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*War Office,
3rd October, 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:—

355141 Serjt. A. Baybut, D.C.M., M.M.,
L'pool R. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This non-commissioned officer, who was in charge of stretcher-bearers, went forward through a very heavy enemy barrage to attend to the needs of wounded men. He went forward on one occasion to bring in a wounded enemy, whom eventually he brought in, though subjected to heavy sniping fire, by which the signaller who was helping him was killed. By his gallant behaviour he undoubtedly saved many lives. He also rushed out of a trench to the assistance of some officers and men who had been buried in a dug-out, and though shells were falling continuously he worked with unremitting energy until all but two had

been rescued. The example set by this non-commissioned officer has been splendid, his courage and contempt of danger being no less remarkable than his energy and devotion to duty.

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

5748 C.S.M. T. P. Carney, D.C.M., E.
York. R. (Dublin).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. During an attack he was constantly along the line assisting and encouraging his men, on one occasion standing upon the parapets and shooting at parties of the enemy advancing in the open. Later he organised a bombing party and cleared out the enemy, who had gained a footing in our trenches. At all times he has shown great courage and a fine soldierly spirit.

(D.C.M. awarded 1900.)

55298 Serjt. J. A. Cowley, D.C.M., M.G.
Corps (Burton-on-Trent).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He commanded his gun with marked

ability and initiative during an enemy attack, and when the gun was damaged by shell fire he got another into action through determined enemy barrage. After inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy surrounding him he finally got clear with his gun. His courage and cheerfulness were a splendid example to his men.

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

45550 Serjt. H. Edgar, D.C.M., M.M., R.E. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of a signal detachment in the forward area. Under heavy shelling he remained in the open mending lines, and refused to take cover although twice blown up by shells and gassed. He set a splendid example of courage and determination to the men with him, and it was due to him that the lines were kept through and important messages delivered.

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

1721 Serjt. R. Element, D.C.M., R. War. R., and Nig. R., W.A.F.F. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. He has altogether proved to be a non-commissioned officer of sterling worth, and his services have been of the highest order, regularly performing his duties with the utmost zeal and constantly displaying the greatest coolness and courage in action.

(D.C.M. gazetted 5th August, 1915.)

53080 C.S.M. (A./R.S.M.) A. Greenhalgh, D.C.M., Ches. R. (Altrincham, Ches.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After his commanding officer had become a casualty he pressed home an attack on an enemy machine gun, firing at close range. He set a splendid example of coolness and determination to his men, and successfully extricated his command from a precarious position when his flanks were exposed to enemy machine-gun fire.

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

5404 R.S.M. P. Grieve, D.C.M., E. York. R. (York).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty throughout operations. When some of our posts gave way during a vigorous attack by the enemy at close range, he rallied the men and placed them again in position. While doing so he was surrounded by the enemy, and only escaped by crawling down a ditch for 600 yards, being shot at whenever he showed himself. He rejoined the battalion the same evening. Although worn out from over three years' active service and weakened by being twice buried, he has never spared himself, but has always shown fine resolution and set a splendid example to all.

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

41172 Sjt. (C.S.M.) R. Hardman, D.C.M., North'd Fus. (Lower Ince, Wigan).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to

duty. When the enemy had obtained a footing in posts held by his company, and two counter-attacks had failed, and all his officers were casualties, this non-commissioned officer led two more counter-attacks, at the last attempt driving the enemy out and restoring the position. He showed great gallantry and fine leadership.

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

27528 Sjt. (A./B.S.M.) H. S. Harvey, D.C.M., R.G.A. (Plymouth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Throughout five days' hard fighting this non-commissioned officer was unsparing in his efforts, doing much by his fearlessness and personal example to keep up the spirits of his men. On one occasion, when a retirement had become necessary and it was impossible to get away two guns of the battery owing to the heavy machine-gun barrage which the enemy had put down on the road along which the teams were being brought up, he remained behind under heavy fire, and damaged the breech blocks and brought away the sights.

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

200691 L./Sjt. G. Johnson, D.C.M., R. Lan. R. (Bootle).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his officer was killed this N.C.O. took command of the men and conducted the defence of the position against repeated counter-attacks of the enemy with much skill and resolution. The forward sap he was holding was five times taken by the enemy, and retaken by Serjt. Johnson, who led the bombing parties in person on each occasion they recovered the sap. His example inspired his men with his own courage and determination.

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

12212 Cpl. G. Jones, D.C.M., Ches. R. (Chester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of battalion headquarters signalling staff during an enemy attack. He went out into the open under heavy fire, searching for ammunition and Lewis-gun drums, which he carried into the trench. He also twice repaired his telephone wire, and found and brought into action a Lewis gun, with which he inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy. He showed splendid courage and devotion to duty.

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

330036 C.S.M. W. H. Mathie, D.C.M., H.L.I. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During eight days' fighting, he was the backbone of the battalion. He was animated by the fighting spirit and the determination to hold his ground at all costs, and it was due to his fine example that a position was held against enemy attacks, and that heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy.

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

44751 Cpl. E. V. Payne, D.C.M., M.M., R.E. (Portsmouth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. displayed conspicuous gallantry under heavy fire, and great devotion to duty, during an enemy attack. When the communication between Divisional Headquarters and Brigades was cut by the heavy enemy barrage of gas and high explosive shells, this N.C.O. and one sapper worked continuously for two hours under the continuous bombardment, until communication was re-established.

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

10148 C.S.M. J. Porteous, D.C.M., R. Scots (Penicuik).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company were left without officers, and cut off from the rest of the battalion, he collected the company and fought his way back. On many occasions he showed an utter disregard for his own personal safety, and displayed great skill in handling his command under critical circumstances.

(D.C.M. gazetted 19th August, 1916.)

3/10396 R.S.M. A. F. Raven, D.C.M., M.M., Norf. R. (Hyde Park, London).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy were forcing their way into our positions, he personally superintended the dispositions of a large party of men under very heavy shell and machine-gun fire. His disregard to his own personal safety was most marked. He was instrumental in bringing in an officer who was badly wounded, under heavy machine-gun fire.

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

5/14835 Sjt. A. L. Rees, D.C.M., S. Wales Bord. (Blaina, Mon.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After his platoon officer was killed he assumed command of his platoon and successfully held a strong point which was almost isolated owing to the enemy having broken through on both flanks. By his great determination and control over his men, he inflicted heavy losses on the enemy, and finally skilfully withdrew.

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

240129 Cpl. C. Spivey, D.C.M., Yorks. R. (Pocklington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy, having captured a village, were making some progress and the situation had become involved, this N.C.O. volunteered to go forward and ascertain what was actually taking place. He went forward three times through a very intense barrage of gas and high explosive shells and collected very valuable information as to the position of the enemy and the neighbouring troops. By his gallant action he rendered most excellent service in clearing up a difficult situation.

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

8368 C.S.M. (A./R.S.M.) J. Trobridge, D.C.M., Ches. R. (Chester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After all the officers of his company had become casualties he attained and held his objective until ordered to withdraw. His coolness and courage under very trying circumstances were most exceptional.

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

10460 C.S.M. J. W. Wallace, D.C.M., E. Lan. R. (Fulwood, Preston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in command of a fighting patrol he encountered an enemy cavalry patrol in some farm buildings. Though greatly outnumbered, he attacked and dispersed the enemy, and inflicted heavy casualties on them. Throughout operations his courage and cheerfulness were a splendid example to his men.

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

200766 C.S.M. (A./R.S.M.) T. Widd, D.C.M., M.M., S. Lan. R. (Warrington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He took command of a party in an advanced position and successfully held off the enemy until reinforced by counter-attacking troops. He later organised ammunition carrying parties under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire. His conduct was splendid throughout.

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

CANADIAN FORCE.

444949 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) M. N. Jordan, D.C.M., Can. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. He was of great assistance in organising and directing various parties for the attack. Single-handed, he disposed of an enemy bombing post, and then directed an attack on another post, personally killing the officer and capturing a N.C.O. prisoner. Under very heavy machine-gun fire, he displayed marked coolness and disregard of danger, thereby setting an excellent example to his comrades.

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

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:—

11881 Serjt. J. E. Ackland, Wilts. R. (London Fields, N.E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under heavy shell fire he assumed command of his company, and by skilful use of a Lewis gun dispersed enemy snipers who had caused casualties to a preceding company. Throughout he showed great ability and did valuable work.

24544 C.S.M. J. Adams, R.E. (Dunstable).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty and resource during a hostile aerial attack, when in charge of three telephone detachments laying lines to new headquarters and exposed to the greatest dangers, one telephone wagon being overturned and several casualties occurring among the men and horses. By his courage and total disregard of personal danger he was successful in completing the communication to new headquarters. And later, during the whole withdrawal of the division, by his untiring efforts, he maintained a successful signal working.

55137 Serjt. J. W. J. Airey, M.M., R.F.A. (Camberwell, S.E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the ammunition in a gun-pit had been set on fire by the heavy enemy shelling this non-commissioned officer rushed out of shelter and worked with unremitting energy to extinguish the fire, which he eventually overcame successfully, though he had to pull down the camouflage, which was blazing. His prompt and courageous action, which was performed under fire of an intense description, saved an explosion which would undoubtedly have had very severe consequences. He has always set an example of fearless devotion to duty, volunteering for any work of however dangerous a nature.

192021 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) C. E. Allen, R.E. (Wandsworth Common, S.W.).

For general good work and devotion to duty in action, especially during two particular days, when continuously at work under very heavy fire. This man also did good work during another engagement.

20178 Pte. S. Anstie, R.W. Fus. (Ogmore Vale, Glam.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While taking part in a raid he showed great dash. When within two yards of the enemy trench he heard the gunner cocking his machine gun. He rushed forward and leaped into the trench, bayoneted the gunner, and captured the machine gun, thereby ensuring the success of the raid. He did splendid service.

302014 C.S.M. D. Ashton, Durh. L.I. (Darlington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in rallying men from various units and taking them forward to hold positions. When a portion of the line was driven back, causing a gap, he immediately rallied the men under a heavy fire and led them forward, closing up the gap. His prompt action during a critical situation was of great value.

240536 Sjt. V. Aston, M.M., North'd Fus. (Annitsford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While in charge of a post he was instrumental in holding up the enemy on four separate attempts, causing heavy casualties. He withdrew only when both flanks were turned, and was forced to fight

his way out. His coolness on all occasions has set a fine example to the men under his command.

103430 Pte. H. Atkins, M.G. Corps (Ruswarp).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed great gallantry and resolute determination, keeping his gun firing on the advancing enemy, though parties of them had surrounded him and were bombing him from his rear. He continued to do great execution until he was wounded and his gun destroyed by a grenade. He then engaged the enemy with his revolver and fought his way back to our line, where, having obtained a new gun, he remained for the rest of the battle.

37049 Serjt. H. Atkinson, M.G. Corps (Bolton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty throughout a hostile attack, when he controlled his guns under heavy enemy gas and high explosive shelling with the greatest courage and determination. After the infantry had retired the enemy, under cover of mist, crept up to within bombing distance of his position. But he held on, inflicting heavy casualties on them and enabling the infantry to advance and capture their position. When the infantry were eventually ordered to retire he and his guns and teams were the last to leave, again coming under intense machine-gun fire.

20898 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) W. Atkinson, M.M., R.E. (Pembroke).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While in charge of his section barricading a street, under heavy shell fire, a shell burst among his party, causing heavy casualties. Though badly shaken, he attended to the wounded, and completed the barricade with the few men he had left. He set a fine example of coolness and determination.

11/16130 L./Cpl. T. L. Bailey, North'd Fus. (near Barnsley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. He led his section up to the trench, and having thrown bombs into it, with the help of one man captured two of the enemy and killed five. His courage and dash made his part of the raid entirely successful.

57929 Cpl. T. Baldwin, M.G. Corps (Burscough).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in operations, when he kept his gun in action under the most difficult conditions. Finally, when practically surrounded by the enemy, he rushed at the first man and shot him, being himself bayoneted by the next man, the thrust being broken by his box respirator. This man was also killed, and, covering the retirement with his revolver, Corporal Baldwin enabled his team to successfully withdraw to another position. His splendid fearlessness throughout the battle was the means of inspiring his men with confidence.

200453 Sjt. J. Bancroft, M.M., W. Rid. R. (Keighley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After the enemy had been driven off with severe loss by the rifle fire of his company, Sjt. Bancroft the same afternoon and three times next day took out a patrol and went over 800 yards securing identifications from enemy dead, and bringing back valuable information regarding the enemy's dispositions. He had only recently been wounded, and set a splendid example of devotion to duty.

21588 Pte. (A./Cpl.) J. W. Banks, M.M., E. York. R. (Hull).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in organising battalion runners and carrying out most difficult and dangerous missions. He also showed great powers of leadership in controlling sections in two rear-guard actions, on one occasion, when he inspired by his example men of many different units to keep steady and offer resistance to the enemy.

