, and, although half his men became casualties from the intense fire, he succeeded in carrying on until the enemy's advance was stopped. By his pluck he prevented what might have resulted in an awkward situation.

79085 Gnr. A. West, R.G.A. (Halifax).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although wounded in the arm, this gunner continued to serve his gun throughout a protracted bombardment of high explosive and gas shell until he was withdrawn under orders.

306842 Pte. F. West, Lanc. Fus. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As No. 1 of a Lewis gun team he covered the withdrawal of his platoon and prevented it being outflanked by taking up a position in the open and causing heavy losses to the advancing enemy. Later on he was wounded, but went on working his gun until he collapsed from loss of blood.

11058 Pte. W. Westbrook, Bord. R. (Woking).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while the only soldier left in his team. He stuck to his Lewis gun, collected all the ammunition he could find, and from a suitable position greatly helped to repel an enemy attack. He afterwards collected sufficient men and formed another section. He did fine work.

3/8538 Cpl. H. Wharfe, W. York. R. (Leeds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the whole time the enemy were attacking he showed fine qualities as a leader, keeping his men together and controlling their fire. When surrounded by six of the enemy and ordered to surrender he fought his way out with clubbed rifle and regained the line.

23670 Cpl. W. C. Wheatley, R. Scots (Clapham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was sent out in charge of a patrol to clear up a situation. He encountered a

body of the enemy advancing, and by his bold and skilful handling of his command he captured one officer and made over thirty other prisoners. The information gained from these was invaluable.

10708 Sjt. O. Wheeler, Sco. Rif. (Pendleton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While acting as company serjeant-major he led the remains of his company forward with absolute disregard of danger, and consolidated, under heavy shell and machine-gun fire, the position gained. Two days later he rallied the company under trying conditions. Throughout the operations he set a fine example to his men, and did much to keep them going.

52692 Sjt. R. J. Whell, R.F.A. (Cornwall).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He kept his gun in action throughout the day under heavy gas and high-explosive shelling. When some of the gun pits were smashed, he organised parties and dug the guns out and got them into action again. He showed firm courage and determination.

65588 Cpl. A. J. White, M.G.C. (Halwell).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He kept his guns in action, covering the infantry withdrawal until the enemy were in his trench 100 yards on his right. He then turned both guns on to them. One gun was immediately put out of action, but he kept his second gun firing until the enemy were within 20 yards of him, when he smashed it up and rejoined the infantry.

G/35409 Pte. A. W. White, R.W. Surr. R. (Hampton Wick).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He did excellent work as company runner, and twice led platoons, which had got lost in the fog, to their correct positions. He twice went back for reinforcements under heavy machine-gun fire. He continuously showed cheerfulness and courage.

240397 Sjt. E. G. White, Glouc. R. (Gloucester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The enemy having possessed himself of one of our advanced posts, had managed to occupy a farm enclosure between two of our posts, under cover of the darkness and the protection of the hedges. This N.C.O. with twenty men attacked with great alacrity at early dawn, and by skilful and fearless leading drove out the enemy, who lost many killed and seventeen prisoners, while his own casualties were few. The result of this operation had unmistakable effects in holding up the enemy's advance, and the eagerness of this N.C.O. to undertake the attack and the manner in which it was carried out were worthy of all praise.

204093 Sjt. H. W. White, Wilts. R. (Trowbridge).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all his officers had become casualties, his fine example of coolness and determination caused his men to hold up the

enemy's advance and inflict heavy casualties on them.

19762 L./Sjt. J. White, R.W. Kent R. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led a patrol to locate a hostile machine gun which was causing casualties in his company. He rushed this with his party, killed two of the team and took another prisoner. Finally, he got two of his men who were wounded safely back. He showed fine courage and initiative.

45858 Sjt. F. Whitehead, M.M., R.E. (Stretford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While in command of brigade signal section he continuously maintained under heavy fire communication with other units. On one occasion he was badly gassed, but stuck to his work. Also, under heavy artillery and machine-gun barrage he succeeded in saving all the technical equipment, remaining to the last moment, when the enemy were near, to destroy the signal office. He set a fine example of courage and determination.

3527 C.S.M. H. Whitfield, M.G.C. (Bury St. Edmunds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When information was received that all his company officers had become casualties, and it was feared all the guns had been cut off, this W.O. went out under heavy fire to reconnoitre, and succeeded in finding four gun teams very scattered. These he reorganised and placed in well-chosen positions, whence they brought fire to bear on the enemy attack.

16496 C.S.M. A. Whiting, M.G.C. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of two machine guns. For four days and nights his guns were constantly in action. Although time and again he was left without escort far in front of the front line, yet by his coolness and sound judgment the guns were brought back to a new position. He displayed the greatest ability in a most critical situation.

21563 Sjt. C. Whiting, M.G.C. (Poplar).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of two Vickers guns, which he continued to visit and encourage the crews of through a heavy barrage, successfully withdrawing them later on. When the enemy had approached close to the guns in their new position he observed for them and controlled them in spite of hostile snipers and machine-gun fire, and has always shown exceptional coolness in action.

21337 Sjt. J. Whitney, M.M., R.F.A. (Wolverhampton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While the battery had to change position under heavy shelling this N.C.O. took charge of the men and assisted in evacuating the guns, afterwards going back to see that all equipment had been removed. He showed fine courage and ability under heavy shell fire.

40014 Pte. S. Wilby, K.R.R.C. (Islington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He helped to get small arms ammunition up to the line and distribute it under very heavy shell and machine-gun fire, and at one time, when a gap occurred on the flank of his company he showed great initiative in collecting stragglers from another division, reorganising them and placing them in position to hold the weak place. All his officers had become casualties and his prompt action largely helped to restore a critical situation.

1275 Sjt. J. Wilde, M.M., M.G. Gds. (Cardiff).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of two machine guns he practically annihilated a determined attack on our front line. The preparatory bombardment had been very heavy, greatly reducing the strength of the garrison, and two-thirds of his own teams had also become casualties. The results of this attack would have been most serious, but for the judgment and fire control of this N.C.O.

18536 Cpl. H. J. Wilkie, K.O. Sco. Bord. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led a raiding party against an enemy machine-gun position. The skill and gallantry with which he led them resulted in the capture of the position and fifty-eight prisoners. He did splendid work.

200436 Pte. (A./Cpl.) A. H. Wilkins, S. Staffs. R. (Walsall).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He destroyed an enemy machine gun with a bomb and bayoneted two of the team. Then he reorganised his party, killed three more of the enemy himself and took several prisoners.

14218 Pte. (L./Cpl.) A. Wilkinson, Midd'x R. (Ware Road, Herts).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of a Lewis-gun team in the front wave of an attack. His team suffered casualties, and he took charge of another team as well, choosing good targets and directing the fire skilfully. When his company was compelled by heavy shell fire to withdraw, he hung on to the last and accounted for many of the enemy. He showed fine courage and determination.

R/15117 L./Cpl. F. Wilkinson, K.R.R.C. (Waterfoot).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O., who was in command of a Lewis-gun section, by the skilful handling of his gun, covered the withdrawal of his company, enabling the platoon, of which his section formed part, to hold on to their position for seven hours, and repulsing three strong enemy attacks. As the platoon was being subsequently withdrawn he and an officer got cut off, but managed to get through when an enemy machine gun had been disabled. It was the skill and courage of this N.C.O. that undoubtedly saved many casualties during the operation.

235252 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) F. R. Williams, R. Lancs. R. (Wood Green, N.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during enemy attacks. When the support line had been penetrated, he jumped out of the trench and led a party of men to another trench and established a defensive flank. Again, he led a party to destroy an enemy machine gun which was making it impossible to maintain touch with the brigade on the right. He succeeded in bombing the gun, and thus made it possible for the gap to be filled. Though wounded he continued to lead his men, until he was again severely wounded.

16883 Sjt. S. E. Williams, M.M., L'pool R. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry, ability and devotion to duty in a hostile attack, when he gathered men of all units under his command and led them forward against the advancing enemy, holding them up for over an hour at a most critical time, when it was imperative that the advance should be checked to enable the guns to be got away. Throughout his fearless courage and initiative were of a very high order.

PW/4964 L./Cpl. S. F. Williams, Midd'x R. (Bristol).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He volunteered to remain in an advanced position with his section, and though heavily shelled he kept up a steady and deadly fire, which checked the oncoming rushes of the enemy and enabled the remainder of his platoon to withdraw and establish themselves in a new position. He then assisted in taking back the wounded under heavy machine-gun fire.

444610 2nd Cpl. W. Williams, R.E. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when he continued to operate a signalling lamp in an exposed position, which could not have been seen from elsewhere, in spite of a heavy artillery barrage.

8842 L./Sjt. A. Williamson, Sea. Highrs. (Strathspey).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a hostile attack. He discovered that the enemy were entering some posts which had been vacated by a battalion on the flank. He immediately led a bombing party forward, drove the enemy back and reoccupied the posts.

G/39939-Sjt. J. Willy, R.W. Surr. R. (Rotherhithe).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He rendered valuable service in helping to rally his company under violent machine-gun and rifle fire. He set a fine example of courage and determination.