20/198 Pte. W. J. Barr, R.I. Rifles (Belfast).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a heavy enemy counter-attack he took command of a Lewis gun detachment, and with a few more men captured a "pill-box" in front of our line and brought his gun into action. All the detachment became casualties, and he himself was wounded in two places, but he nevertheless kept his gun in action, and held on to the position until reinforcements arrived and he was relieved. It was owing to his courage and good leadership that the situation was saved at this point and the enemy's attack defeated.

59214 L./Cpl. (A./Cpl.) C. Barrott, M.G. Corps (Ryecroft).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He volunteered to extinguish a burning shell dump under very heavy shell fire. Later, he took his team forward 1,000 yards under extremely heavy fire, getting his gun into action and doing great execution. His cheerfulness and devotion to duty were remarkable and unflinching throughout a very trying period.

S/14454 Pte. R. Barton, Rifle Bde. (Staplehurst).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when acting as stretcher-bearer. He dressed the wounded in the open under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire, and returned to the lines six times, through a heavy barrage, carrying wounded men on his back. He again went out at night and searched "No Man's Land" for two hours for missing men. He displayed the greatest coolness and utter disregard of danger.

20849 Cpl. G. H. Belfield, M.M., M.G. Corps (Leicester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This non-commissioned officer, though severely wounded, remained on look-out duty, under a heavy bombardment of enemy artillery, for three hours. He then got his gun into action with great effect, and refused

to leave until the enemy were completely repulsed, remaining with his gun for six hours in spite of his injuries.

45445 B.S.M. E. W. Bell, R.F.A. (Norwich).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On one occasion, when it was necessary to withdraw the guns, this warrant officer brought up the limbers through a curtain of heavy shell fire, and his horse was shot under him. Though very badly bruised, he continued to give his orders and remained until all the guns had been got clear. He set a very fine example of courage and endurance to the whole of the battery.

390005 Q.M.S. F. Bell, R.A.M.C. (Hull).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when with a party which was carrying twenty wounded men by hand and it was fired on by a party of the enemy which had advanced to about fifty yards from it. With admirable coolness he led this party through houses and then through a forest to a place of safety, and was undoubtedly the cause of saving both personnel and wounded from capture.

5722 Pte. H. Berry, I. Gds. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when driving a limber containing R.E. material. He was caught in a very heavy barrage, the first shell killing several horses and mortally wounding the brakeman, he himself being crushed under the dead horses. He managed to get free, and at once carried the brakeman over four hundred yards to a little cover and dressed his wounds, then going for medical assistance. He returned to his limber, and, single-handed, and under continuous fire, he dragged the dead horses and the limber off the track, leaving it clear for traffic. He displayed great courage and devotion, thinking only of his comrade and how to deliver the material.

9033 C.S.M. C. Bellingham, Leic. R. (Leicester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With a Lewis gun detachment he covered the withdrawal of the troops to the next fire position; then he withdrew, fighting a rearguard action. During five days' operations he was most conspicuous by his coolness and gallantry under fire.

17560 Cpl. G. Birtwistle, R. Lan. R. (Darwin).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. and the officer in command of the party were the first to enter an enemy post during a daylight raid. He behaved most gallantly and coolly dealt with the garrison, disarming them by throwing three rifles over the trench before they could seize them when they were surprised, and cutting the signal wire. He effectively covered the withdrawal of the party when the object had been obtained, and was the last man to regain our lines. He personally recovered the body of a comrade who had been killed in the raid.

G/24088 Serjt. E. Blay, R.W. Surr. R. (Egham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his section was surrounded by the enemy he fought his way through with the greatest courage and determination, and then helped to cover the retirement of other troops. His unfailing cheerfulness and resource in subsequent operations was of the greatest value.

Tyne Z/3434 C./P./O. W. Blogg, R.N.V.R. (Durham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid on a hostile position. His company was in the centre and obtained its objective after silencing machine-gun posts by bombing as they advanced. One machine gun, however, maintained its fire, whereupon he, with another N.C.O., attempted to reach it, under heavy fire, and ultimately succeeded in silencing the gun, and killing the whole team of seven men. His splendid courage and initiative undoubtedly saved severe casualties to his company from an enfilading fire.

756227 Farr./Sjt. R. Bosomworth, R.F.A. (Thornaby-on-Tees).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a rapid advance of the enemy, when the line of withdrawal of the battery ran up a very steep hill, it was necessary to double bank the horses to get vehicles away. He went up and down the hill many times, under heavy shell and machine-gun fire, taking up horses to supplement trains and bringing down horses to get away guns. By his devotion to duty he was largely responsible for the guns being got away.

22956 Pte. F. R. Bough, Worc. R. (Colwall).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. From a besieged building he caused many casualties to the enemy with a Lewis gun. By his amazing coolness and courage he contributed largely to the clearing of the enemy. Even when trench mortar fire caused the roof to fall through he refused to leave his gun, and still maintained his covering fire for the party which was getting clear of the house.

9328 C.S.M. J. T. Bowden, Devon. R. (Ashburton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in organising remnants of units into disciplined parties and placing them in defensive positions to delay the hostile advance. His work in the line was of the utmost value, and, although wounded, he continued for three more days, until sent back by order of an officer. He showed great ability and fine powers of command.

13960 A./Sjt. C. Bowler, Notts. & Derby. R. (Derby).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion when on patrol with an officer. An enemy advance post was found which they decided to rush. Sjt. Bowler himself shooting two of the enemy. The patrol then followed the enemy, but, owing to reinforcements coming up, were obliged to withdraw. Throughout

his courage and determination were admirable.

426099 Sjt. H. Bradbury, M.M., R.E. (St. Helens).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After his section officer was wounded he led his men forward to a position swept by machine-gun and rifle fire and held it for two days. He afterwards assisted in organising a counter-attack, and succeeded in regaining a position temporarily lost.

9657 Sjt. A. Bradley, R.A.M.C. (Curragh Camp).

For conspicuous good work and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. led his stretcher parties and safely brought in all wounded under very heavy fire in action.

M2/152638 Sjt. G. H. Bragg, A.S.C. (East Kildonan).

For consistent devotion to duty and most conspicuous ability shown in keeping intact the heavy motor transport of the battery over practically impossible roads. His personal energy has contributed largely to getting the battery through 600 miles.

13181 Sjt. C. E. Brazier, R. Fus. (Walthamstow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of two machine guns, and during the whole action behaved with conspicuous coolness and courage, handling his guns with accuracy and skill. He helped considerably to beat off the enemy attack.

35137 Sjt. E. Broadway, Welsh R. (Ogmore Vale).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in operations when he led his platoon, after his officer had been wounded, with the greatest courage and skill. Although severely wounded by a shell he continued in command until the line was re-established. He set a splendid example to all ranks with him.

29211 (late 26586) Sjt. C. Brooks, Shrops. L.I. (Ludlow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a counter-attack, when his platoon officer had become a casualty, this N.C.O. took command of the platoon, and, leading them with conspicuous gallantry and skill, he recaptured and re-established the portion of the line that was his objective. He then went out in broad daylight with a fighting patrol and drove the enemy out of a strong point and captured a machine gun. Later he brought in two wounded men under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire.

10234 Sjt. G. A. Brookes, M.G. Corps (Cudworth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Though wounded in the shoulder this N.C.O. kept his guns in action for twenty-four hours, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy, and materially assisting the infantry to retain their position. On several occasions, during two days' hard fighting, he rallied disorganised and retiring infantry, and his gallant behaviour and fine example

maintained the steadfastness of his own men until his guns were eventually put out of action by enemy fire.

200307 C.S.M. A. Brooks, M.M., Lond. R. (Earlsfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a night raid on hostile trenches, when he displayed the greatest courage and coolness. He was the most advanced man of the party the whole way over, and was seen to kill four of the enemy. Later, he was badly wounded by shrapnel while helping to get casualties back after the withdrawal.

47859 Sjt. D. Brown, M.M., R.E. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his section officer was wounded he took charge of half the company under considerable shell fire, and got the sappers and attached infantry to work and organised a working party of corps cavalry. Owing to his skill and energy no delay or disorganisation of work occurred.

200298 Sjt. F. J. Brown, W. Rid. R. (Walsall).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He rallied his platoon under very heavy artillery, machine-gun and rifle fire, and so placed them in position as to clear the enemy from his front by rifle and Lewis gun fire. He set a splendid example to his men in action by his skill and complete indifference to his own safety.

895255 Cpl. C. Bullock, R.F.A. (Norwich).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an enemy attack he and his detachment stood to their guns until surrounded by the enemy. He then organised his men into a bombing party and fought his way through and joined in with infantry, assisting them in their counter-attacks, which enabled him to recover his three mortars and get them into action again. He did very fine service.

203241 Pte. E. Burchell, Wilts. R. (Marlborough).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He held an isolated post with ten men for two days, being continually in danger of being cut off. He also maintained continuous communication with his company headquarters through heavy shell fire. Throughout he showed great ability, and performed most valuable work.

204270 Sjt. E. H. Butler, Wilts. R. (Warminster).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After the enemy had succeeded in pressing back the right flank, he formed men near him into a Lewis gun team and covered the retirement of the troops on the right, and repulsed a frontal attack, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. By his courage and resource he saved a critical situation.

2356 Cpl. C. Byway, M.M.G. Corps (Sydenham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed great coolness in action

against enemy attacking our cavalry camp. He continued to serve his gun after being wounded in the eye.

332684 C.S.M. R. Caldwell, H.L.I. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his company, reorganised them under heavy fire, and inspired them to hold on by his personal example. He personally went out under accurate sniping to get up ammunition, and so helped to save the line at a critical period.

265527 L./Sjt. J. Calvert, W. Rid. R. (Barnsley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took a small party and attacked an enemy machine-gun party, who were firing into our positions, killing one and driving the party off. He was very active in observing the enemy's movements, and as a result of his observations the company were in readiness when attacked, and eighteen of the enemy and two machine guns were captured and a great number killed. He was wounded when patrolling. He set a very fine example, and kept up the morale of his men.

17846 Cpl. J. Campbell, M.M., R. Scots (Leeds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He worked unceasingly under heavy shell and machine-gun fire carrying out wounded, and showed great courage and devotion to duty in getting cases away to the dressing station. Thanks to him not a wounded man of his battalion was left in the hands of the enemy.

93928 L./C. A. Cannell, M.G. Corps (Leyton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. When in charge of stretcher-bearers he brought in wounded under a heavy fire. He has at all times shown consistent devotion to duty.

250086 Sjt. T. A. Cannon, Lond. R. and K. Afr. Rif. (Delancy Street, N.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the state of the fight was several times critical, he, by his courage and example, led a platoon with skill and determination, showing a fine example to his men. He has at all times led his command well.

G/12872 Pte. W. E. T. Chester, R. Fus. (Highgate).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was the last man left in action on Nos. 2 and 4 machine guns. He continued fighting although wounded in three places, until he received a fourth wound, which put him out of action. His conduct throughout the action was most gallant.

25298 Sjt. R. V. Clare, Worc. R. (Beverley, U.S.A.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After all the officers of his company had been killed or wounded he took charge and held his men together, when out of touch with his own and other units, for two days

under continuous heavy shell fire. His steadiness preserved his company. He rose splendidly to the occasion.

9429 A./Sjt. C. Clarke, Bord. R., attd. Wilts. R. (Carlisle).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as acting R.S.M. He worked untiringly in getting up ammunition to companies during very heavy fighting. Later, when battalion headquarters was surrounded and all the officers killed or wounded, he made a courageous stand, and was the last man to leave, after which he did excellent work in rallying men of other regiments and in taking up another position of defence. His tenacity and leadership were most marked throughout the day.

307350 C.S.M. F. Clarke, W. Rid. R. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During severe enemy attacks he showed great coolness under heavy rifle and machine gun fire, encouraging his men and satisfying himself that every man was in the most advantageous position for firing. His fine example and disregard of personal danger contributed very largely towards keeping up the excellent morale of his company.

457395 Pte. E. Clemens, R.A.M.C. (Cardiff).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He went again and again through heavy shell fire to bring dressings and instruments from a dressing station. For four days he worked without rest, attending to the wounded under very trying conditions, and showed fine devotion to duty.

202380 Pte. (A./L./Cpl.) F. Cliff, N. Staffs. R. (Shurawley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when sent in charge of a patrol to a village which was partly in the enemy's hands. He met an enemy patrol on the way and drove it off, killing two. He entered the village and brought back an important message.

200100 C.S.M. W. J. Coggins, O. & B. L.I. (Banbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when with a fighting patrol. When his officer became a casualty he took charge and led the platoon. He set a splendid example of pluck and initiative in the attack, and afterwards organised a rearguard which prevented the enemy, now reinforced, from interfering with the carrying in of the wounded officer.

332 Colr./Sjt. (Armed Scout) Commando Bin Mzee.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty throughout the whole period that our intelligence patrols were operating, and especially for his initiative during a particular engagement, when, after the death of the white officer, he assumed command of our scouts and ruga-ruga, and repelled two enemy companies with four machine guns in a fight lasting five and a half hours.

3/10196 C.S.M. C. J. Connor, Suff. R. (Shadwell, E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company was ordered to withdraw he collected several small parties of men and organised and conducted a very difficult rearguard action in the face of heavy opposition. Thanks to his prompt initiative and cool control over isolated parties of men, his company was able to achieve a deliberate and unimpeded withdrawal.

5749 Sjt. R. Cooke, M.M., Rif. Bde. (Ashton-under-Lyne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With four other men he carried out a brilliant raid in broad daylight on a position of consolidated shell holes occupied by the enemy, in front of our lines, capturing twenty of the enemy. At one point, when the progress of the raiding party was arrested by the fire of a machine gun, he bombed the machine-gun post, killing the garrison and capturing the gun. When eventually he withdrew his party he brought away the only casualty, thus preventing the enemy from obtaining an identification.

125833 Cpl. T. Coombs, R.F.A. (India).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a heavy bombardment a direct hit set fire to an ammunition recess. He at once went to the recess and commenced throwing out the unignited ammunition, and continued to do this, although he was twice thrown out by exploding bombs, the second time being also wounded in the head. He was eventually dragged away just before the remaining ammunition exploded. His particularly gallant action undoubtedly saved the fire from spreading to an adjacent ammunition recess.

6847 Pte. A. Corlett, Lan. Fus. (Ashton-under-Lyne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a counter-attack. Seeing that the battalion on his right was held up by machine guns, he took out a Lewis gun section and took up a position from which he brought flanking fire on the machine guns and compelled them to withdraw. He was wounded while taking up this position, but continued to encourage his men until accomplishing his object successfully, so enabling the next battalion to advance.

10173 Pte. J. W. Costello, M.M., York. R. (Stockton-on-Tees).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while acting as company runner. He continuously carried messages through enemy bombardment previous to the attack. After the enemy had got round the right flank of his company he tried several times to rejoin them, but was wounded and surrounded by four of the enemy. He escaped after killing three of them, and again tried to reach his company, but was wounded again in the thigh. He set a splendid example of courage and devotion to duty.

23/822 Serjt. C. A. Cowans, M.M., North'd Fus. (Ashington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He collected and assumed command of a body of men, and with a Lewis gun inflicted many casualties on the advancing enemy. Although ill and in an exhausted condition, he remained with us men until ordered to withdraw. He set a fine example of coolness and devotion to duty.

290070 Serjt. A. Cowbourne, R.G.A. (Hull).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty and marked ability in taking charge of battery observation post. During an attack he maintained telephonic communication between battery and observation post (six miles) for four days, this being the only line kept open between the column commander and the forward elements of the column.

16153 Serjt. A. Cox, M.M., North'n R. (Irthlingborough).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took charge of his platoon, led it in a successful attack, and broke up three enemy counter-attacks. Again, when the enemy had driven in the flank, he organised a counter-attack and restored the line. His prompt initiative and contempt of danger were the means of averting a very critical situation.

195073 Dvr. T. W. Creed, R.F.A. (S. Lambeth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When driving in the wheel of an ammunition waggon he was severely wounded in the abdomen by the explosion of a shell from the enemy barrage, through which he was passing. He displayed great courage and resolute fortitude, driving his pair of horses, in spite of his serious injuries, about a mile to the forward waggon lines, where he collapsed. His endurance in sticking to his horses was the means of extricating the waggon, and thereby probably saving the lives of the other two drivers.

482103 L./Cpl. J. E. Crooks, R.E. (Bolton-on-Dearne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of a party of linesmen laying a line. Owing to men dropping back to repair breaks he was left to go on alone, and finally, under heavy shell fire, got the line through, enabling important messages to be sent. He showed fine courage and determination.

42775 Pte. C. A. Crouch, Midd'x R. (Headcorn).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. An officer of another regiment, in an attempt to reach the front line from the support trench, was badly wounded by machine-gun fire. Private Crouch, who was one of the stretcher-bearers of the company, with great courage and self-sacrificing devotion to duty, left his trench under heavy shell and machine-gun fire and managed to reach the wounded officer, whom he bandaged up and brought back singlehanded.

38544 Serjt. J. Curran, M.M., Manch. R. (Sale, Cheshire).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went forward with two men and surprised and captured an enemy post of one officer and six men in broad daylight. Later, he assumed command of his platoon, and under very heavy barrage held an isolated position till relieved. His conduct throughout was splendid, and inspired his men.

39743 Sjt. J. Dale, M.G. Corps (South Kirkby).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during many days of severe fighting, when he made several hazardous reconnaissances under heavy shell and machine-gun fire, and obtained valuable information. He also displayed great courage and skill in keeping his guns in action and covering the retirement of infantry, holding his positions several times until the enemy were within a few hundred yards, even although he had a long stretch of open country to retire over. He showed great fearlessness, and set a splendid example to all men with him until he was wounded.

28104 Cpl. R. L. Dalton, Hamps. R. (Nottingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When our troops were trying to establish themselves in a certain position, he went forward alone, under heavy machine-gun fire, and, taking up a suitable position, covered the advance of the attacking party. The next day, under heavy machine-gun fire and bombs, he went forward and bombed, singlehanded, an enemy shell-hole post, capturing the two surviving occupants. His gallantry and resolute devotion to duty were most marked.

8206 Sjt. B. J. Darke, Shrops. L.I. and W.A.F.F. (Newport).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was with a section of the right of the advanced line, and effectively controlled and directed the fire of his men. When the line retired he continued to control his section, and on reaching the second line at once put his men in position and continued to greatly assist till the end of the day.

48703 Pte. J. Davies, R.A.M.C. (Tylorstown, Glam.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This private was the only European assistant with Lt. Burnet, R.A.M.C. He acted as his right-hand man, either with stretcher parties or in the dressing station, and remained out all night attending to some wounded who could not be moved till next morning. Later, he was assisting Lt. Burnet at an amputation when the attack with rifles and machine guns took place on the camp, and, although bullets were traversing the tent, he remained steadily at his post. He has already shown good service and devotion to duty.

10058 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) T. H. Davis, R. Berks. R. (Windsor).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a night raid, when he led his sec-

tion to their objective, and captured it. When his officer was wounded he took command, and on reaching the enemy's front line, and finding the enemy had fallen back, he led his platoon on, and succeeded in inflicting severe casualties and bringing back some prisoners. After the withdrawal signal had been given, he went out three times through a heavy barrage, and brought in wounded men from "No Man's Land."

67051 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) E. A. Deighton, R.A.F. (Cheltenham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In little more than a fortnight he has shot down five enemy aircraft. He has shown remarkable marksmanship and coolness in action, and is a valuable asset in his squadron.

330271 Sjt. J. Diamond, M.M., H.L.I. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy had got through the front line he went out with details from battalion headquarters and drove them back, accounting for at least twenty himself with a Lewis gun. Throughout he set an example of the utmost coolness, and was always to the fore in bringing up his Lewis guns to any threatened part of the line.

23743 Sjt. F. Downs, M.M., M.G. Corps (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When fifteen of the enemy had effected an entrance to his emplacement and the rest of the team were overcome with gas and cordite fumes, he kept them at bay with his revolver and fired his gun until the arrival of our counter-attacking troops.

7008 C.S.M. H. T. D. Doyle, R.W. Fus. (L'pool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. When the enemy were breaking through on his right this warrant officer rushed signallers, runners and servants to the spot, and with them held up the enemy for several hours. Under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire he displayed the greatest coolness in organising the improvised garrison and defensive position, and by his courage and cheerfulness inspired the men to hold this important position.

71430 Spr. R. J. Dunn, R.E. (Llanrhidian, Glam.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action, especially during two particular days when continuously at work under very heavy fire. This man also did good work during another engagement.

8670 Cpl. (A./Serjt.) E. Edwards, Worc. R. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He assumed command of his company and consolidated a new position. For four days he worked with the utmost zeal to preserve his company front intact, despite repeated enemy attacks. When the enemy got behind him he retired systematically and took up a new position, which he also consolidated and defended with the utmost vigour.

46105 L./Cpl. A. Ellis, North'd Fus. (Hali-fax).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy massed attack. He fired his Lewis gun under intense bombardment until it was out of action. He then went through a heavy barrage to procure a fresh gun, which he fired until ordered to withdraw. He showed splendid pluck and endurance, firing continuously for many hours, and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy.

8013 Serjt. H. J. Empringham, Hamps. R. (Portsmouth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has rendered good service in charge of a machine gun, and during one engagement he displayed great pluck and devotion to duty, when, although severely wounded in the hand and unable to work his gun himself, he continued to supervise the firing of it and remained at his post until the enemy retired in the evening. After having his wound dressed he returned again to duty with his company and remained with it during the rest of this critical period, only going into hospital after the conclusion of this engagement when the column withdrew.

24831 Pte. S. A. Farr, Glouc. R. (Bath).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in his capacity as company runner. He was instrumental in bringing up allied supports to a threatened point at a critical time. He overcame all language difficulties, and by his gallantry and personal magnetism induced a company to advance without orders, leading them himself, and by his ready resource saved a difficult situation.

19802 Pte. T. Fenton, M.M., Bord. R. (Devonport).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. He displayed courage and determination in a marked degree in leading his party over most difficult ground, capturing an officer and lending the utmost help to his commanding officer. He has distinguished himself on many occasions.

203340 Sjt. F. J. Field, W. Rid. R. (St. Albans).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. was in command of a platoon under difficult circumstances. He lost two out of his three N.C.O.s, who became casualties at the very commencement of the operation. Nevertheless he captured his objective, handling his platoon with much skill and showing great powers of leadership. When the signal to withdraw was given he retired, bringing back all his wounded with his men in good order. His gallantry and coolness under heavy fire were a conspicuous example to his men.

S/11585 Sjt. A. Findlay, M.M., Gord. Highrs. (Ayr).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while commanding a platoon. The front line of the assaulting company being held up by heavy machine-gun fire, he charged the gun and killed the team. During the rush he was twice wounded, but remained until his platoon was established on the objec-

tive. He then only left to give valuable information to his company commander, who ordered him to the R.A.P.

8031 C.Q.M.S. (A./C.S.M.) J. Fitzgibbon, M.M., E. Surr. R. (Kingston-on-Thames).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the whole action the behaviour of this N.C.O. was worthy of the highest praise and was a fine example to the men of his company. Previous to the attack he remained out all night with the men, reconnoitring the ground and cutting the wire where he thought it might be an obstacle. When the attack began his courage was conspicuous. At one point a platoon was temporarily checked and the commander wounded by a sniper. Serjeant Fitzgibbon rushed forward and killed the sniper, rallied the platoon and pushed them forward to the final objective.

275161 Sjt. A. S. Fleetwood, Manch. R. (I. of Man).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. When his officer and several men were put out of action by enemy bombing he led the rest of the party forward with great initiative. Later, seeing a wounded man with a broken leg lying beyond the enemy trench, he went to him and carried him back to the lines twenty minutes after the return of his party. He set a fine example of courage.

200055 Serjt. S. Flitcroft, M.M., W. Rid. R. (Halifax).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. When a withdrawal was ordered he took command of a Lewis gun team and covered the withdrawal, being the last man to retire and inflicting severe casualties on the enemy. His team covered the withdrawal of other units of the division to which his brigade was attached.

S/6948 Sjt. A. W. Forbes, Gord. Highrs. (Aberdeen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst commanding a platoon. The enemy posts in front of his platoon had not been knocked out by the artillery barrage. These he rushed at the point of the bayonet and accounted for many of the enemy. Then, with five machine guns against him and two-thirds of his platoon becoming casualties, he led on through all opposition to the final objective, where he arranged his dispositions with great skill, gaining touch with the unit on his left and protecting his right flank, which remained in the air for some considerable time.

201919 Sjt. R. H. Ford, M.M., Notts. & Derby. R. (Wilne, Derby).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While in command of his platoon he covered the withdrawal of his company with great ability under very heavy shelling. At the close of this operation touch was momentarily lost on one flank, and under heavy fire this N.C.O. personally patrolled and came into touch.

36004 Sjt. (A./B.S.M.) J. W. Fordy, R.F.A. (Stockton-on-Tees).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The battery was undergoing an intense shell fire from enemy artillery of large calibre, and this non-commissioned officer with great coolness continued to serve his guns until the order to retire was received. By that time the enemy infantry were within 600 yards of the position, but the guns were withdrawn one by one in perfect order. The example set by Sjt. Fordy, under trying circumstances, was splendid.

42817 2nd Cpl. (A./Sjt.) B. C. Foster, R.E. (Bromley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He laid a line and maintained it to battalion headquarters after having the only two men with him killed. Next day he kept open a forward communication centre under heavy shell fire. Throughout by his coolness and personal disregard for danger he inspired the men under him and caused communication to be maintained under most difficult circumstances.