3/8771 A./Sjt. A. Wilson, W. York. R. (Deptford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as platoon serjeant. During an intense enemy bombardment he directed Lewis-gun and rifle fire very successfully on the enemy. When ordered to withdraw he withdrew his

men skilfully and then organised parties to bring up ammunition from the rear under heavy shell fire. He did splendid work.

G/1596 C.S.M. B. Wilson, R. Fus. (Stoke-on-Trent).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This warrant officer saved the situation on one occasion by leaving the trenches and walking across the open under heavy machine-gun fire to reorganise two bodies of troops of various regiments who were without their officers. He conducted them back to their positions, where they held on. He behaved with the greatest gallantry and resource throughout prolonged operations, and on the final day, when both flanks of the division were unsupported, his work was invaluable.

2610 Cpl. D. Wilson, York & Lanc. Regt. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of an outpost, with four men, he was surrounded by the enemy. He fought on and held the post until night-fall, setting a splendid example of courage and determination.

136382 B.S.M. F. Wilson, R.G.A. (Ulverston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He made several efforts to repair wire under very heavy shelling. He assisted in keeping the guns in action under very trying circumstances. After the guns had been abandoned he helped in rallying the men to repel the enemy, and was one of the party who again reached the guns. All through the day he displayed the greatest pluck and total disregard of personal safety.

12895 Sjt. J. Wilson, Ches. R. (Brentwood).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of five Lewis guns, when he did excellent work, sometimes having to repair them under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire. It was due to his energy that none of the guns were out of action for more than ten minutes during three days' fighting, and that all were brought out of action in good condition.

950424 Sjt. J. H. Wilson, M.M., R.F.A. (Wimbledon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In face of advancing enemy and under heavy shelling he succeeded in saving his gun. He behaved splendidly.

250692 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) S. H. Wilson, Manch. R. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when all his officers having fallen he took command of the company and fought it during a very trying time.

3/7036 Sjt. W. Wiltshire, Som. L.I. (Bath).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon for 500 yards over the open under heavy machine-gun fire, and assisted in recapturing a trench which had been occupied by the enemy. Though wounded, he continued to lead his men, and was one of the first to reach the objective.

He displayed gallantry and dash of a high order.

58740 Gnr. D. Wint, R.F.A. (Foxham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He was layer throughout the day under heavy gas and high explosive shell fire. He spotted an enemy machine gun, and got permission to knock it out. He did splendid work, and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy.

18101 Sjt. W. Winter, G. Gds. ([E] Bristol).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a platoon in the front line and it was attacked. The preliminary bombardment had much reduced the strength in effectives, but he, nevertheless, reorganised, displaying fearless courage and energy. It was entirely due to this N.C.O. that the enemy did not obtain a footing in the front line, but were driven off with heavy casualties.

H/1966 Sjt. W. R. J. Wistow, Hrs. (Retford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. When the objective had been reached, he displayed great ability and courage in collecting and reorganising his men and in the consolidation of the position. His services were of the utmost value at a time when there was only one officer left with the squadron.

327247 L./Cpl. B. Wood, M.M., Durh. L.I. (Bishop Auckland).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy were annoying his men with machine-gun fire from an advanced sap, he went out alone under very heavy fire, took up a position, and bombarded the sap so effectively with rifle grenades that the enemy were forced from their position. He showed fine courage and initiative.

21644 Fte. (A./Sjt.) J. L. Wood, Leic. R. (Market Harborough).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He moved his Lewis gun into a forward position and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy who were massing. He set a fine example of cheerfulness and initiative during a very trying period.

293630 L./Bomdr. G. Woodhead, R.G.A. (Marsden).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Having established communication between an observation post and the forward section of the battery and headquarters under very heavy shell fire, he worked for seventy-two hours continuously without sleep repairing the line, which was frequently broken by the enemy's shells. He finally collapsed from physical exhaustion and the effects of gas. His self-sacrifice and courage were conspicuous throughout the operation.

18072 Pte. (A./L./Cpl.) F. Woods, Bedf. R. (Bedford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when covering the retirement of his company with the fire of a Lewis gun of

which he was in charge. Under extremely heavy enemy fire, he moved from one position to another, conforming to the general movement of the operation, inflicting serious losses on the enemy and holding their advance. On another occasion, under somewhat similar circumstances, when one Lewis gun had been put out of action by enemy fire, he got hold of another and used it with telling effect.

D/19899 S./Sjt.Maj. W. Woolgar, D. Gds. (Thornton Heath).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. He displayed great coolness and courage in assisting in the organisation and control of troops in line and in rallying retiring parties.

19679 Sjt. J. Workman, Welsh R. (Maesteg).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in taking command and reorganising his platoon under very heavy shell, rifle and machine-gun fire. His enthusiasm encouraged the men, and his example was inspiring. He made four or five journeys under heavy fire to provide ammunition, and his work was one of the conspicuous features of the day's successful fighting.

S/4583 Sjt. A. Wotherspoon, M.M., Sea. Highrs. (Bellshill).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon officer had been killed and the situation was critical, as the enemy, in an advantageous position, were causing many casualties to the company, this non-commissioned officer immediately took charge, and, crawling forward with a few men, drove back the enemy with bombs and rifle fire, inflicting severe losses. His gallant action at a trying moment saved many casualties to the company, and secured the flank. During all the operations he displayed high qualities as a leader, and set a fine example to his men by his courage.

S/3629 A./Sjt. A. W. Wright, M.M., Sea. Highrs. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an enemy attack his fine example of cheerful courage inspired all those under his command, and in the counter-attack which followed, he led his men with great ability. A few days afterwards when rallying his men and leading them from a camp that was being heavily shelled in the dark, he was wounded.

27595 Pte. (A./Cpl.) J. T. Wright, North'n R. (Southchurch).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He carried out a daylight reconnaissance in full view of the enemy and under most heavy machine-gun fire. Next day he made another daring reconnaissance, and, meeting an enemy fighting patrol, he fought it, and though considerably outnumbered, drove it back and captured two prisoners, securing a most valuable identification. Throughout, his gallantry has been most marked.

G/6165 Sjt. B. Watt, R.W. Surr. R. (Carshalton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon forward in an

attack, took up a strong position, and with his Lewis-gun fire enabled other troops to advance. He showed excellent initiative, and handled his platoon splendidly. Later, by clever work, he captured an enemy machine gun.

9708 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) T. Yates, Cam. Highrs. (Dundee).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a hostile attack. When all the officers of his company had become casualties he assumed command, moving about fearlessly, and showing no regard for his personal safety. He reorganised the men, and by skill and energy, he was enabled to inflict severe casualties on the enemy. His fine example was worthy of the highest commendation.

19839 Sjt. C. Young, Essex R. (Gt. Bromley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After his officer had become a casualty he rallied his platoon under intense enemy bombardment, and led them to their position in the line. Throughout, he showed great fearlessness, and set a fine example to his men.

275022 Pte. H. Young, R. Scots (Edinburgh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He volunteered to go out and capture an enemy machine gun which had been harassing our lines all the morning. He went out, and, in spite of enemy snipers, got round the flank and reached a point 50 yards in rear of the gun, which he then rushed and captured the crew of three. He returned with the gun and two of the crew, the third being too badly wounded to bring away. A very daring enterprise, and a fine example to all who witnessed it.

9442 B.Q.M.S. J. G. Young, R.F.A. (Carlisle).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the wagon lines were shelled, he rallied the men and collected the horses. He set a fine example to everyone by his coolness and splendid behaviour.

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886074 L./Cpl. H. Baldwin, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a raid he rushed in and captured an enemy machine-gun post, putting the gun out of action and enabling the raid to proceed. Throughout he displayed fine courage and determination under heavy fire.

112174 Pte. (A./Sjt.) E. B. Balfour, Cav.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. had located an enemy field gun about 600 yards away from some positions we had captured. He advanced about 60 yards into the open, under heavy fire of all descriptions, and engaged the enemy gun with such success that the serving detachment dispersed precipitately, leaving the gun after two of their number had been seen to

fall. He maintained his position for three hours under heavy fire and prevented the enemy returning to their gun. Actg.-Sjt. Balfour's courageous action and initiative contributed in a marked degree to our retention of the captured position.

359 Cpl. G. E. Bayliss, Overseas Rail. Cons. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in maintaining and repairing a track, which was continuously under shell fire. It was largely due to his skill and untiring energy that nine railway mounted guns and howitzers were successfully removed. He controlled his men with great coolness, working continuously for 45 hours.

703567 Sjt. C. V. Brewer, M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an important raid on the enemy's trenches, when his officer had been wounded, Sjt. Brewer took command of the platoon. Creeping forward, under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire, he cut a gap in some fresh wire put down by the enemy, through which he led his men, being the first man into the enemy's trench. Though wounded in five different places, he fought with bomb and bayonet in most gallant fashion, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy until, on the signal for recall, he collected his men and brought them back in good order with their casualties. In spite of his own injuries he carried out one wounded man himself, and after bestowing him in the hands of the stretcher bearers he went back and helped to carry out his officer. His behaviour throughout was an example of fine courage and devotion to duty.

748421 Sjt. A. E. Chatwin, M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. He bombed a hostile machine gun for fifteen minutes and then rushed up through the trench, personally accounting for four of the enemy. His splendid courage and resourcefulness set an example of the highest order to all ranks.