64432 Sjt. C. A. Freeman, R.F.A. (Peckham, S.E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When it was desired to withdraw the guns of the forward section of the battery, the teams of which had all been destroyed, he brought up fresh teams through a heavy fire of gas and high explosive shells, using excellent judgment and determination in moving them forward, and succeeding in getting them eventually to the guns, which otherwise might have fallen into the hands of the enemy. He volunteered later to try and regain the gun limbers, which, owing to casualties, has been abandoned earlier in the day, and made a very gallant attempt to carry out his object, but was unsuccessful in his effort, as it was found the limbers had been completely shattered by shell fire.

236891 Cpl. W. J. Fuller, Shrops. L.I. (Kington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After his officer had become a casualty he led his men forward and captured the objective, taking two machine guns and one officer and twenty-nine other ranks prisoners. He consolidated the position with great skill, and used the machine-guns on the retreating enemy. Throughout the operations he displayed great courage, repeatedly putting heart into his men by his cheerful contempt of danger and inspiring them by his splendid example.

18364 C.S.M. A. Furphy, R. Mun. Fus. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Learning that the enemy had entered an unoccupied trench, he went alone to it, and by skilful bombing and rifle fire forced the enemy to retire to his former position. His prompt action and coolness undoubtedly prevented a severe attack on the flank of the company, and was a very fine performance.

48674 A./Cpl. C. E. Gale, R. Berks. R. (East Harnham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. An enemy machine gun was causing casualties, and, quickly appreciating the situation, he posted a Lewis gun of another company to cover his advance, and then with the greatest courage attacked the strong point held by this machine gun, which he captured, together with the team. Later, when his officer and serjeant had become casualties, he took command of the platoon, and conducted a withdrawal with the greatest skill and success.

50975 Cpl. T. C. Gardner, R.F.A. (Colchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. was in charge of a convoy of six waggons with trench mortar ammunition. Coming under heavy fire, one of the teams bolted, the driver being killed. Sjt. Gardner, whose own horse was wounded, stopped the runaways with difficulty, and then proceeded to put gas masks on the whole convoy as gas shelling had begun. Eventually, in spite of every difficulty, he delivered the ammunition to its destination, and then returned to camp bringing back his five wounded animals. He showed marked courage and determination in the fulfilment of his duty.

265178 Cpl. W. D. Gibson, W. Rid. R. (Skipton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst in charge of patrols. This N.C.O.'s patrol attacked a machine gun located in a farmhouse, drove the enemy away, inflicted casualties, obtained identifications, and prevented the line from being harassed by enemy fire. The next two days he took out patrols and brought back highly useful information about the enemy's positions. Throughout he showed a total disregard of danger, and set a splendid example to all.

290120 B.Q.M.S. N. F. Gill, R.G.A. (Hull).

For consistent devotion to duty and conspicuous ability shown at all times since the arrival of the battery in this country. He has shown a fine example of endurance and resourcefulness.

19985 Sjt. A. Gillan, R.G.A. and W.A.F.F. (Ballymena).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As Acting Battery Serjeant-Major to the artillery battery, he has been of the greatest service in all respects, and his commanding officer cannot speak too highly of his devotion to duty. Though frequently sick with fever, he has remained at duty without a break. On the many occasions when he has been performing the duties of forward observation officer, his observation has been of the highest order and assistance, and when in action his cool courage under the heaviest fire has had a most inspiring effect on the men of the battery, especially during one particular action.

9892 C.S.M. J. Gladwyn, R. W. Fus. (near Hereford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid under heavy rifle fire at point-blank range. He kept his party together, and on the signal being given to enter the trench he was the first through the enemy's wire. He followed the fleeing enemy, killing two and wounding one. Later, he led out stretcher parties, for some hours collecting and bandaging wounded.

17544 Sjt. C. Goodway, M.M., Glouc. R. (Clanfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy had rushed the front line and were enfilading the support line, this N.C.O. organised a party and formed a block in the trench, bombing the advancing enemy to such good purpose that he not only allowed time for the remainder of his company to withdraw, but drove back the enemy and inflicted heavy casualties on him with a well-placed machine gun.

375395 Sjt. J. W. Green, M.M., Manch. R. (Oldham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. When his party was checked by machine-gun fire at 20 yards range, he silenced the gun by bombing its crew. When his officer became a casualty, he took charge, and by good leadership kept his men together, bringing back a prisoner and establishing thereby a valuable identification.

93839 Pte. W. A. Griffiths, M.G. Corps (Whittington, S.A.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. After a retirement had taken place, he returned for ammunition, and later, when the machine-gun porter carrying the gun was killed and the No. 2 wounded, he carried the gun out of action under a heavy fire. He has at all times shown devotion to duty and steadiness under fire.

11466 Pte. G. A. Groves, K.R.R.C. (Gillingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He behaved with great gallantry during a raid when acting as stretcher-bearer. Hearing that a N.C.O. was lying wounded out in "No Man's Land," he went out in search of him, in spite of the heavy shell fire that was being directed on to the area by the enemy artillery. He was the last man, with his company commander, to leave the enemy trench. He turned back at the last moment to help a wounded man who had been left behind, and carried him back to our lines.

305241 Sjt. F. Haigh, W. Rid. R. (Golcar).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while taking part in a local counter-attack with his platoon. When advancing, heavy machine-gun fire was opened on the party, and the officer and many others being wounded, Serjt. Haigh with great gallantry reorganised the remainder and got them forward, at the same time carrying to a safe

place a wounded man who was in great danger of being hit again.

C/424 C.S.M. J. S. Hallam, M.M., K.R.R.C. (Tideswell).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a withdrawal, when his company commander was wounded, he was indefatigable in his efforts to organise resistance. On three occasions he personally encountered and killed enemy soldiers in street fighting. His example and courage were admirable.

92639 Cpl. T. Halpin, M.M., R.E. (Shiremoor).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He laid and maintained a line under heavy shell fire. When the line was cut in three places he repaired it, with total disregard for his own safety. His courage and devotion to duty were the means of maintaining communication, which was of great importance to the conduct of operations.

457033 Serjt. C. Hancock, R.A.M.C. (Exeter).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a heavy gas shell bombardment of an advanced dressing-station which was struck repeatedly by shells. For thirty-six hours he worked under very difficult conditions, attending to the wounded and supervising the evacuation, and, thanks to him, the evacuation of a great many casualties was rapidly carried out.

330395 C.S.M. J. Hannah, H.L.I. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During eight days' fighting he was the backbone of the battalion. He was animated by the fighting spirit and the determination to hold his ground at all costs, and it was due to his fine example that a position was held against enemy attacks and that heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy.

240984 Sjt. L. Harker, York. R. (Pickering).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in going forward and taking a badly wounded man on his back and carrying him a quarter a mile, the whole way under heavy fire. Having handed him over to the R.A.M.C., he returned, though much exhausted, and though his feet were raw and bleeding, and continued to rally the men in a magnificent manner. His endurance and courage were a fine example to all.

S/42138 Pte. J. Harper, Gord. Highrs. (Stirling).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. When the non-commissioned officer in charge of his Lewis gun section was killed, he took charge, and eventually fought the gun himself until it was put out of action. He then collected bombs from dead and wounded, and bombed the enemy out of some posts singlehanded, thus clearing the way for the supporting platoon, which took the final objective.

07835 T./Sub-Cond. G. L. Harris, A.O.C. (Dartford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an air raid on an ammunition depôt he helped a captain of the Army Ordnance Department to uncouple and shunt into a safer area half a train carrying ammunition, the other half of which was on fire, with the ammunition exploding in all directions and the enemy meanwhile dropping heavy bombs. He behaved with much gallantry in dangerous and trying circumstances.

15399 C.S.M. F. Hartley, L.N. Lan. R. (Bolton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during three days of severe fighting, when, by his great courage and coolness throughout the whole time, he encouraged and cheered the men, and was able to give most valuable assistance to his commanding officer in every possible way. Although seriously wounded, he carried on with great determination until compelled to drop out through loss of blood.

265115 Serjt. A. Hawes, Suff. R., and Nig. R., W.A.F.F. (Stowmarket).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He sat behind No. 1 and fuzed shells for about an hour in the open and under a heavy fire, the enemy occupying a crest 300 yards distant and the gun situated on the forward slope of a hill facing them. He has done good work in every action.

14595 Pte. (L./Cpl.) R. S. Hayes, R. Berks. R. (Atherstone).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a night raid. During the advance a hostile machine gun was causing casualties to his section. He detailed two men to cover his advance with rifle grenades, and then himself rushed the machine gun. He bayoneted two men and took the remainder prisoners. His courage and determination were most marked.

G/3067 C.S.M. W. Hayward, R.W. Surr. R. (Herne Bay).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during lengthy operations, acting as regimental serjeant-major, when he worked incessantly in getting small arms ammunition and bombers to the front line posts, often exposing himself to very heavy shell fire. On one occasion he displayed great courage and resource in rallying men at a very critical period, and at all times he offered a magnificent example of devotion to duty to all ranks with him.

202432 Serjt. R. J. Hendry, Lond. R. (Foulsham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a night raid on hostile trenches. His platoon officer was killed early in the raid, leaving him in charge of the platoon. He reached his objective, destroyed a gun emplacement with a mobile charge, and killed several of the enemy, and afterwards brought in all the killed and wounded of his platoon. Throughout the operation he set a fine example to his men by his coolness and total contempt of danger.

305961 Pte. H. Hett, W. Rid. R. (Oldham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After all his Lewis gun team had been killed or wounded, he stuck to his gun in a post single-handed, filling his empty magazines from the pouches of killed or wounded comrades, and continued to fire his gun with great effect, setting a fine example of coolness, courage, and devotion to duty. His skill and resource considerably checked the enemy advance, and enabled necessary reorganisation to take place.

200024 Sjt. E. D. Holland, Shrops. L.I. (Market Drayton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He rallied a number of men under exceptionally heavy shell fire and put them back in position. Throughout he showed great coolness and presence of mind, and by his example gave confidence to the men under him.

17586 C.S.M. G. A. Holland, Wilts. R. (Edmonton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. All his company officers being casualties, he took command of his company in the front line and handled the situation with great skill, and sent back most valuable information. Throughout his conduct was admirable.

5655 C.S.M. J. Home, M.M., Dorset R. (Fulham, S.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid in leading the men of his company to their objectives. On reaching the first objective he reorganised a platoon and led it forward to fill a gap in the line. On the withdrawal he remained behind, and was instrumental in bringing in a number of wounded men. His gallantry was most marked.

201250 L./Cpl. W. Homer, Worc. R. (Quarry Bank).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in command of a Lewis gun section. Three times he was blown up by shell fire, and the rest of his section became casualties, but he continued to fire his gun and inflicted heavy loss on the enemy. During the withdrawal he remained behind, giving covering fire for his company. Throughout his personal disregard of danger was splendid.

G/13194 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) H. H. Hopper, R. Fus. (Hull).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After the officers of his company had been put out of action, C.S.M. Hopper took charge and continued the action until ordered to retire. He reorganised his company in their new position, and by his example encouraged the men to hold on under very heavy fire.

77426 Bomdr. (A./Sjt.) E. Horsley, R.G.A. (Poppleton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the battery came under heavy fire, both gas and high explosive, and several of the detachment were killed or wounded, he kept his gun continuously in

action, although finally reduced to four men. He set a splendid example to his men, working under great difficulties, and by his devotion to duty got his gun away.

200065 C.S.M. F. Howard, S. Lan. R. (Warrington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the whole time his battalion was in action, frequently under very heavy shell and machine-gun fire, and particularly after all his company officers had become casualties. He showed great ability in command until relieved by an officer. He then took command of a platoon of engineers and pioneers, and led a successful counter-attack, and ably assisted in establishing a new line.

10675 C.S.M. J. W. Howard, York. R. (Eston, Yorks.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed great coolness under heavy barrage, and rendered valuable assistance to his company commander when the trench was being blown in, rallying and reorganising the men. He also helped to keep the right flank intact after the company on the right had been surrounded.

290037 Cpl. F. Howlett, R.G.A. (Hull).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty and marked ability in gun-laying. On one occasion, although almost blinded by smoke and dust, he maintained a rate of fire three times faster than the laid-down standard.

93856 L./Cpl. S. J. Hunt, M.G. Corps (Clapham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has performed consistent good work throughout as No. 1 on his gun. He has at all times set a fine example of coolness and steadiness under fire.

37378 Pte. A. A. Hurn, R. Fus. (Northrepps).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. He noticed that the enemy were getting into position behind a wall, and, realising that it was out of bombing range, he crept up to it and dropped bombs over the top, causing heavy enemy casualties. Later, when the order was given for each man to retire as best he could, he rescued a wounded man from a dug-out and, although surrounded by parties of the enemy, he carried him over three thousand yards, single handed, and placed him in an ambulance. In all operations he has invariably behaved with the greatest courage and been ready to undertake any dangerous duty.