700792 Sjt. A. W. Cooke, M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion during a hostile attack, when in charge of a Lewis gun in the front line. A shell dropped among the crew, wounding three and burying the gun. He immediately dug it out, organised a new crew, and putting the gun into action again drove the advancing enemy back. Later, although under heavy enemy machine-gun and rifle fire, he evacuated the wounded of his crew. His fine example throughout the day was most praiseworthy.

441410 Sergt. D. E. Denmark, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of a patrol which covered the assembly of a raiding party. Observing the raiding party in difficulties, he jumped out of his trench and under heavy fire and bombing, he got round the flank of an enemy post and succeeded in driving the enemy out, thereby enabling the attack to proceed. He has previously done fine work.

441377 Pte. F. Earl, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While the enemy were attacking one of our posts, this man, observing another party of them about 100 yards in the rear, crept out and bombed them, compelling them to retire. He then turned on the first party, engaging it from the rear, and when it also retired he followed for 125 yards in broad daylight, inflicting casualties. His energy and initiative materially assisted in foiling the enemy's plans, and he has on several other occasions shown the same qualities.

219559 Pte. S. G. Eastwood, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. When the enemy were approaching on both flanks, he got his Lewis gun into action, but it immediately jammed. His section kept the enemy back with rifle fire and bombs for a short time. When the enemy managed to enter the trench, he withdrew his gun behind the parapets and again came into action, when, in co-operation with his section, he forced the enemy to retire.

678309 Sjt. (C.S.M.) C. J. Enright, M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With an officer he rushed an enemy block and machine-gun post; and during a bombing fight he entered an enemy post at great personal risk and captured a machine gun which his men got away. He did fine work throughout the operations.

427161 Sjt. F. Fair, M.G. Serv.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When one of his gun's crew had all become casualties, this non-commissioned officer continued with great coolness to handle the gun, pouring belts of ammunition into the masses of the enemy as they advanced, and causing them very heavy casualties. He retired only when the enemy were so close that capture was imminent. He was severely wounded as he was walking to the new positions in the rear. The example of his deliberate courage was an inspiration to all and was worthy of the highest praise.

107323 B.S.M. A. E. Forrest, M.G. Serv.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After his officer had been killed he took command of the motor machine-guns, and in severe fighting checked the enemy's advance. He engaged hostile cavalry at close range, and when covering the withdrawal of the infantry, and almost surrounded, fought his way out, with the loss of only two guns, after causing enormous casualties.

198145 Pte. D. France, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while one of a raiding party. He rushed an enemy machine-gun post, killing three of the enemy with his revolver and capturing the machine gun. Throughout he set a fine example of courage and determination.

45600 Sjt. J. A. D. Frechette, M.M., M.G. Serv.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his officer was killed and the re-

mainder of the team either killed or wounded, this N.C.O. operated a machine gun single-handed, holding the enemy off until assistance reached him.

279653 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) W. G. Geron, Rly. Troops.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, in emergency work on Light Railway Lines in forward areas under intense hostile fire. On one night this N.C.O. personally supervised the repair of 43 shell breaks requiring nearly 1,400 feet of new steel, keeping the Light Railway Lines open for traffic. He was in charge of a party working for three hours in gas masks sending forward urgently required ammunition. His courage and example in these and other instances were an inspiration to those working with him.

258709 Pte. S. Glidden, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of a section forming part of a raiding party. He rushed an enemy machine-gun post and killed three of the enemy, and was badly wounded. Notwithstanding this, he successfully carried the next objective with his section. He set a fine example of courage and determination.

811729 Sjt. R. L. Harper, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while one of a raiding party. He displayed great initiative and resource in searching out and discovering the enemy in the darkness, and in face of heavy fire led his men with great dash and ability. Behind the objective he rushed in alone and killed and captured the crew of an enemy machine gun about to open fire. He did fine work.

679112 Sjt. A. Jamieson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Serjeant Jamieson was in command of one half of a raiding party on the enemy trenches, and had successfully penetrated behind one of their posts, when their reinforcements came up in rear of our party. While these were being successfully held off, Serjeant Jamieson rushed the post single-handed, killing four of the garrison and making the fifth a prisoner. In spite of the very superior numbers of the enemy reinforcements, Serjeant Jamieson successfully withdrew his men though two were severely wounded and had to be carried across "No Man's Land." Serjeant Jamieson conducted the operation with great dash, offering a very stout-hearted resistance when faced by superior numbers, and his behaviour throughout was a very fine example to his men.

18362 Pte. (A./Cpl.) E. H. Johnsen, M.G. Serv.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the officer in charge of a motor machine-gun section was killed, this non-commissioned officer took command and fought hard until all his men were casualties and he himself was wounded. Nevertheless, he got a reserve gun into action, which he used with great execution against masses of the enemy until he was again wounded, this time severely. He set a splendid example of determination and fortitude.

213585 Sjt. G. Jones, M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a raid he and four others rushed a hostile post, bombed the enemy, and killed six. He then reorganised his party, and mopped up a sunken road, bayonetting what enemy remained. Though wounded, he accomplished his task and brought back his wounded. He showed fine courage and determination.

150983 Sjt. H. T. Jones, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. His officer being killed, he took command of the party, put the enemy to flight, captured a machine gun, completely destroyed the enemy's position, and safely withdrew his party, bringing back the officer's body and the machine gun. His courage and resourcefulness were responsible for the success of the raid:

120814 Sjt. C. Jubin, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a raid against enemy outposts, he crept forward alone and wiped out the crew of an enemy machine gun with a bomb and captured the gun. He then shouted to his party to come on, and in a hand-to-hand fight with an enemy post they captured one prisoner and killed the rest. He showed fine courage and promptitude.

700577 Cpl. J. H. Langtry, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. When an enemy machine gun opened a destructive fire on the party, after discharging a rifle grenade he rushed forward alone and leapt into the trench bayonetting the machine gunner and killing three others. His courage on this and on all other occasions has been most outstanding.

8468 L./Cpl. R. J. Lynch, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy raid. He was in command of a Lewis-gun section, all of whom were either killed or wounded during the bombardment; and although severely wounded himself, he kept his gun in action, drove back the enemy, and inflicted many casualties. His courage and coolness prevented the line being penetrated at this point.

2279 Pte. G. E. McManus, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. Seeing an enemy machine gun opening fire on the flank of the party, he dashed towards it, wounded one of the crew with a bomb, killed the other two with his bayonet, secured the gun and returned with it to our lines. His courage is deserving of the highest praise.

1039809 Sjt. J. A. McPhail, Rail. Troops.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Alone under heavy shell fire he patrolled his district and repaired many blowouts. Owing to his good work the track was kept open and passage allowed for 26 trains containing ammunition and other supplies.

8228 Sergt. D. Mann, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in repelling an enemy raid. On his way to a post a heavy trench mortar burst, killing the garrison and knocking him down. On regaining consciousness he was being led by one of his men down a communication trench. Although wounded in the face, he ordered the man back to his post, and, returning himself, took charge of his platoon and drove back the enemy, inflicting heavy casualties.

438278 L./C. W. Murray, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a raid, of which the section he commanded formed part, he was of the greatest assistance to the officer in command of the operation, and by his courage and tenacity was largely responsible for the success of the operation. Despite a stubborn resistance, and in face of heavy machine-gun fire, he attained his objective, and captured the machine gun, killing two of the detachment and making a prisoner of the third, who furnished valuable identification at a time when it was urgently needed. He led his men and fought with splendid determination.

649121 Sjt. W. Nodwell, Mtd. Rifle Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a raid on the enemy trenches he led a party of ten men with great dash and gallantry. He cut through the wire under heavy fire of a machine gun in a concrete emplacement, and then surrounded it by a skilful manoeuvre. He personally rushed the gun, bombing the detachment, of which three were killed and the fourth was made a prisoner, the capture of whom supplied identification which was urgently required.

901323 Cpl. C. A. Patriquin, M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With one man he went forward to reconnoitre a suspected hostile machine-gun post, which had been harassing our troops, and came suddenly across an emplacement manned by five of the enemy. With extraordinary presence of mind he rushed the post, followed by his companion, and although carrying bombs only, they forced the garrison to surrender, made them pack up their gun and mounting, and drove the party to our lines in broad daylight, although heavily fired at from enemy posts.

426823 Sjt. A. Peek, M.M., M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He took command of four motor machine guns, and fought with great skill and courage until the whole of his gun crews, with the exception of two men, were killed or wounded. He then manned and drove off the enemy with his remaining gun. Later, he bandaged up his battery commander under heavy fire, and took him to a dressing station. He set a splendid example of courage and determination to all ranks.

687212 Pte. J. Peters, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed courage and judgment in two night raids on the enemy's trenches. The

first night he entered the trench with another man, who was wounded at once. He continued his exploration, and the next night he guided a raiding party which gained its objective, killing two of the enemy himself.

727009 Sjt. G. F. Price, Mtd. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a raid on the enemy trenches he led a section of the raiding party, penetrating the positions to a depth of some 350 yards, where he successfully rushed a machine-gun post, killing two of the garrison and scattering the remainder. Although severely wounded, he directed the retirement of his party with much skill, and himself carried a badly wounded comrade back to our lines. His courage and resource were responsible for the success of his portion of the enterprise.

439325 Pte. R. Rhoades, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As leading bayonet man of a raiding party, he fought with great courage and dash, accounting for three of the enemy and taking one a prisoner, who, with another, furnished valuable identification, which was badly wanted. When the bombers had exhausted their supply he continued alone without their support, charging an enemy post single-handed. His fearless determination largely contributed to the success of the operation.

746219 Pte. H. A. Shaw, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Pte. Shaw, who was one of a raiding party who had penetrated the enemy trenches, was told off with three other men to block the enemy while the rest of the party set about securing the information they sought to obtain. Pte. Shaw's party were all wounded except himself, and during the fifteen minutes our men were in the enemy trenches he held his post alone, engaging the enemy bombers with rifle grenades, and effectually holding them at bay. The lives of his three wounded companions were saved, and the enemy prevented from taking our raiders in rear by his courage and the determination with which he held his post.

469656 C.S.M. T. J. Slattery, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Coy. Sjt.-Maj. Slattery was one of a patrol moving about 500 yards in front of our line when the enemy, who had caught sight of them, opened a heavy fire from his machine guns and rifles, by which the N.C.O. of the party was severely wounded. While assistance was being procured, Coy. Sjt.-Maj. Slattery volunteered to remain with the wounded man, though he could see an enemy patrol endeavouring to surround him. These he held off with his accurate rifle fire until the stretcher bearers arrived, some twenty minutes later; and he remained out with another N.C.O., covering them with his fire until they were safely within our lines. The rescue of his wounded comrade was due to the courage and determination of this warrant officer. He accounted for six of the enemy with his fire and defeated their object of obtaining a prisoner. His coolness and disregard of personal safety are deserving of the highest praise.

252872 Pte. (A./L./C.) F. R. Stewart, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy attempted to rush the post of which he was in charge, he fired two shots and was then severely wounded, one arm being rendered useless. He seized a hand grenade, and, drawing the pin with his teeth, commenced to bomb the enemy with such effect that they were demoralised. After his officer was mortally wounded, he directed the fire of the men until assistance arrived. By his quick and decisive action he quite foiled the enemy's plans.

67283 Sjt. A. Thompson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He reconnoitred an enemy machine gun post, found 13 of the enemy asleep in it, and brought away a machine gun. Next night he was one of a party to raid an enemy post, where the party took two prisoners and killed or wounded the rest. He showed great courage and coolness.

2124971 C.S.M. S. Underwood, Rly. Operating Coy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On several occasions he displayed great gallantry in the performance of his duties setting a fine example to others and rendering conspicuous service. He saved much railway material and ammunition, when he had to pass with an engine within a short distance of several "dumps" on fire, from which a large number of shells were exploding. On one occasion he ran his engine into some forward gun positions and remained there under heavy shell fire assisting to pull out and save some heavy guns with their ammunition and equipment. He performed valuable service with complete unconcern for his personal safety.

841293 Sjt. H. Weeks, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. He personally killed four of the enemy, wounded several others and captured seven prisoners. Throughout the entire enterprise he handled his section with rare skill, and his courageous conduct in the performance of his gallant acts was unrivalled.

1057429 Pte. A. N. Withey, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a heavy hostile attack. During a bombardment a telephone wire was cut, and a linesman, who was in front, was seen to be wounded. Amidst severe enemy shell and M.G. fire, he made his way to him over the open, dressed his wounds, and carried him to the nearest shell hole, where he sat waist-deep in water for several hours, holding the wounded man in his arms. Finally he succeeded in getting him back to the trench. His exhibition of courage and determination was worthy of high praise.

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2327 Pte. G. Abraham, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a powerful attack, though temporarily shell-shocked and with a dislocated shoulder he remained at duty under heavy fire and later took part in a counter-

attack. Later he made six trips with messages through heavy rifle and machine-gun fire. His courage was most conspicuous and his devotion to duty exemplary.

4726 Sjt. A. E. Acton, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After the capture of our objective, this N.C.O. with his patrol entered a machine-gun post in the enemy lines and remained there till dark, defeating all attempts to recapture the position. He then returned to our lines and brought back a stretcher party and helped to remove the wounded. While doing this he was severely wounded, in spite of which he was able to give most valuable information as to the dispositions of the enemy and to indicate, clearly, suitable places for Lewis-gun positions. Throughout the operations he showed great courage, and his cheerful demeanour was a fine example to all the men of his platoon.

1910 Cpl. G. W. Y. Banfield, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When, during our advance, his section was held up by the fire of a machine gun, he charged the gun position single-handed, killing the detachment and capturing the gun. By the fearless promptitude of his action, he saved the lives of his men who were advancing on the position, and his example of courage and devotion made a deep impression on all around him.

1912 L/C. (T/C.) W. J. Bannister, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack, when in charge of a Lewis gun, under extremely heavy shell and machine-gun fire. Owing to the nature of the ground, he mounted his gun on another man's shoulder and opened fire, inflicting heavy casualties, and, holding up the advance for two hours, enabling a withdrawal of troops to a better defensive position. Although wounded twice, he kept in action until seriously wounded. He refused to be moved until every wounded man of his section had been carried away. Subsequently he had to be left behind, but was rescued some hours later, when the battalion retook the position. His courage and determination have invariably been of the highest character.

2333 Sjt. C. G. Bishop, M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of a mopping up party in an attack. Finding his party not strong enough, he demanded assistance from neighbouring troops and completed his task. Subsequently he took patrols to both flanks in turn, locating the enemy and then guiding parties to deal with the situation. Throughout he showed an absolute disregard for danger and rendered valuable assistance to his officers.

4445 C.S.M. P. Bonhote, M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a neighbouring company had lost all its officers and nearly all its non-commissioned officers, he reorganised the leaderless men and maintained the defence, inspiring them by his example of cheerful

courage, while by fine leadership he materially assisted to hold the line at a critical period.

2865 Pte. G. R. Bowditch, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a Lewis-gun team became casualties, this man picked up the gun and rushing out 20 yards in front of the position, fired it, killing 15 of the enemy and dispersing them. He remained there for 12 hours, preventing the line from being rushed.

75 B.S.M. A. T. Bowen, Fld. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the battery wagon lines were bombarded with gas and high explosive, causing much confusion, this W.O., on his Captain becoming a casualty, took charge, and by his coolness and resource reorganised the lines, thus enabling the battery to remain mobile.

3414 Sjt. J. Bowers, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. was one of a party detailed to construct four bridges on two consecutive nights, preparatory to an attack. He made a preliminary reconnaissance of the river banks, and helped to locate some active machine guns. In launching the bridges on the second night, he was in charge of most of the constructional work, which was admirably carried out in spite of four serious casualties. He was largely instrumental in the task being completed in time to enable a successful flank attack to be made.

5344 Cpl. P. Brennan, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a bombing attack up a trench, this N.C.O. left the trench with his Lewis gun under fire of two enemy machine guns, silencing one and keeping down the fire of the other.

38 Sjt. G. Bullen, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon commander was killed, he led the men with great dash along the saps, establishing a block 150 yards ahead of our line, and inflicting severe casualties on the enemy.

22A Cpl. C. E. R. Burt, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon came under very heavy machine-gun and rifle fire from an enemy strong point during an attack on the enemy's positions, Corporal Burt and a comrade advanced with a Lewis gun in front of their platoon, and directed such an accurate demoralising fire on the enemy that forty of them, with four machine guns, surrendered to these two men, to whose courage and unhesitating action this valuable success was due.

1280 C.S.M. J. I. Carroll, Rly. Oper. Co.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After an unsuccessful attempt had been made to remove two rail-mounted heavy howitzers under heavy fire, he requested that a further attempt be made. It was successful, and they were brought safely away. Later,

ho was of the utmost assistance in helping to evacuate wounded under very trying conditions.

1678 Cpl. J. H. Cckerell, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On one occasion during our advance he attacked a machine-gun post single-handed, killing three of the garrison and capturing the gun, which he immediately turned on the enemy with great effect, thus facilitating our further progress. When his officer and platoon serjeant had become casualties he took command and displayed qualities of leadership and initiative of a very high order. His behaviour throughout was most gallant.

206 T. Sjt. H. B. Cole, Fld. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a heavy shell fire at the commencement of an action he was severely wounded. As the battery was suffering heavy casualties, he refused to leave his gun, and continued to direct and control his detachment until "cease fire" was given. As he was leaving for the dressing station, an S.O.S. call was received from the infantry. He immediately returned, and effectively controlled his gun until the battery ceased firing. His sterling courage, work and determination during a most critical period was worthy of great praise.

2464 C.S.M. W. Coleman, M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He played a leading part in two bombing attacks, combining considerable initiative with an utter disregard for his personal safety. He carried bombs across the open at great personal risk, and by his timely aid enabled an attack to continue.

2973 Sjt. P. J. Coll, M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was out on offensive patrol when about 300 of the enemy advanced to the attack. He gave warning, and in returning to the line was shot in the head. He assisted in the defence, killing seven of the enemy, and helping a wounded man out of the line, refusing aid until all was quiet.