200575 C.S.M. J. Ireland, N. Lan. R. (Longridge, near Preston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In thick mist he went out and brought back valuable information of the enemy's whereabouts, and was instrumental in organising a counter-attack which drove the enemy out of an important position. He worked untiringly through the day, keeping up the supply of ammunition and bombs, and his work during the reorganising of the

lines was excellent. He set a fine example of coolness and cheerfulness to his men.

3678 Cpl. J. Jackaman, M.G. Corps (Flou-ton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a hostile attack, in charge of a gun team. Early in the attack his tripod and gun were blown up, but, recovering the gun, he improvised a mounting, and retired to a position in front of the infantry guarding a valley, and at midnight was the only man left of the team. He continued to fire his gun until 12 o'clock on the following mid-day, when the general retirement was ordered, and he brought his gun out of action. His courage and determination was of the greatest value.

20247 Cpl. (A./Serjt.) F. J. Jackson, M.G. Corps (Teddington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst in command of two machine guns. He occupied an isolated position for six hours, under very heavy shell fire, and inflicted severe casualties on the enemy. Later, he showed great coolness in getting four wounded men to a place of safety under intense shell fire. He has consistently shown great gallantry and set his men an excellent example.

76926 Spr. (A./2nd Cpl.) N. James, R.E. (Middlesbro').

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. All light railway communications by telephone were destroyed by the explosion of a dump, completely disorganising the work of the light railways in that district. This N.C.O. volunteered to go out, and while the dump was still burning and shells exploding, and under continuous shell fire, ran a cable straight through and restored communication. Owing to the fumes, gas masks had to be worn. Having completed the line, he searched the dump for survivors, his energy and courage being most marked.

46027 Pte. (L./Cpl.) A. Jaques, North'd Fus. (Hunslet, near Leeds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. Though not belonging to any team, he took charge of a Lewis gun and covered the withdrawal of the battalion. He kept his gun in action almost continuously for four days, and only abandoned it when it was put out of action by enemy machine-gun fire. He did very fine service.

M2/115665 Pte. S. Jobling, A.S.C. (near Burnley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. For six days he drove his ambulance between the regimental aid posts and advanced dressing stations under heavy shell fire with practically no rest. On one occasion he made fourteen consecutive trips on a road under heavy fire. He undoubtedly saved many lives, and only ceased work when he was badly wounded.

770051 B.S.M. E. Johnson, R.F.A. (Gates-head-on-Tyne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When four horses of a gun team

were killed by machine-gun fire he organised a composite team and was hooking in when the battery withdrew. Being a limber short, two guns were taken away by one limber, the muzzles being lashed together. Whilst galloping over the open, the leaders were killed and the guns stuck. He galloped after them with his composite team, unlashd the second gun, limbered it up and brought both guns safely away.

330103 Pte. A. Johnstone, M.M., H.L.I. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when acting as runner. No amount of fire stopped him from getting his messages through, and his high spirits were an inspiration to all who saw him. He gained valuable information when taking part in two daylight patrols, and took a leading part in repelling enemy attacks. His conduct throughout was worthy of the highest praise.

240381 Cpl. J. Jolly, E. Lanc. R. (Burnley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a successful raid on the enemy's trenches the section of which this N.C.O. was in command was reduced to two men, but collecting several men who had lost their units, he led them with great determination against the enemy's position. His resolution and gallantry was of great value during the operation.

19864 C.S.M. D. A. Jones, M.M., Welsh R. (Cardigan).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a preliminary reconnaissance. When an officer was severely wounded close to a hostile post, seeing that the patrol was in difficulties, he at once went to them, and carried the officer back himself, under heavy hostile rifle and machine-gun fire. His coolness and courage were most marked.

750018 B.S.M. J. H. Jones, R.F.A. (Newcastle-on-Tyne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his wagon lines were being heavily shelled, by his exertions and excellent example he was able to get them shifted without the loss of a wagon. He had no officer with him, and many of his men became casualties, but his example of discipline and courage under fire overcame all difficulties.

19702 Sjt. A. E. Kay, Worc. R. (Wordsley, Stourbridge).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. When the right flank of his company became exposed, he rushed forward with an enemy machine gun which he had captured and fired on the enemy at very close range, effectually dispersing them. After using all the ammunition, he put the gun out of action before leaving it. He showed great courage and promptitude.

200490 Sjt. J. Kelly, North'd Fus. (Glencuce).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in organising Lewis gun teams to retard the enemy's advance. Later in the day

he took up a position with two Lewis guns in a wood commanding the enemy's approach, and, though wounded in the hand and face, he maintained the position until almost surrounded, and inflicted heavy losses on the enemy. His courage and tenacity were most marked.

44626 Sjt. J. J. Kennedy, M.G. Corps (Beverley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He covered the withdrawal of other troops until surrounded, when he rushed his team with the gun through the enemy and came into action again. By his coolness and courage during seven days' fighting he worked great havoc among the enemy.

15528 Sjt. A. Kett, Norf. R. (Haddiscoe).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was responsible for holding back the enemy, who were on three sides of him, for three hours. During this time he showed great courage and determination. Finally, he withdrew his men, covering their retreat with a Lewis gun, and afterwards organised and delivered a successful counter-attack. His gallantry was splendid.

17934 Sjt. B. King, M.M., Worc. R. (Hampton, Middlesex).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his platoon, kept his men together, and succeeded in holding up two enemy attacks and covering a pre-arranged withdrawal of our troops. By his great coolness and initiative throughout operations he set a very fine example to all ranks when all company officers had become casualties.

353201 Pte. W. J. Lardi, Lond. R. (Ventnor).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while acting as leading bayonet man in a night raid on hostile trenches. He came upon an enemy machine-gun team, and rushing in, followed by his men, the whole of the hostile party were killed, and, although severely wounded in the face, he captured and brought back the machine gun. His courage and energy were a brilliant example to all ranks with him.

93869 C.S.M. J. Leah, M.G. Corps (Ashton-under-Lyne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has at all times shown coolness and steadiness under fire, and carried out his duties with great energy and zeal, and set a fine example to his men.

13870 C.S.M. S. C. Lee, Notts. and Derby. R. (Beeston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a raid on the enemy's trenches this warrant officer behaved with great gallantry and coolness, rendering valuable assistance to his company commander and setting a fine example to the men. On the withdrawal of the party he helped to carry back a badly wounded man across No Man's Land under heavy machine-gun fire.

61251 Cpl. T. G. Lesar, R. Fus. (Stamford Hill).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With great initiative and much skill he attacked from a flank two heavy machine guns, which were holding up the advance of the attacking lines following the platoon of which he was in command. He organised a bombing party of six men, and captured the two guns and the few survivors of the gun teams, thus allowing the advance to continue. His gallantry and promptitude were most valuable factors in the success of this operation.

S/20578 L./Cpl. R. H. Lewis, Rif. Bde. (Herne Hill).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an assault he displayed great dash, and personally bayoneted six of the enemy. He took charge of his platoon and re-organised it under heavy fire. He gained touch with the post on his flanks, killing three of the enemy while doing so. He displayed great coolness and an utter disregard of danger.

426525 Sjt. S. H. Lewis, M.M., R.E. (Twickenham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After his section officer was wounded he assumed command of his section, and showed great initiative in command, especially at one time in preparing for a counter-attack. He also made a reconnaissance under fire, and brought back most accurate reports.

17763 Pte. J. Lillystone, Wilts. R. (West Norwood).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under heavy fire he moved his Lewis gun into a commanding position and greatly helped to break down three separate enemy attacks by the magnificent handling of his gun. When his gun was put out of action he organised various sections in his trench, and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy with rifle fire. It was mainly owing to his courage and initiative that the position was held.

15805 Sjt. A. Loosemore, V.C., W. Rid. R. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When out with a fighting patrol he displayed conspicuous gallantry and powers of leadership when his officer was wounded and the platoon scattered by hostile bombs. He rallied the men and brought them back in order, with all the wounded, to our lines. On a subsequent occasion he handled his platoon with great skill and a complete disregard of his own danger under a heavy machine-gun fire, and it was owing to his determination and powers of leadership that the platoon eventually captured the enemy post which they were attacking.

3rd Cl. Asst. Surgn. J. W. C. Lopez, I.S.M.D.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a whole period, also for his coolness, resourcefulness and untiring work during a particular action.

15664 Sjt. A. H. Luffrum, M.G. Corps (Brentford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When three guns had been put out of action he continued to fire his one remaining gun, protected on the flanks only by the sniping of his officer and one private. He covered the withdrawal of other troops, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy, including three large machine-gun teams.

200354 A./Sjt. J. Luke, M.M., Durh. L.I. (Trindon Colliery).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the situation was very obscure and touch had been lost with the troops on both flanks, he went out under heavy fire and made a daring reconnaissance, with the result that connection was re-established with the troops on the right and left. He set a splendid example throughout the battle.

46727 Sjt. W. Lumley, North'd Fus. (Leadgate, co. Durham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This non-commissioned officer led his platoon in four counter-attacks, the fourth of which drove the enemy out of the positions they had gained. His platoon suffered heavy casualties, but he never wavered in his determination, and led his men forward at each attack with great dash.

308015 A./R.S.M. J. Lynn, M.M., W. Rid. R. (Radcliffe, Acklington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when the line was pressed back in rear of battalion headquarters. Owing to his determined handling of the headquarters personnel, and such stragglers as he could gather in, he held the line at that point and remained there until orders for withdrawal were received, when the battalion was able to withdraw in perfect order to the new position. His courage and initiative were invaluable.

49134 Sjt. J. Mackenzie, M.M., R.E. (U.S.A.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his dug-out was surrounded by the enemy the entrance was held by an officer, Sjt. Mackenzie and three men. During the fighting that ensued this non-commissioned officer displayed remarkable courage and greatly helped to prevent the occupants of the dug-out being taken prisoners. He afterwards helped to carry his officer, who was severely wounded, to a place of safety under direct enemy fire. He behaved splendidly.

866015 Sjt. C. McArthur, R.F.A. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has done consistently good work during fourteen months' service, and has at all times displayed courage and coolness under fire.

70727 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) P. McBride, M.G. Corps (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in handling his gun. He covered the readjustment of the line by bringing his gun into action many times, and assisted most

gallantly in street fighting, inflicting the heaviest casualties on the enemy. He showed supreme contempt of danger, and displayed the highest soldierly qualities.

23566 Sjt. R. J. McBride, R. Irish Fus. (Ballybay, co. Monaghan).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the officers of his company had become casualties he rallied his men, whom he led with great gallantry and ability in a successful counter-attack. During the consolidation of the new position he used the Lewis gun with great effect, forcing the enemy machine gunners to vacate their positions. On three separate occasions he left the cover of one trench to go out into the open, under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire at close range, to bring in three wounded men, which he succeeded in doing. His courage in facing what looked like certain death was a wonderful example to all around him.

4014 Headman (A./C.S.M.) J. MacFarquhar, Indian Labour C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was left behind in charge of sick in the company's hospital. One ambulance arrived late in the afternoon and took several of them away. When shells began to fall into the camp, and the troops were ordered to retire, he refused to leave the sick, and later in the evening began to help them to a post about half a mile away. Finally he succeeded in getting all to safety, although some could only crawl, and must have fallen into the enemy's hands but for his courage and devotion to duty.

131449 Pte. A. McGarva, M.G. Corps (Dailly).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a massed enemy attack on the bridgeheads. Although wounded in the early part of the fight he refused to leave his guns, and kept on until he was exhausted. In this action he received five bullet wounds. His splendid courage and resource inspired the utmost confidence in the men.

17613 Sjt. P. McGill, M.G. Corps (Croydon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. When all the guns except one were knocked out, he fired the last until the enemy had practically surrounded the position. The remnants of the section had to withdraw through two miles of gas-soaked country, but he kept his men under splendid control, and fired his gun at the enemy within thirty yards of him. He held them off for six hours, inflicting severe casualties, and was himself severely wounded finally.

715410 Sjt. D. McKeating, R.F.A. (High Seaton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under hostile machine-gun fire at close range this non-commissioned officer manned a gun in the open, firing over open sights at the enemy, who was only four hundred yards away. The gun was withdrawn under orders, but later it became necessary to run another one out into the open, and this non-commissioned officer volunteered for this service maintaining the gun in action

with the greatest coolness and determination. Sjt. McKeating was acting Battery Serjeant-Major during three weeks' strenuous operations, and on all occasions his personal courage under fire and devotion to duty were fine examples to all ranks under him.

355094 Sjt. D. McRae, L'pool R. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon commander became a casualty he took command, and, leading his men with great skill, he entered an enemy defensive post and attacked from the rear a machine gun that was holding up our frontal attacking party, which was then able to advance without further losses. His very gallant behaviour undoubtedly greatly helped in the capture of this important post, which he then garrisoned with his platoon and held until relieved sixteen hours later.

27/492 S./Sjt. R. Madden, North'd Fus. (Washington, Co. Durham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of half the battery. The half battery was isolated and under heavy fire, and Staff Serjeant Madden, with great skill and courage, fought the half battery back, and very considerably assisted in delaying the enemy's advance.

203299 Sjt. J. Mann, W. Rid. R. (Leeds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He reinforced a company, leading his platoon forward in face of heavy rifle and machine-gun fire. Later, when the enemy had got his machine guns round the flank Sjt. Mann led two platoons forward and drove him back over 1,000 yards, killing several and assisting to capture a machine gun. He did splendid service.

6740 Sjt. J. Mannion, N. Staff. R. (Burslem, Staffs.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a counter-attack when his company was held up by an enemy machine gun he entirely alone rushed the gun and disposed of the team with his rifle except two, who ran away, and captured the gun. This magnificent performance enabled the first wave of his company to advance.

69107 Gnr. H. Marlow, M.M.G. Corps (Alton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty and great steadiness and pluck in action, especially during an attack on a cavalry camp.

326837 A./Sjt. (now 2nd Lt.) W. J. Matthews, M.M., Suff. R. (["E"] Wimbledon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. When his platoon commander had been killed and his platoon were being pressed back he rallied and led forward two sections under heavy machine-gun fire, and maintained his position for thirty-six hours until ordered to withdraw. This prompt and gallant action enabled the whole company to hold its line.

15618 C.S.M. S. W. Mead, M.M., Suff. R. (Foxton, Cambs.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. When one of his flanks was being heavily pressed by the enemy he moved up and down under intense fire rallying the men and successfully reforming their broken line. Throughout operations he showed a magnificent example of courage and determination to all.

14984 A./C.S.M. F. Meadows, Suff. R. (Tunstall, Suff.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a heavy enemy attack had broken the troops on his right and left he maintained a forward position with a few men, and in spite of close range fire from rifle, machine gun and forward field guns, he maintained his position until ordered to withdraw, thereby inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy and enabling the line in rear to be completely re-established.

358013 B.S.M. W. F. Miles, R.G.A. (Upper Dicker).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his battery was being very heavily shelled, a dug-out received a direct hit, and a staff serjeant was pinned to the ground. On seeing the dug-out hit, Sjt.-Maj. Miles left his cover, ran across under a heavy fire, and endeavoured to extricate the staff serjeant. While doing so another direct hit killed the staff serjeant while he was helping him out. He then assisted to get out the B.Q.M.S., who was wounded. He has repeatedly rendered services of the most unselfish and gallant nature.

51237 Pte. A. R. Mills, Imperial Camel Corps (Fishtoft).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After the enemy's position had been taken, he was one of a party who went forward to collect prisoners. Meanwhile it was necessary to retire our main body to the enemy's first line, which left him and the party isolated. The enemy attacked again, and a man accompanying him was severely wounded. He managed to dress the wound and then carried him back some 600 yards to safety.

238047 Cpl. (A./C.S.M.) E. Milner, M.M., Linc. R. (Derby).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He handled his platoon throughout in a most skilful manner. When the enemy were about to capture a Lewis gun he drove them off by rifle fire and went forward and brought the gun in. At all times he set a fine example of courage and devotion to duty to his men.

93882 Cpl. F. J. Mitchell, M.G. Corps (Bow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. After the firing line had retired and the machine-gun porter who was taking the gun out of action was wounded, this N.C.O. picked up the gun and carried it in under a heavy fire. He has at all times shown great coolness in action and devotion to duty.

14974 C.S.M. J. Mitchell, Notts. & Derby. R. (Chesterfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack, when he collected various men of his company, after most of the officers had become casualties, and leading them up to the enemy forward positions, he captured these, killing many of the enemy at close quarters, and bringing away prisoners and several machine guns. Throughout he showed fine courage and determination, and was a fine example to all ranks with him.

5/13906 C.S.M. W. Mitchener, S.W. Bord. (Bedwas, Mon.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst in command of the reserve platoon. When his trench was heavily bombarded, a direct hit causing a dug-out to collapse, burying fifteen men, he at once organised a party under heavy fire and released the victims. His coolness and courage on this and other occasions were of the greatest value to his company.

19395 C.S. M. J. Monagan, M.M., N. Lan. R. (Blackpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the hostile lines. When an advance was held up by the enemy's fire, he personally led a charge, and endeavoured to capture a hostile machine gun, which was inflicting severe casualties, but was severely wounded in the attempt. Although wounded, he was instrumental in bringing back one dead and three wounded men before he was again wounded in three places. His great courage and devotion to duty under most trying circumstances gave a fine example to the men of his company.

93883 Sjt. E. C. Moody, M.G. Corps (Forest Gate).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as N.C.O. in charge of machine-gun porters. He has by his fine example and control influenced the porters to maintain a high standard of coolness and steadiness under fire. He has at all times shown consistent devotion to duty.

27824 Pte. J. Morley, R. Lan. R. (Ilkley, York).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a night raid. At the start, when the hostile machine gun was holding up the raiding party, he dashed forward with another man to endeavour to knock it out. But as they reached it two of our shells fell on the gun, destroying it and the team, and wounding L./Cpl. Morley and the man with him. Notwithstanding this, when the officer and senior N.C.O. had become casualties, he organised a party to cover the retirement and evacuation of the wounded. Throughout he displayed the greatest courage and ability to command.

30074 L./Bomdr. F. Morris, R.G.A. (Southampton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a heavy bombardment he assumed command of his gun when his sergeant was wounded. The gun pit was hit three times, and men of his detachment wounded. Each time he got the gun clear of debris and again in action under continu-

ous shelling. By his determination and courage he kept his men together.

675381 Ftr./S./Sjt. J. A. Morris, R.F.A. (Lower Bebington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his guns were heavily shelled and several put out of action, he went round with great coolness and repaired them all. It was due to his courage and devotion to duty that the bulk of the guns of his battery were kept in action at a very important time.

331114 L./Cpl. R. Morris, M.M., L'pool R. and K. Afr. Rif. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack on a hill. He was constantly in advance of the firing line, leading and encouraging his men in the face of heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, and was the first to reach the crest of the hill. He set a magnificent example of courage and determined leadership, and his whole-hearted and gallant support of his company commander alone rendered the accomplishment of this daring attack possible.

38204 L./Cpl. S. Moyle, M.M., North'd Fus. (Durham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy advance. When his company were ordered to withdraw he remained behind with his Lewis gun covering the withdrawal, and saved what might have been a critical situation. Later, he brought fire so effectively to bear on the enemy who were trying to consolidate a position that they had to concentrate several guns on him before putting his gun out of action. He then got another gun and continued effectually to hamper their consolidation. His devotion to duty and courage were of a very high order.

36448 Cpl. (A./L./Sjt.) W. Munday, Hamps. R. (West Hampstead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a dump of 9.2 inch cartridges was fired by the explosion of an enemy aircraft bomb, this N.C.O. accompanied the officer in charge of the dump to the scene of the fire and went close up and poured water on it in spite of the bursting cartridges until severely wounded. During the whole time the dump was persistently bombed by enemy air-craft.

3006 Serjt. F. Murphy, I. Gds. (Bellek, Co. Armagh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When this non-commissioned officer was bringing the battalion limbers up to the front line an enemy shell, exploding at the head of the convoy in a hollow road, threw the column into confusion and blocked the road. With great promptitude and initiative he restarted the convoy, when another shell burst alongside his limber, wounding him severely, as well as both mules. In spite of his injuries, he kept the column on the move and brought the limbers to the appointed place, enabling the battalion relief to be carried out without delay. His

courage and prompt action at a moment of crisis undoubtedly saved the lives of his drivers and prevented the destruction of the column.

22745 Cpl. (A./Serjt.) A. Myers, M.G. Corps (Fleetwood).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During three days' hard fighting this non-commissioned officer was specially remarked for the fearless and able manner with which he fought his guns. In the absence of his officer on one occasion he collected gunners from his own and other battalions, and manned three guns he had salvaged. His dispositions were excellent, and he did much execution among the enemy, delaying their advance for four or five hours. He himself kept on firing, after all his detachments had become casualties, until he was shot by a sniper and his gun was put out of action.

362252 Ftr./S./Sjt. W. H. Nicholson, R.G.A. (Meols).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Singlehanded, when his two assistants were wounded, he maintained in action the six howitzers of his unit, often with the battery separated. On one occasion, under a very severe bombardment of gas and high-explosives, he carried on his work of examining guns with complete indifference to danger. His work throughout was magnificent.

16171 Serjt. (A./C.S.M.) T. O'Brien, R.E. (Ealing, W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in supervising the work of demolishing bridges over river and canal, and in organising parties to defend the canal bank. At one time he held a position with four men, in spite of heavy fire, and prevented the enemy from repairing one of the demolished bridges. He set a fine example of coolness and resource.

S/21717 Serjt. (T./S.S.M.) C. R. Ormes, A.S.C. (Folkestone).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty and the highly efficient manner in which he has carried out his duties as chief clerk at force headquarters. Although short staffed and often singlehanded, he has, through untiring energy, kept the heavy work most thoroughly up to date under most trying and adverse circumstances. He has worked for two years in the field without being a day off duty.

680426 Serjt. J. Parkinson, R.F.A. (Waltton-le-Dale).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When heavy enemy barrage had damaged an anti-Tank gun which he was in command of, he and his detachment got the gun into action again, and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy, approaching within 200 yards. When the gun finally jammed he manned the trenches with his detachment with rifles. He displayed great courage and determination in keeping his gun, damaged as it was, firing at point-blank range under close rifle and machine-gun fire.

6344 C.S.M. J. C. Parsons, Suff. R. (Sudbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, when his company commander was severely wounded a few yards from a nest of machine guns. He got him under cover, and bound up his wounds under a heavy fire from these guns. He then took command of the company and held his position, sending in valuable reports at frequent intervals to battalion headquarters about the situation. His example of courage and presence of mind under fire inspired his men with great confidence.

T/268 S./M. F. E. Peake, A.O.C. (Woolwich).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He helped to bandage two wounded men under fire, and set the personnel of his shop a splendid example of devotion to duty. He worked day and night, and one day was responsible for the putting into action of thirty 18-pounders and six howitzers. He rendered great help in the gun park at a time when it was most urgently needed.

16485 Serjt. L. W. Perry, Essex R. (Dalston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This non-commissioned officer, who was temporarily acting as company serjeant-major, found himself, on reaching the objective, in command of the company, owing to casualties among the officers. He reorganised his company, getting in touch on both flanks, and defended the position with great personal courage and initiative under most difficult circumstances, until the next day, when he was relieved.

144729 Serjt. R. Phillips, R.E. (Chelsea).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, and consistent good work in the field. He captured two enemy askaris whilst engaged on survey duties, and also assisted in the capture of an enemy white.

91609 Pte. D. Power, Durh. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Private Power and two other men were on sentry duty in a front line trench when a badly thrown hand grenade rolled off the parapet into the trench near these men and commenced to fuse. Private Power, with self-sacrificing disregard of danger, jumped on the fusing grenade, which exploded, blowing away part of one foot and injuring him in the arm. His coolness and courage, however, undoubtedly saved his two companions from death or very serious injury.

955160 Gnr. H. Raishbrook, R.F.A. (Stockwell, S.E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He entered a dug-out which had been directly hit by a gas shell and extricated one wounded man and four others who had been blinded by the gas. He then went back to the dug-out and obtained the respirators of these men, which he adjusted and then led them to a place of safety, going on himself through a heavily shelled area to

obtain medical assistance. It was only when all the men were in safety that he admitted that he also was suffering from gas and that he allowed himself to be attended to. His devotion to duty and self-sacrificing disregard of his own safety undoubtedly saved the lives of five men, and his example at a difficult and critical time made a great impression on all ranks.

17627 Pte. W. Read, M.G. Corps (Hackney).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he mounted his gun in a trench and accounted for several machine guns and many of the enemy at a range of 200 yards. When surrounded he broke through with his gun and team and again got into action. The success of the attack was in a great measure due to his coolness and initiative.

12859 Sjt. E. Rees, R.W. Fus. (Llanely).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. When the enemy had broken through on both flanks, this N.C.O. advanced his Lewis gun and carried on firing with great effect. He checked the enemy's advance on both sides, and enabled his company to withdraw intact to the next line of defence. He did very fine work.

18700 C.S.M. (A./R.S.M.) A. Richardson, M.M., North'd Fus. (Gateshead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. With the signal officer he led battalion headquarters in a successful counter-attack against the enemy. Later, he assisted in organising runners and maintaining communications under constant and intense enemy barrage. He set a splendid example throughout to his men.