1712 Sjt. V. H. Conkey, H.T.M. Bty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his battery was out of action, this N.C.O. attached himself to a battery of Colonial field artillery, along with several others of his battery, salvaging some Lewis guns, and posting themselves on the flank. By their fire they enabled the guns to be kept in action much longer than would otherwise have been possible. When it was decided to withdraw, he went and collected about fifty stragglers, and got one gun on the road. Throughout the whole of a trying day he set a splendid example, and was continually rallying stragglers and checking the advance.

1736 Cpl. W. J. Cooper, M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of the regimental stretcher-bearers. When many of his bearers

had become casualties, he, under heavy fire, reorganised squads and brought in and evacuated all wounded. By skilful attention to badly wounded cases he saved many lives, and thanks to his fine example the work was thoroughly and successfully carried out.

1463 Cpl. C. Cowain, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led a bombing attack through enemy trenches against continuous opposition. When the attack at other points was held up by an enemy machine gun he kept it out of action until his company was able to proceed. It was in a great measure due to his almost reckless courage and personal example that his party was successful.

525 L./Cpl. C. F. Cracknell, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. was No. 1 in charge of a Lewis gun, which he used with great effect, checking the enemy at a very critical time, when they had broken through and occupied part of our line. L./Cpl. Cracknell had used up all his ammunition when the enemy made a final rush at him, but he got back with his gun to the block established in our trench, where he fell exhausted. His peculiarly gallant effort held up the enemy sufficiently long to give time for arrangements for a counter-attack to be completed.

1597 Sjt. H. H. D'Alton, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. By bombing from a very exposed position he checked the enemy, and inspired his comrades by his courage. Later, when all his officers had become casualties, he took command and displayed splendid judgment and leadership under the most trying circumstances.

1150 Sjt. H. D. Davies, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as serjeant of the "mopping-up" party. Although wounded badly in both legs, he refused to go out of action, and single-handed took six prisoners. When ordered to go back to the dressing-station he took back prisoners with him, and before getting his wounds dressed sent in a report on the situation at a time when it was obscure. His courage and devotion to duty were of the highest quality, and his work throughout the operations worthy of the highest praise.

6001 Sjt. R. A. Day, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the battalion's tour of duty in the line, this N.C.O. obtained much useful and accurate information by daring patrol work. He also took charge of a bombing party and drove the enemy from a troublesome post near our line.

251 Sjt. (now 2nd Lt.) H. Dean, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He took charge of his platoon, and led them with splendid dash. On gaining the enemy trenches, although wounded, he re-organised his platoon, and refused to leave. He showed leadership of a very high order, and set a splendid example. Later,

under intense artillery and machine-gun fire, he acted as guide to parties and reinforcements going up the line.

1811 Pte. E. Dixon, M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When forming part of a patrol which was operating on a bright moonlight night close to the enemy lines, this man with much gallantry crawled forward under a very heavy fire from the machine guns of the enemy, who were thoroughly aroused, to secure papers and other marks of identification from one of the enemy who had been killed by the patrol, it being important to acquire this information. He successfully accomplished his object, and then with great skill withdrew his patrol, which sustained no casualties, largely owing to his able management, though under a hot rifle and machine-gun fire.

2529 Pte. L. Doody, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During our advance, this man single-handed attacked an enemy machine-gun position, bayoneting three of the gunners and capturing the gun. Later, as member of a bombing party, he cleared several enemy positions of their garrisons, and did most excellent service until he was wounded. He displayed great courage and determination, and set a fine example to his comrades.

82 Pte. (L./Cpl.) J. C. Dun, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion during operations, acting as a Lewis gunner. Seeing the critical position of his platoon, he took charge of his section and moved them to a position which cleared his right flank of the enemy. He then transferred his fire to the opposite flank, which enabled his platoon to get a fresh position and save the post. His fine example and coolness, and the excellent manner in which he controlled his section throughout a critical period, were largely responsible for saving the lives of many of his comrades.

2389 Sjt. E. England, M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst leading a reconnoitring party, consisting of himself and two others, he came on an enemy machine-gun post. He took the gun, brought it back, and returned with more men to attack the crew. He captured five and killed one, without sustaining a casualty. He did fine work.

1355 Sjt. F. Fawcett, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He made a personal reconnaissance of a position under heavy fire. Later, when left in charge of his platoon, he held an extremely critical position for over four hours during a strong enemy attack. Throughout this period, by his personal courage and example, he rallied and inspired his men.

2211 R.S.M. J. G. Fleming, Rly. Oper. Coy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During severe shelling he directed operations of clearing rolling stock from the station. In spite of many casualties in his immediate vicinity, he carried on with his

duties with great energy and courage until all rolling stock had been removed.

7989 Pte. (L./Cpl.) A. G. Forrester, M.M., A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of stretcher-bearer squads during an attack. The advance was made under heavy shell and machine-gun fire, and this N.C.O. did invaluable work in organising details, directing regimental stretcher-bearers and getting in touch with battalion headquarters and the field ambulance posts in rear. During his duties he was continuously exposed to heavy fire, and did fine work under most difficult circumstances.

6022 Cpl. T. H. French, M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On four separate occasions he crept out to the enemy lines at great personal risk and brought back reliable information. He was also most prominent in two bombing attacks.

305 R.S.M. (now 2nd Lt.) G. J. Frith, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He so successfully organised and supervised carrying parties and dumps throughout a very difficult period and constantly under heavy enemy shelling that companies were never kept waiting for their requirements. His example of coolness and determination had a very good effect upon all those with whom he came in contact.

2182 Cpl. V. J. Gosper, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of a platoon in the support line, when he received a report that the enemy was bombing his way up. He rallied his men, and by skilful control of fire held up the advance for two hours. When almost surrounded he withdrew his men in good order and took up a fresh position.

1646 Sjt. E. Griff, Fld. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion during a hostile attack, when in charge of a forward section of guns. During a heavy bombardment one gun was put out of action, but he continued to serve the remaining gun during a most critical period. Later, when all the officers with the battery had been killed, he took command and directed and controlled the fire until the arrival of an officer. Throughout the day his splendid courage, energy and resource set a magnificent example to all with him.

2528 Pte. F. Haebich, M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst taking part in a counter-attack an enemy machine gun was met. This man, realising the menace, collected five men, and by skilful work captured it, enabling the attack to reach its objective. He continued doing excellent work until wounded.

13953 L./Cpl. J. H. Hammond, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. was one of a party detailed to throw two bridges across a river by night,

preparatory to an attack. To expedite erection he, with a sapper, crossed to the enemy side of the river and encountered a patrol. After inflicting casualties both were wounded, and he assisted his comrade back 200 yards under fire to a stretcher-bearer post. He then recrossed the stream, but was wounded a second time, and, being almost surrounded, swam back again, in time to help to launch the first bridge before collapsing.

1316 L./Cpl. D. Hanna, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As he was not able to get a good position for his Lewis gun, he stood up and fired it from the hip, all the time under frontal and enfilade fire, until the attack was driven off. He afterwards advanced 20 yards with his gun and cleared out some snipers.

2961 C.S.M. H. J. Hare, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On an enemy attack being driven off, he went out with a platoon to exploit the reverse. While out the platoon came under machine-gun fire. Having one officer killed, another wounded, and several casualties, this W.O. took charge and heavily punished the retiring enemy, then withdrew, bringing in the wounded, carrying the officer himself.

4525 Pte. R. Helyar, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon came under very heavy machine-gun and rifle fire from an enemy strong point, during a counter-attack on the enemy's position, Private Helyar and a comrade advanced with a Lewis gun in front of their platoon and directed such an accurate, demoralising fire on the enemy that forty of them, with four machine guns, surrendered to these two men, to whose courage and unhesitating action this valuable success was due.

1854A Sjt. B. L. Henderson, Fld. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion in operations. During a heavy shell fire at the commencement of an action he was severely wounded. As the battery was suffering heavy casualties he refused to leave his gun, and continued to direct and control his detachment until "Cease fire" was given. As he was leaving for the dressing station a S.O.S. call was received from the infantry. He immediately returned, and effectively controlled his gun until the battery ceased firing. His sterling courage, work and determination during a most critical period were of a high order.

953 Sjt. W. F. Hughes, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. was in charge of telephone linemen. During all hours of the day and night he worked under heavy fire, until at last he was severely wounded by shell fire in a gallant attempt to maintain communication with the front line.

602 Pte. W. G. Johnston, M.G. Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The enemy had massed for attack, and when our infantry charged he assisted his No. 1 to place a machine gun in an exposed position,

and whilst the No. 1 was firing, he shielded him with his body. He was soon wounded, but continued at duty till the situation was clear. He showed great courage, and exacted heavy losses from the enemy.

167 T./B.Q.M.S. S. Kanair, R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst the position was being heavily bombarded by high-explosive, gas shells and machine guns, this N.C.O. stuck to his work of dismantling three heavy howitzers, and enabled one gun and portions of two others to be withdrawn. He has displayed a splendid example of courage and resource throughout the operations.