265015 R.S.M. T. Richardson, W. Rid. R. (Keighley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a withdrawal. He collected numbers of stragglers, and with these and the headquarters company joined the reserve company in a counter-attack. Next day he successfully held a gap in the line with the headquarters company and killed large numbers of the enemy. It was principally owing to his promptitude, courage, and resource that a critical situation was saved.

476735 Sjt. F. Riley, M.M., R.E. (Mexborough).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He rescued a wounded comrade, killing two of the enemy. Subsequently he again displayed great courage in clearing houses of the enemy, on at least one occasion killing an additional two of the enemy in hand-to-hand fighting.

S/10746 L./Sjt. C. G. Ripper, M.M., Rif. Bde. (Little Burstead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. With about twenty men he was almost surrounded, but, bringing his gun into action, he checked the enemy and cleared a gap through which his party was able to withdraw. On many occasions, dur-

ing rearguard fighting, he remained in position, giving covering fire till the rest of his company had successfully withdrawn. His initiative and total disregard of personal danger undoubtedly saved the situation from becoming extremely critical on several occasions.

50314 Pte. R. Robinson, Imperial Camel Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed great courage and resource in carrying messages under severe shell and machine-gun fire, when all other means of communication had failed.

426045 Sjt. W. Rose, R.E. (St. Helens).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He proceeded with his section to a position swept by machine-gun and rifle fire and held it for two days. When finally wounded he insisted on staying with his men, and lay down in the open directing their fire. He displayed fine courage and determination.

241604 Sjt. F. Rothwell, S. Lan. R. (St. Helens).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in command of a post on the left flank under constant machine-gun fire. He held on in spite of many casualties with great coolness and determination, and it was greatly owing to him that the left flank was not driven back.

31718 Sjt. R. Rough, M.M., M.G. Corps (Edinburgh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His section inflicted very heavy casualties on the enemy, and when his guns were destroyed he and his men fought on with bombs and later with a Lewis gun. Subsequently when his officer was wounded he continued to command the section in a cool and skilful manner.

91038 Gnr. S./Smith T. Roydhouse, R.F.A. (Keyingham, near Hull).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In gun laying and as gun member he has shown a fine example of endurance.

200050 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) W. T. Sanders, O. & B. L.I. (Oxford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He defended thirty yards of front in a most exposed position with his Lewis gun, which he used to great advantage. He stopped two most determined attempts to break through by the enemy, and throughout the action showed great courage and resource.

3726 C.S.M. A. Sandy, M.C., Rif. Bde. (Gosport).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a hostile attack. When all the officers of his company had been killed or wounded, he collected men and reorganised the position, and kept the enemy back, only retiring when forced to, owing to his flanks giving. During the days of a subsequent retirement, he proved inval-

able, showing an utter contempt for personal danger, and by his fine example encouraging the men to maintain their posts until ordered to withdraw.

24528 Cpl. (L/Sjt.) J. J. Sargeant, M.M., R. Berks. R. (Wokingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a night raid. Being left with only two men in his section, he led them to the entrance of a dug-out, where he was met by a volley from the enemy crouching in the entrance. He sent one man round each flank and attacked the dug-out with bombs, driving the enemy to the bottom. He then went down and brought up two prisoners, the remainder of the garrison having been killed. After the withdrawal signal had been given, he returned through the barrage and brought in three wounded men.

2528 L./Cpl. (A./Cpl.) C. Searle, A. Cyclist Corps (Southend).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took out his section of four men under orders to patrol and bring back if possible an identification. He got into a hostile outpost, which was a mile and a quarter in front of our lines, and returned with a R.S.M., two sergeants and six privates as prisoners, and one machine gun in good order, all of whom he captured in a house within 50 yards of their brigade headquarters in broad daylight. The knowledge gained through these prisoners proved of the utmost value. His thoroughness as to detail, splendid courage and determination in this operation were admirable.

96551 B.S.M. A. G. Sherringham, R.F.A. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in command of a convoy of pack animals bringing up ammunition from the wagon line to the battery position. His convoy came under heavy enemy barrage, and several horses and drivers were killed. With great coolness and determination he got the remainder of the convoy through, and delivered ammunition at a time when it was most urgently required.

38441 Pte. P. Short, R.A.M.C. (South Hylton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When he was out with a party of stretcher-bearers, he went to the assistance of a number of wounded, who had collected at a post which was under heavy shell fire, and managed to evacuate them all, though the area was beyond the locality to which his duty would have taken him in the ordinary course. On another occasion when the stretcher squad of another division all became casualties, he and a private went for three hundred yards under an intense barrage to the assistance of the wounded, to one of whom he gave his box respirator, covering his own mouth with his handkerchief at great risk of being gassed. His action was a fine example of unselfish devotion to duty and much courage.

3804 Sjt. E. D. Shrimpton, R.F.A. (Kentish Town, N.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a retirement a gun had to be

left owing to the pole of the gun limber breaking. Subsequently he took a team up and in the darkness replaced the pole with in two hundred yards of the enemy, and got the gun away, displaying great skill, courage and ability. He set a splendid example to his men.

L/14223 Cpl. P. W. Simpson, R.F.A. (Upper Sydenham, S.E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an enemy attack an ammunition dump near his gun was hit and caught fire. He rushed to the spot, and although burnt and wounded put out the fire. His courage and promptitude saved much ammunition from catching fire, and two guns from being put out of action.

W.R. 251270 Cpl. C. Smith, R.E., attd. R.G.A. (Cambridge).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a truck containing ammunition was set on fire and one shell had already exploded, he mounted the burning truck amidst exploding cartridges and extinguished the fire, throwing out whole live cartridges. His action prevented further shells from exploding and dumps in the vicinity from igniting.

386188 Sjt. R. W. Smith, M.M., R.A.M.C. (Gateshead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when from the moment an enemy bombardment started he moved about freely in the open collecting and attending to the wounded. After the advanced dressing station had been evacuated, he made repeated attempts to see if any wounded had been left behind, the road being all the time swept by machine-gun and shell fire. For three days this N.C.O. continued to do the same work, setting a magnificent example of courage and devotion to all who came in contact with him.

1293 C.S.M. T. Smy, Rif Bde. (Barnsley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a hostile attack and in the subsequent withdrawal. When he, with an officer, found themselves practically surrounded, he took a Lewis gun, whose team had all been killed, and opened fire on a large hostile party who were trying to rush them, putting nearly the whole of them out of action. He then retired with the officer, and assisted to organise a position in the rear. Later, he was severely wounded while carrying back a wounded man, who would otherwise have fallen into hostile hands, through a very heavy machine-gun and artillery barrage.

25943 Pte. T. H. Snell, M.M., Linc. R. (Cleethorpes).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a company runner. In the dark, under heavy machine-gun fire, he took forward fresh parties and re-established two advanced posts that had given way. He frequently carried messages under heavy artil-

lery and machine-gun fire. He showed fine courage and devotion to duty.

G/2905 C.S.M. L. W. Sole, R.W. Surr. R. (Margate).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst in charge of a post during an attack lasting two days. After the enemy had captured other posts in his vicinity, he picked up a Lewis gun, and by well-directed fire kept them in check. Later, when they had penetrated a small portion of his trench, he led a counter-attack, driving them out. Finally, when surrounded, he covered the withdrawal of his men with his Lewis gun, showing the greatest courage and a total disregard of all personal danger until he was at length wounded.

L/20202 Cpl. W. Speer, R.F.A. (Deptford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The explosion of an enemy high explosive shell had set fire to the tarpaulins of a boxed ammunition dump, firing two propellant charges in the middle of a stack. This N.C.O., with complete disregard for his own safety, single-handedly emptied the fire buckets over the tarpaulins and extinguished that source of danger. He then refilled the buckets and returned and put out the burning boxes. The prompt and courageous action of Corporal Speer prevented a general explosion, which would undoubtedly have produced disastrous results, and his unaided efforts in the presence of great danger were a very fine example to others working on ammunition service.

687335 Sjt. W. Spiby, R.F.A. (Preston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when acting as Serjeant-Major at the gun position during an enemy attack. Two guns being put out of action by direct hits, and the position being under heavy rifle fire, he kept his guns continually firing, and by his coolness encouraged all ranks. He was finally wounded, but stuck to his duty, and superintended the moving of the only gun still in action to a new position that night.

241756 A./Sjt. J. Spiers, E. Lanc. R. (Accrington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a successful raid on the enemy's trenches, he led the platoon of which he was in command through a very intense barrage of machine-gun fire to their objective. He was himself twice severely wounded, but would not leave his men, and collecting them with great coolness on the signal to withdraw, he brought them back to the lines, where he insisted on their wounds being attended to before his own were dressed. He showed fine courage and determination.

18360 Pte. J. Stafford, R. Mun. Fus. (formerly 23723), R. Dub. Fus. (Durham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During six days' operations his conduct was marked by exceptional gallantry. After his company had reached their objective, he went back with important messages to battalion headquarters, under intense fire of all descriptions, and he went out and

brought in a derelict Lewis gun and ammunition, though the locality was being fiercely shelled by the enemy. He volunteered to try and get in touch with the troops on the flanks of the company, which he successfully accomplished in spite of great difficulty. His devotion to duty and his courage under heavy fire was worthy of all praise.

200301 Cpl. R. Stephens, M.M., S. Lan. R. (Warrington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in carrying his Lewis gun to a forward position in front of the line to obtain a better field of fire, and firing unceasingly on the enemy, causing them to retire in disorder. He was wounded, but managed to crawl back to his lines, bringing his gun with him. He showed fine courage and determination.

47825 Pte. G. Stewkesbury, Welsh R. (Portland).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While carrying wounded his right eye was cut clean out by a bursting shell. He refused first aid until others had been tended, and then continued at his duties until he fainted from exhaustion. He displayed heroism and fortitude beyond all praise, and set a wonderful example to all ranks.

28796 Pte. E. Stockman, Devon. R. (Ivybridge).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a stretcher bearer. Seeing a man hit between the enemy's line and our own he rushed out in broad daylight to within 100 yards of the enemy, picked him up and, followed by a hail of bullets, carried him back to the aid post. On many other occasions he has saved lives by his coolness and devotion to duty.

352445 Cpl. H. H. Strefford, M.M., L.I. (Shrewsbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during eight days operations. On one occasion he rushed his Lewis gun out of a trench to a position from where he could bring the best fire to bear on the enemy advancing on a flank. He inflicted the heaviest casualties and held up the advance.

14831 L./Sjt. S. Sullivan, Welsh R. (Neath, Glam.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He three times under heavy fire led forward new teams for a Lewis gun in a forward position as casualties occurred, and kept the gun in action and doing great execution on the enemy. He also showed great gallantry in bringing wounded in. His conduct throughout was a fine example to his men.

44322 Pte. G. Sweet, M.G. Corps (Haltwhistle).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was wounded during an enemy attack, but refused to go down. During a second attack he helped to protect the flank by continuous bombing. When the position was captured by the enemy he lay in hiding and assisted the counter-attack, only going to the dressing station four days after he had been wounded.

9078 L./Sjt. P. T. Tasker, Ches. R. and Nig. R., W.A.F.F. (Chester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In action, whilst firing a Lewis gun, he noticed that the disabled 2.95 in. gun was being left, and attracted the attention of Lt. Gardner to it, who went back for some men and dragged it out of enemy reach. Meanwhile Sjt. Tasker was keeping the enemy off with his Lewis gun, with which he undoubtedly did great execution. Lt. Gardner and this N.C.O. were entirely responsible for saving the gun.

432052 Cpl. T. Taylor, R.E. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the H.A. signal office was hit he and his party got the survivors out under heavy and continuous shell fire. He then put a fresh line through successfully. Some days later he remained twelve hours in the open under shell fire repairing the line. His contempt of danger and devotion to duty were great.

31049 L./Sjt. W. H. Taylor, E. Surr. R. (Merton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the attack the leading wave of his platoon was checked by a thick hedge, through which the enemy machine-guns and rifles were firing. This N.C.O. crawled up to the hedge and, seizing one of the machine guns by the muzzle, pulled it out of the hands of the enemy who was using it. Later, during the consolidation, he went forward under hostile machine-gun and rifle fire and brought in one of our wounded. He behaved with remarkable gallantry throughout the day.

303035 Pte. F. Thirsk, Lan. Fus. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When on patrol he saw an enemy machine gun being got into action. He dashed out, engaged the crew and captured the gun, saving the lives of his comrades. His quickness of mind and utter disregard of danger were splendid.

5/14649 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) R. Thoms, S.W. Bord. (Newport).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the unit on the right was pressed back and our position subjected to heavy enfilade fire he formed a defensive flank with his platoon, held on with great skill and initiative, and later withdrew his men most creditably.

1847 Sjt. C. A. Thornett, M.G. Corps (Edg-baston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has rendered most valuable services in command of a machine-gun team, and shown great devotion to duty.