2646 Pte. D. A. Kell, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Private Kell displayed great gallantry and devotion to duty during trying circumstances when the emergency position we were occupying was heavily bombarded by the enemy with gas and high-explosive shells. With complete disregard for his own safety, Private Kell moved up and down the company, bandaging the wounded and attending to the gas cases, until it became necessary for the company to change its position to avoid further casualties from the shrapnel which the enemy was now using. Private Kell, being sent from company headquarters to the different platoon commanders, had to pass through an area saturated with gas and heavily barraged with high-explosive shrapnel shell. On his way he was seriously wounded, but managed to crawl to the nearest platoon commander; having delivered his message he lost consciousness. By his self-sacrificing courage Private Kell was the means of saving many casualties, and this example of his conduct is not an isolated instance of behaviour which has several times been brought to notice as deserving of the highest praise during the last fifteen months he has been employed as company "runner."

2763 Cpl. J. Kingston, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a heavy barrage he volunteered to go up to the front line when it looked as if nothing could live. Shortly after starting his arm was shattered, but he continued for another 500 yards, ascertained the situation, and returned with the information, fainting through loss of blood as he delivered it.

442 Tpr. (L./C.) F. E. Lanagan, I. Horse R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of a patrol sent out to obtain information he successfully carried out his instructions with courage, coolness, and great initiative in face of stiff enemy resistance. When held up by the fire of a machine-gun post, leaving one man as horse-holder, he rushed the post with the two other men, capturing it and taking four prisoners. He then pushed on alone, and gathered valuable information and captured another prisoner, returning afterwards to brigade headquarters with all his prisoners and the information he had obtained. On three other occasions he has acted as leader of patrols, and the manner

in which he has always performed these duties has been worthy of the highest praise.

3150 Cpl. J. Lean, M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At a time when identification was urgently required, Corporal Lean, who was on outpost duty, entered the enemy outpost line in broad daylight and captured a prisoner, with whom he returned to his post. He went out again immediately afterwards with three other men and rushed a neighbouring enemy post, killing one man and taking the three others prisoners; he brought them back to our lines. This took place in full view of the whole battalion, and the example of Corporal Lean's courage and resource had a marked effect on all who witnessed it.

1701 R.S.M. J. H. Leunig, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Regardless of personal risk he got into a very exposed position where he was subjected to heavy machine-gun fire, and most successfully bombed the enemy as they came down a communication trench. His very gallant conduct contributed greatly to the defeat of the enemy, and his consistent personal courage throughout was an example to all about him.

1513 C.S.M. L. F. B. Liston, Rail. Oper. Coy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, in evacuating railway stations, and proceeding in charge of a train to demolish two bridges. At one of the stations he assisted in loading up wounded under most difficult conditions. All the foregoing took place under shell and machine-gun fire.

1208 Cpl. S. W. Lockwood, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed courage and determination in laying and maintaining communication lines under heavy enemy shell fire.

5473 Sjt. P. McCoy, M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He carried out several daring reconnaissances both day and night. Again and again he proved himself a very able patrol leader, and obtained most valuable information on patrol. As a platoon serjeant he has proved himself very capable, and has set an excellent example to his men throughout.

6374 L./Cpl. W. J. Macey, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his section into action, and encountered a strong enemy machine-gun position. He single-handedly put the gun out of action and captured it. Later he showed great initiative, courage and coolness in re-organising his men and directing a counter-attack, thus saving his flank and inflicting heavy losses on the enemy.

3850 Cpl. F. E. Massey, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When one of his patrol had been wounded he returned with one man in the face of enemy fire, rescued his comrade within fifty

yards of the enemy post, and carried him back a distance of 400 yards. He set a splendid example of cheerfulness and devotion to duty.

2419 L./Cpl. E. S. Morris, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After his platoon had entered an enemy trench under murderous enemy machine-gun fire, he showed great courage in rallying his section. His personal example in killing eight of the enemy single-handedly materially aided the extrication of his platoon from a position of great peril.

1714 Cpl. J. Moylan, Fld. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a hostile attack. The heavy shell fire directed against his battery cut all the telephone lines. Notwithstanding a continuous fire, he repaired all breaks and restored communication. Later the telephone pit was destroyed by a direct hit, and he immediately set to work to rescue and remove the wounded, and while so doing was severely wounded. He refused to leave the post to have his wound dressed, and continued to direct the signallers until the battery ceased firing. His sterling courage, work and determination were an invaluable example to all.

799 C.S.M. J. H. Murphy, Australian Imperial Force.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He personally led a small party to clear some enemy snipers from the shell holes in which they had posted themselves, and whence they were directing an effective fire on our men. During the organisation of the counter attack this W.O. was of the greatest assistance to his officers, and rendered very valuable service in keeping up the supply of small-arm ammunition and grenades, exposing himself regardless of danger under severe shell and machine-gun fire. He set a very fine example to his men.

3098 Sjt. F. O. Nielsen, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of a platoon during an enemy attack. Throughout the preliminary barrage he went about encouraging his men over 100 yards front. He met the attack by leading the platoon forward and drove it back, then, seeing one of the enemy hiding behind a hedge, this N.C.O. under heavy fire rushed forward and captured him.

3006 Pte. W. C. Oliver, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst on outpost duty, an enemy post was seen moving up at dusk. Watching his opportunity this man let drive with a Lewis gun, and then rushed forward to investigate, capturing one light machine gun and a British Lewis gun, and found four dead enemy.

2566 Gnr. W. G. Parkinson, Fd. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The advancing enemy had outflanked the battery with machine-guns and riflemen

who were firing at short range on the detachments and the teams. This gunner, who was in charge of the battery machine gun on the exposed flank, by the skilful handling of his gun and devoted courage kept the enemy at bay until the guns were clear. He then rallied scattered parties of infantry and reformed them in the vicinity and thus strengthened a weak portion of our line till reinforcements arrived.

2059 Sjt. A. J. Parr, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During our attack the services rendered by this N.C.O. were most valuable; he kept his platoon well in hand, and afforded every information to his company officer as to the needs of the situation. He led an attack on and captured an enemy machine-gun that was causing casualties, and near the final objective, with a bombing party, he captured another machine-gun and two officers and fifty men. He showed great courage throughout and set a fine example to his men.

7120 Pte. H. I. Passmore, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his section commander had become a casualty, during a counter attack on strong enemy positions, this man, who is a Lewis gunner, took command of the section and led them forward under heavy machine-gun fire. He attacked an enemy strong point with the Lewis gun and with bombs, killing seven of the garrison and making two prisoners. The remainder retired with disorderly celerity, leaving three machine-guns in his hands. On continuing the advance with two men (all that remained of his section), finding he was far ahead of his company, he returned, and, picking up on the way a man who was severely wounded, he carried him back into safety. During all this time Pte. Passmore was under heavy fire, and his great courage and rapid initiative were a fine example to everyone.

2952 Pte. F. O. Porter, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During our advance Pte. Porter displayed the greatest gallantry, rushing forward single-handed, well in advance of our line, and attacking a group of ten of the enemy, of whom he killed five with the bayonet, the remainder retiring with precipitation. Shortly afterwards, though wounded in the arm and with his wrist broken, he dispatched two of the enemy who suddenly emerged to attack him. His behaviour was invaluable to his platoon during the advance, and the example of his courage deeply impressed all his comrades.

661 Gnr. C. J. Powter, R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the battery position had to be vacated, this man with one N.C.O. remained behind under heavy fire, and rescued stores necessary to put the guns in action in their new position. On a later occasion these same two men maintained communication by signalling lamp between the F.O.O. and the battery position under very heavy fire, enabling effective fire to be brought on the enemy.

2751 Sjt. W. J. Prescott, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon successfully on a dangerous enterprise, having to occupy and dig in a post within thirty yards of a position strongly held by the enemy. This he successfully accomplished at small cost. He was subsequently wounded for the fifth time.

124 Cpl. W. J. Purcell, R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the battery position had to be vacated, this N.C.O., with one other, remained behind, under heavy fire, and rescued stores necessary to put the guns in action in their new position. On a later occasion these same two men maintained communication by signalling lamp between the F.O.O. and the battery position, under very heavy fire, enabling effective fire to be brought on the enemy.

7059 L./Cpl. E. Rawdon, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as leader of a bombing squad. After being severely wounded he continued bombing the enemy position until his party were safe, although he was under heavy machine-gun fire at close range. He refused to be carried, and walked over a mile to the dressing station in order to save the stretcher-bearers, who were busily engaged at the time.

564 C.S.M. T. Reid, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in organising the men of his company for attack, keeping direction during the advance, and encouraging the men under terrific fire. When the company was held up he moved about giving orders to the various sections, and without a doubt his very gallant bearing at a critical time did wonders towards keeping up the morale of the men. When the withdrawal took place he stayed till the last, collecting men and getting them back systematically to the original line. His conduct throughout was magnificent.

26 C.S.M. A. M. Richardson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in reorganising the company after the first stages of an enemy attack. The casualties in the company were heavy, and when the men started to dig in this warrant officer, under heavy fire, organised them into two platoons. By his skill and coolness he kept up the spirits of the men.

2432 Pte W. Ryan, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When carrying a message under very heavy machine-gun fire to an outlying post he had one eye shot out and was otherwise severely wounded. Nevertheless, he kept on with indomitable endurance until he reached the post and delivered clearly and correctly the verbal message with which he was charged. He refused to be assisted to return, as he did not wish to weaken the post at a critical time, but made his way back alone. His behaviour was a fine example of unflinching courage, and on many occasions during a period of severe strain his conduct has been most inspiring to those about him.

1800 Sjt. P. J. Sammon, M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Handled his platoon with great skill, and assisted greatly in repulsing an enemy attack. On outpost duty and patrol work he performed excellent work, gaining valuable information at great personal risk.

3402 Cpl. D. A. Sayers, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O., with four men, was detailed to protect a machine-gun post. About 30 of the enemy advanced to the attack, two men being shot; they ran back, this N.C.O. with three men pursuing them, shot the officer and dispersed the rest, five others being killed and two wounded. Others were hit but escaped. Our casualties were nil.

567 S./Sjt. J. E. Sleeman, A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was left behind in charge of a party with patients on nine camels, unable to travel further. They were overtaken and fired upon by enemy cavalry, who were only held up by a small party of our mounted men. He got all the patients on to the camels and sent on five who were able to travel. He did everything possible to extricate the remainder by putting some on horses and helping some by walking, and succeeded in getting them out of immediate danger and saving the majority.

3998 L./Cpl. C. Smith, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While in charge of the company stretcher-bearers, he walked up and down heedless of the fire, attending to the wounded and removing them to shelter. Although blown up by a shell and severely shaken, he carried on his work unceasingly.

3314 Pte. S. G. Smith, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Having located an enemy post, he went out, supported by the rifle fire of two other men, and met an enemy patrol. He immediately rushed forward, attacked the patrol, wounding one and taking him prisoner. By his plucky action he secured important information, and set a very fine example of courage and the success of promptness of action when in a serious position.

6524 Cpl. T. M. Stinson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When one of our posts had been occupied by the enemy, Corporal Stinson volunteered to lead a small party to re-capture it, which was done with success, owing to his great resource and dash. He was wounded, but remained at duty, and in order that the post might be held, he crawled three times over 200 yards of ground swept by machine guns and rifle fire, to get up S.A.A. and hand grenades. Though wounded, he led his party in the main attack, which then took place, and did not retire to a dressing station until our line was restored.

2253 Sjt. C. A. Stokes, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Serjeant Stokes led a section of bombers against some machine-gun positions which were

holding up the advance of the flank of his company. All the section except himself became casualties, but two of the guns were put out of action and their detachments killed, and then Serjeant Stokes attacked the remaining gun single-handed, captured it, killing or wounding all the crew. During all this time he was under machine-gun fire of great severity. On returning to his platoon he found his Commander had become a casualty, and he at once took command and led the men forward. His very gallant behaviour and coolness under fire of the heaviest description were an example worthy of the highest praise.

1867 Cpl. T. B. Sullivan, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the officers of his company had become casualties, during a counter-attack on strong enemy positions, this N.C.O. organised two platoons under heavy fire, and continued the advance. When the final objective was reached, Corporal Sullivan set about the work of defence and consolidation with great skill and initiative, exposing himself in the execution of his scheme with complete disregard of his own safety. Throughout the operation he displayed great gallantry and ready resource.

12224 Bomdr. B. G. Thomas, F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a very heavy gas and high explosive bombardment, which cut all the telephone lines, this N.C.O. worked for two hours in a small box respirator on the lines, and succeeded in establishing communication. On returning to his battery he assisted in putting out fires and saving two guns from damage. His resourcefulness and courage set a fine example to all.

3631 Pte. G. Thomas, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During one of our attacks he was sent forward as a scout. He captured, single handed, an enemy machine gun, killing one of the detachment and taking prisoners the remainder. The information he also brought back to his company commander was of the greatest value. Throughout the attack he displayed great courage and determination, and set a fine example to his comrades.

5859 L./Cpl. W. H. Thomas, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in command of a post he defeated a determined enemy attack. Later, when the officers and other N.C.O.'s became casualties, he took charge of the platoon, handling it with great skill and maintaining touch between the posts. He was the last to leave, carrying a wounded man.

2310 Sjt. H. Thompson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He very daringly established himself in "No Man's Land" and opened fire with his gun on an enemy machine-gun nest, enabling our parties to advance. During our attack he caused the enemy very heavy casualties. He volunteered to explore a trench where a large number of the enemy were concealed, and with his party dislodged them,

His courage, energy and initiative were of a very high order.

1996 Pte. F. J. A. Tregoweth, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all communication was interrupted, he went back mending the line in six places and delivered a message to Battalion Headquarters. He then went forward mending the line, which had again been broken. Later, he volunteered to take a message over 200 yards of open ground, swept by machine-gun fire, and, although wounded several times, struggled on and delivered his message.

2693 Cpl. P. Turvey, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a strong enemy attack he took his Lewis gun 300 yards forward of his post and continued to fire till the enemy were within 60 yards of him. Later his excellent gunnery and personal courage assisted materially in frustrating an enemy attack. He was under heavy fire on these occasions, and set a splendid example to his men by his cheerful confidence and gallantry.

736 Sjt. N. A. Vallance, M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon commander was killed, he took charge and led his men with such dash that the first and second objectives were captured, a machine gun and several prisoners being taken. He then consolidated the position under heavy fire.

1480 Sjt. W. Vickers, M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he led his section with such dash against a strongly-garrisoned objective that the enemy fled. With great initiative he led a bombing team forward and captured a machine gun. Later, when the position was repeatedly counter-attacked, he inspired his men by his courage, and all attacks were driven off.

3295 Sjt. L. S. Walker, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. A party of the enemy was defending a house and holding up our advance as we were clearing a village. Serjeant Walker, with a few men, working round the house, attacked it from the rear. Under very heavy machine-gun fire, they rushed the enemy with the bayonet and forced the garrison, which included two officers, to surrender. The courage and initiative displayed by Serjeant Walker during this operation were worthy of the highest praise, and he revealed qualities of leadership of a high order.

4269 Sjt. H. S. Warfield, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while acting as platoon commander during an advance. Considerable opposition was encountered from an enemy post, where upon he led a flank attack and bombed the enemy out, killing several and capturing a machine gun. When enemy reinforcements forced his withdrawal, he brought away the gun and his wounded with him. He set a fine example of courage and resource.

206 Sjt. W. H. Waters, M.G. Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While in charge of two guns during an enemy attack he caused heavy casualties to the enemy, and when the enemy rushed his position he stood up and directed the fire of both guns. He covered the withdrawal of infantry and enfiladed a party of the enemy who had worked round to the rear. Throughout, his courage, cheerfulness and devotion to duty were beyond praise.

3312 Sjt. A. W. White, M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When four officers of his company had become casualties he took charge of the company, commanding it with skill and coolness throughout a very trying day. The example set by this N.C.O. to all under his command, under a harassing fire of artillery and machine guns, was of the highest order, and it was mainly through the steadfast courage of Serjeant White and a few other N.C.O.'s that the troops on the semi-exposed flank of the Brigade maintained the position intact.

1890 Cpl. J. J. White, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an enemy attack he went out through frontal and flank machine-gun fire to reconnoitre some dead ground. When the attack was driven off he went out with some bombs to deal with some enemy who were digging in about 150 yards away. He met ten, killing some with bombs and shooting two. When he ran out of bombs he used enemy stick bombs which he took from the dead. He brought one N.C.O. back with him as prisoner.

3184 L./Cpl. W. L. Whitmore, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He worked his Lewis gun on the enemy side of a railway embankment and inflicted heavy casualties. All his team had been early killed or wounded, but though wounded himself, he continued at his post and covered the withdrawal of his company. Later, when his wound had been dressed, he returned to the line and used his gun with splendid effect during the remainder of the day. He did magnificent work.

2661 Pte. F. Wilson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He volunteered to carry a message to battalion headquarters, having to pass through several belts of fire of advanced enemy machine-guns. He was severely wounded in the back and unable to rise, but crawled over open ground, constantly sniped at, and, in spite of great pain, he struggled on until he delivered his message. His splendid example of courage and determination was worthy of the highest praise.

3190 Sjt. H. R. Wright, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a counter-attack on the enemy positions this N.C.O., of his own initiative, went over to the sector of a battalion on the flank and rallied and reorganised a large

party of some 100 men, who had lost all their officers and most of their N.C.O.'s. By his total disregard of danger and fine example he restored the steadfastness of the men, and the flank, which was weakly held and actually "in the air," was able to hold out until reinforced. The gallantry and fine qualities of leadership displayed by Serjeant Wright restored a situation that was full of dangerous possibilities.

NEW ZEALAND FORCE.

14/87 S.S.M. A. G. Anderson, A.S.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of a reserve dump he remained endeavouring to evacuate supplies under heavy fire until the enemy were within 800 yards, when he set fire to the remaining supplies and retired on foot after the infantry had passed.

21179 Cpl. G. H. Battersby, M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, when, regardless of the heavy fire he was under, he so skilfully handled his machine gun as to inflict heavy losses on the enemy, at 1,000 yards range, then massing for attack. Later he accounted for five enemy machine guns which attempted to come into action on his immediate front, and his contempt of danger was most marked throughout the day.

12/3257 L/Cpl. W. G. Bowers, M.M., Rif. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He pushed forward alone to locate two enemy wounded in a sap. He came across a party of twelve of the enemy. He captured two and dispersed the remainder. His single-handed performance was a great example to his men.

10207 Cpl. A. Bradley, Wellington R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his section with superb dash against a strong enemy post. A bomb blew his foot off, but he continued to urge his men on, and then crawled back unassisted to his lines. He encountered two of the enemy on his way back, and shot them. He did splendid service.

9/123 Sqdn. S.M. E. Cameron, Otago Mtd. Sqdn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a period of heavy bombardment, when the line had been continuously shelled for forty-eight hours, this Warrant Officer showed a fine and very valuable example of fearless disregard for personal safety. Hardly ever under cover, he was continually moving up and down the line, helping the men to improve their positions and attending to the wounded. His gallant behaviour inspired the men with great confidence, and he was undoubtedly the means of saving many casualties.

13313 Tpr. J. P. Clark, Rif. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his squadron had charged and captured two enemy machine guns, it came under heavy fire from two field pieces at about 1,000 yards range. He carried one of the

captured machine guns to a ridge, and, in spite of being under direct artillery and machine-gun fire, mounted it and opened fire on the gunners, driving them away from their guns.

22238 Sjt. M. J. Forde, Well. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While platoon serjeant of a platoon that had been cut off, this N.C.O. took four men, and by skilful placing and control of fire stopped the enemy's advance. He then advanced against them, drove them back, and took one officer and forty-two men prisoners. His was a very fine example of initiative and daring.

38525 Sjt. F. A. Gaskell, Rif. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty after assuming command of a platoon. He reorganised his men under heavy fire, pressed his attack home, and helped to capture an enemy strong position. He sent back useful information to adjoining troops, and generally displayed initiative and good leadership.

13/2580 Sjt. A. G. Hooper, Imp. Camel Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He had charge of the telephone lines running from battalion headquarters to the firing line, and several times during the operations the lines were cut or broken. Each time he went forward under heavy shell and machine-gun fire and successfully repaired them, so that telephone communication was maintained throughout the action.

17093 L/Cpl. M. T. McGregor, M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when, as No. 1 of a machine gun, he kept his gun in action until the last moment against a determined enemy attack, inflicting particularly heavy losses, when he was shot through the chest at close quarters and his gun overwhelmed by numbers, but later recaptured by the spare men of the team and some infantry. His coolness and courage greatly assisted to break up the enemy's attack, whilst his gallantry was an inspiration to all ranks.

24381 C.S.M. D. M. G. Mackay, Cant. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while one of a party engaged in dislodging a machine gun which was causing our troops casualties from a commanding position. The party worked round and attacked the machine-gun post. This warrant officer shot two of the enemy and the post was rushed; also two prisoners and the gun captured. All through the operations, too, this warrant officer rendered valuable assistance to his company commander, and set a splendid example of coolness and dash to all the men of his company.

39681 Sjt. R. McMurray, Rif. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in pushing out alone along a sap held by the enemy and ascertaining the position of two enemy posts on the immediate front, enabling them to be taken. Next day he showed great initiative and fearlessness in scouring fresh ground, bombing suspicious

dug-outs, and generally helping to locate the enemy.

13/833 Sjt. S. A. McNamara, M. R. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while on patrol with his troop. A squadron of hostile cavalry was suddenly encountered, and in the fight which ensued the officer leading the troop was killed. He at once took charge and occupied a position from which he brought rifle fire to bear on the squadron and put it to flight. He then completed his allotted task. Throughout the engagement, by his coolness and disregard of personal risk, he set a fine example.

8/438 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) W. P. Morrin, M.M., Entrenching Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The enemy were reported to be advancing along the road, and he at once, on his own initiative, brought his platoon across the road and organised its defence. He showed great skill in handling his platoon, and his resource and courage inspired his men with confidence.

13/2068 Tpr. D. D. Nesbitt, M. Rif. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a night attack, as our line approached the enemy's trench, he dashed ahead, calling to the others to follow him. He charged a machine-gun on his own and bayoneted the gunners. He then quickly turned the gun round and fired on the retiring enemy. By this gallant piece of work he saved his squadron many casualties.

3/1184 Pte. T. W. Parsons, M.M., Med. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, while in charge of bearer squads. Showing great courage, he carried on his work of rescuing wounded, under very heavy fire, at all times and under most difficult conditions. He set a magnificent example to other bearers.

8/1594 Sjt. (T./C.S.M.) W. J. Pauling, Entrenching Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company took over a line of detached posts exposed to enemy snipers and heavy machine-gun fire, he took charge of the three leading platoons and successfully posted them under most difficult circumstances. His cheerfulness and courage set a fine example to his men.

7/264 Sjt. F. Robertson, M. Rifle Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. In the absence of his troop leader, and though wounded in the head early in the day, he refused to leave the post, but remained throughout the action rallying and cheering his men. His fine example of courage, under heavy shell fire and most trying conditions, was worthy of the highest praise.

13822 L./Cpl. R. C. Shannon, Rifle Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when the enemy attacked a position held

by his battalion. He was one of a Lewis-gun team and did splendid work until his gun was put out of action by shell fire. Though wounded in the hand, he immediately attached himself to a post guarding a sap, up which fully 100 of the enemy were pushing, and ran across the open from his trench and bombed the sap at close range. He killed the officer leading and two men and wounded five; the rest ran. His fine display of gallantry and entire disregard of danger greatly inspired all.

12294 Cpl. S. W. Toms, Rifle Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of a Lewis-gun section in an advanced post. Noticing a movement in front he immediately jumped over the top and ran to the wire, where he found an enemy officer with ten men behind him. He shot the officer with his revolver and caused the rest to bolt under Lewis-gun fire. This N.C.O.'s dash and gallantry on this and many other occasions had a most inspiring effect on all ranks.

6/3199 L./Cpl. (T./Cpl.) W. White, Cant. Regt.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy had penetrated a small portion of the line occupied by the battalion adjoining his battalion, he rapidly organised a bombing party and worked along the trench and ejected the raiders, capturing nine prisoners. His rapid grasp of the situation, combined with clever and gallant leadership, enabled the line to be restored.

SOUTH AFRICAN FORCE.

13004 Sjt. F. Hogarth, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Someone in a party of men shouted "Retire," and a general movement to the rear took place. Realising the dangerous situation thus created he raised his revolver, and facing the retiring men sent them back. His timely action and initiative saved what might have been a very serious disaster. Throughout the retirement, lasting three days, he showed an utter disregard for personal danger, and by his splendid example inspired confidence in all ranks with him.

5293 Pte. C. J. Hope, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a Lewis-gun section during lengthy operations. He used his gun to the utmost advantage and with great effect, invariably remaining at his post and covering the retirement of his unit although the enemy were within bombing distance of his position. He inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy, and his coolness and courage contributed in no small degree to the high morale of his comrades.

920 Pte. (A./L./Cpl.) A. F. Lilford, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, during an enemy attack, in charge of two guns. Under very heavy bombardment he fired 200 rounds per gun, and then went to another emplacement for extra ammunition. When all his ammunition was expended, both his guns were partially buried by enemy trench mortars, and the enemy was almost on the top of them. Assisted by a private, he

succeeded in dismantling the guns and driving them back to where there were two other guns in support. Finally, he was able successfully to withdraw all the guns.

6612 C.S.M. A. F. Rodgers, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when forming one of a rearguard party of a main body. He showed great skill and daring in keeping in touch with the enemy, and, at great personal risk, advising his commanding officer of the enemy's movements. It was mainly through his action that the rearguard, which was practically surrounded, was extricated. His absolute disregard for personal safety inspired all ranks with confidence.

12781 L./Cpl. F. A. Rynhoud, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of a Lewis-gun section. Owing to a heavy mist, the enemy were on top of the trench occupied by his section before they were seen. He at once engaged the enemy with his revolver, keeping them at bay until the section had withdrawn about 50-yards. He then rejoined his section and handled his gun with great skill, inflicting severe losses and repulsing all attacks. His coolness and courage throughout was most marked. Finally he was severely wounded.

834 Cpl. S. J. Starke, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He repeatedly made reconnaissances at great personal risk and brought back

valuable information, and while his company was retiring he volunteered with men to capture a party of the enemy who were pressing too closely, and succeeded in diverting their attention from the main body, thus greatly facilitating the latter's successful withdrawal. Throughout, he showed great courage and determination and inspired his men with confidence.

NEWFOUNDLAND FORCE.

1385 Sjt. E. Gulliksen, R. Newfoundland R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He held on to his post until practically surrounded, and when ordered to retire did so in a most orderly manner under very heavy machine-gun and rifle fire. His act made it possible for his company to resist the enemy. He showed great coolness and pluck, and was an example to his men throughout.

AMENDMENTS.

The following are the correct descriptions of N.C.O.'s and men to whom the Distinguished Conduct Medal was recently awarded:—

884 Bombr. A. Balfour, R.F.A.

(London Gazette, 25th November, 1916.)

5499 Pte. J. H. Davies, M.G. Corps.

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2415 L./Cpl. A. Capnerhurst, Can. Cav.

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