12884 C.S.M. H. Timmis, N. Staffs. R. (Silverdale).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the officers of the company, except the officer commanding, had become casualties, he took command of two platoons and occupied an important position on the flank of the battalion. He kept the enemy

in check until reinforcements arrived, and under heavy fire rallied the men of a neighbouring unit who were in the act of withdrawing. His conduct throughout was magnificent.

303356 Sjt. P. Travers, M.M., A. & S. Highrs. (Kirkintilloch).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. was in charge of a party detailed to raid a hostile post. When they approached the post a machine gun opened fire and checked their advance. Serjeant Travers then rushed forward with the greatest courage and scattered the machine-gun detachment, bayonetting the gunner. He then destroyed the machine guns. The daring initiative displayed by this N.C.O. undoubtedly saved the lives of many of his men.

235358 Sjt. (A./C.Q.M.S.) A. Trotman, Worc. R. (Cambridge).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was the first to volunteer to join a party to cut a way through the surrounding enemy. He showed the greatest coolness in assembling the men, and most successfully dealt with a large party of the enemy, later taking up a position with great skill, and holding on there against far superior forces until fresh orders came for him.

53453 Pte. N. Turner, Lan. Fus. (Heywood).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This man was one of a storming party and was engaged in a hand-to-hand bombing encounter with the enemy for six hours. When the advance of his party up the trench was checked, he climbed on to the parapet under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, and drove back the enemy, thus enabling his own party to advance. He was wounded early in the encounter, but continued nevertheless to carry on his duty, bringing messages to his officer and supplies of bombs to the attacking party through heavy shell and machine-gun fire. When his officer was mortally wounded he refused to leave him, though the enemy were advancing, and, almost single-handed, held them off for some time.

24612 Sjt. A. Walker, M.G. Corps (Harrogate).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went forward with his officer to reconnoitre. They were surrounded and called on to surrender four times, but managed to get back under rifle and machine-gun fire, bringing a prisoner with them. He has consistently shown great courage and devotion to duty.

93914 L./Cpl. P. Ward, M.G. Corps (Leeds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. When his gun was put out of action he took charge of a portion of the firing line at a critical time and set an excellent example of coolness and steadiness. This N.C.O. has always shown great devotion to duty.

19334 Sjt. J. H. Watkins, Suff. R., and Nig. R., W.A.F.F. (Belgium).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an engagement this N.C.O. led the company scouts with fine judgment. He was out in the bush long before the reconnaissance started, and held the enemy for three hours, enabling the company to engage on their whole front and break up the attack of an enemy company who attempted to charge, sounding bugles. He practically trained, and always led the company scouts, who will follow him anywhere. He personally placed all company listening posts in front of the trenches during a lull in the action.

25593 Pte. (A./Cpl.) F. Watts, M.M., R.A.M.C. (Oxford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. led a party of stretcher-bearers to the rescue of a detachment whose dug-outs had been completely demolished by shell fire. After four hours' hard work, which was carried on under the direct observation of the enemy and a heavy bombardment with high explosive and large calibre shells, he succeeded in rescuing the three survivors, the saving of whose lives was due to his fine initiative, coolness and complete disregard for his own safety.

Z/2343 Sjt. J. H. Webb, Rif. Bde. (Rugby).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has commanded several patrols with great determination and success. This N.C.O. is always ready to volunteer for any duty of an adventurous nature, and is an ideal leader of native patrols.

250303 Serjt. C. Welsh, M.M., Durh. L.I. (Blackhill).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed great dash during a counter-attack, and by his fine behaviour encouraged the men near him to successfully take their objective. The success of this counter-attack enabled the line to hold on for several hours.

432001 Sjt. T. Westwell, R.E. (St. Helens).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under heavy and continuous shell fire he laid a line successfully, and then assisted other linesmen in difficulties to lay another. After six hours' work on these lines he volunteered to take a detachment and lay a fresh line, which was successfully and quickly completed. For four days he was almost continuously on duty, and showed a very fine example of devotion to duty.

5443 L./Cpl. C. Wharton, R.E. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty and invaluable topographical work under great difficulties. Every mile traversed by the column was accurately plotted.

73404 Cpl. J. White, M.G.C. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although the enemy had penetrated

both flanks he maintained his position and kept both his guns in action in face of heavy artillery and machine-gun fire. One of his guns was buried, but he immediately dug it out and got it into action again. His fine determination and courage gave time for the infantry to organise a counter-attack and restore the situation.

40904 Sjt. (A./C.Q.M.S.) W. Whitehead, M.M., North'd Fus. (Bradford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under the most difficult circumstances he maintained communication both by telephone and visual throughout his battalion, and with the units on his flank as well. The way in which he organised his signallers and controlled the working and repairing of lines for whole days and nights under never-ceasing shell fire won for him the admiration of all.

428350 Sjt. J. R. Whiteside, R.E. (Wigan).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of four forward posts when the enemy attacked. His coolness and leadership under heavy machine-gun fire were responsible for their retention. Later, while wiring the advance line, he showed indifference to enemy fire and set a fine example to his men.

22586 Cpl. S. Wilkinson, Worc. R. (Wolverhampton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a counter-attack. He used his Lewis gun with the greatest effect. Though wounded he remained with his gun team, heartening them in a splendid manner. He did not leave his post until the situation was completely restored, and by his action undoubtedly did much to dislodge and route the enemy.

M2/134554 Pte. A. Williams, A.S.C. (Carrog).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During hostile shelling round a F.A. post, he was severely wounded in the leg and foot. In spite of the fact that his leg was useless and that he was bleeding, Private Williams, who was in charge of a motor ambulance car, insisted on driving another wounded man to the A.D.S., though the road was being heavily shelled at the time and he was suffering severely from shock and hemorrhage.

835445 Sjt. F. Williams, R.F.A. (near Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. While his battery position was being heavily shelled, cries for help were heard from an adjoining dug-out. He left his own dug-out, and, having ascertained what was required, ran back to the battery shelters, collected some dressings from the men's kits, and returned to the dug-out, where he assisted in bandaging a badly-wounded officer and three men, running back again to the shelter, and returning with stretcher-bearers, being the whole time under heavy shell fire.

15722 Sjt. J. N. Williams, M.M., Devon R. (Rochdale).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in reconnoitring for and taking part in a daylight raid in full view of the enemy's lines, and by skilful bombing holding back an enemy party until his own party got clear.

265503 Sjt. W. Williams, Mon. R. (Newport, Mon.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under a heavy enemy barrage he kept his men together by his personal example and disregard for danger. Later, at a critical period when the Lewis gun had been put out of action, he went across a very exposed position under heavy machine-gun fire and borrowed a machine gun from a neighbouring unit, with which he inflicted heavy losses on the enemy and kept the line intact in a difficult flank position. He did very fine service.

203305 Sjt. R. Wilson, W. Rid. R. (Huddersfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In an attack on an enemy post he behaved with conspicuous courage and devotion to duty when the platoon officer and corporal were wounded and he himself was also wounded. He remained at his duty, and after rushing and capturing the enemy post he reorganised his platoon and hung on with them, until owing to exhaustion from loss of blood he was forced to retire. His example was of the utmost value to all the men under him.

300150 C.S.M. (A./R.S.M.) E. Wise, Durh. L.I. (Durham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This warrant officer helped to collect stragglers from different units, and to reorganise them under an intense machine-gun fire. His energy and personal example of complete disregard of danger while directing and controlling their fire, which considerably delayed the enemy advance, greatly inspired the men and helped to maintain their steadiness.

3854 C.S.M. A. E. Wollaston, R.E. (Watford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of a party and successfully rushed a post temporarily occupied by the enemy, and held it until reinforced by counter-attacking troops. He afterwards assisted in organising ammunition-carrying parties under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire. His services were invaluable.

330243 Sjt. A. Wood, H.L.I. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He set a magnificent example, inspiring the men with him to hold on at all costs though both flanks had gone, and to keep on shooting down the enemy. One night he led a patrol which encountered an enemy patrol, whom they dispersed, killing eight and taking four prisoners.

PO/10112 Sjt. G. W. Woodard, R.M.L.I. (Kennington, S.E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action when in charge of a Lewis gun.

Most of the men round him had become casualties, and five distinct rushes were made by the enemy on his position, and it was owing to his gun that this portion of the line was not broken. Again, later, though his gun was put out of action by an enemy bullet, he repaired the damage under extremely heavy fire and silenced the enemy machine-gun which was inflicting heavy casualties on our troops. On all occasions he has set a magnificent example of gallantry and devotion to duty.

680038 Bomdr. W. Woods, R.F.A. (Preston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when one of an anti-tank gun detachment. Heavy enemy barrage having damaged the gun, he and the detachment got the gun working again and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy. After firing at point-blank range at the enemy under heavy machine-gun fire, the gun finally jammed. He and the detachment then manned the trenches with their rifles. He did very fine service.

165514 Spr. S. J. Wright, R.E. (Teddington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action, working continuously under very heavy fire. This man also did very good work during another engagement.

15450 C.S.M. W. Wyett, Norf. R. (Shipham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy was pushed from our line he immediately gathered all men available to resist any enemy attack. During an intense bombardment he rallied troops on the flank, and led them forward. His prompt action contributed largely to the success of the attack.

48076 C.S.M. F. Yeates, Worc. R. (Worcester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This warrant officer took command of his company after all his officers had become casualties, and by his great coolness and cheerfulness set a fine example to his men, and by so doing repulsed several local enemy attacks.

CANADIAN FORCE.

75763 Sjt. V. Bogichevich, M.M., Can. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a night raid, when he led his section against three strong hostile posts, clearing each out and overcoming heavy resistance. He personally accounted for five of the enemy and captured two prisoners, as well as accounting for an unknown number of the enemy in a large dug-out with Stokes bombs. His fine leadership and great courage carried his section through to their objective, and entailed heavy losses on the enemy.

512078 Pte. R. R. Edwards, Can. A.S.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This man was driving his motor ambulance through a village, when he was severely wounded by a shell, a piece of

which penetrated his lung; he also had a finger taken off, and suffered other injuries. In spite of his condition he stopped his ambulance and went into a house, where he helped to dress the wounds of a civilian and carry him to the ambulance. A little further on he stopped again and picked up a wounded soldier, and finally reached an area of safety, where he collapsed at the wheel. His admirable example of self-sacrifice and resolute determination to perform his whole duty was one for which no praise can be too high.

213203 Armr. Cpl. D. A. Kelly, Can. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This non-commissioned officer went forward alone to attack an enemy "pill-box," which he approached from the rear, crawling through the wire defences. Entering the place, he shot two men and seized another, firing his revolver into a party of six as he emerged with his prisoner, whom he brought back to our lines under heavy fire from the enemy posts, that by now were thoroughly alarmed. He completed his enterprise in an hour's time, displaying intrepid coolness and gallant determination that were a fine example to all who witnessed his action.

57294 Sjt. C. Shaw, Can. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. On one occasion, during a reconnaissance, he located a hostile machine gun, and during the subsequent raid made it his personal objective. Single-handed he rushed the gun, killing two of the crew, took one prisoner, and brought the gun and his prisoner back. His personal example and courage were a source of inspiration to all about him, and did much to make the operations successful.

79969 C.S.-M. H. G. Sheasby, Can. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the hostile defences, when he showed a splendid example to the men of his company owing to his great determination and courage. After the objective was attained he remained until every man had retired and he had satisfied himself that everything was all clear.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

2111 Sjt. J. Bartsch, Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when, finding a gap in the line caused by shell fire, he proceeded to it to get men into position to fill it. On his way he encountered an enemy post, which he tackled single handed, killing seven men. He then arranged for the closing of the gap.

4071 Sjt. P. J. Boyce, M.M., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He organised at very short notice a raiding party, which he led with great skill in daylight across some hundred yards of level ground in "No Man's Land," and captured the enemy's post, which was the objective. He returned with his party without casualties, bringing back twenty-three

prisoners and a machine gun, and having obtained important identifications. His courageous initiative and marked ability as a leader were responsible for the complete success of the undertaking. In the evening, after the attack had gone forward, he cleared out, with a small party, some parties of the enemy who, with a machine gun, were sniping our troops during the period of consolidation.

2463 Sjt. H. T. Buck, Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a platoon which was held up by a machine gun. This he rushed single handed, captured it after killing its crew of five men, and then led his platoon on to its objective.

257 Pte. R. W. Butler, Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when, the enemy resisting strongly in a communication trench, he jumped into it, and with bombs and bayonet cleared 100 yards of it, killing fifteen of the enemy and clearing the way for the advance. He did splendid work.

4669 R.S.M. S. Cadwell, Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an action, and in the arrangements previous to its commencement, his organisation and supervision of supplies of small arms ammunition and material were admirable, and were carried out without any regard for his own safety, often in most exposed positions and under heavy fire of the enemy. The assistance which he was able to render to his commanding officer was invaluable, and his behaviour throughout was conspicuous for courage and presence of mind, as well as for ability and unremitting devotion to duty.

3139 L./Cpl. G. L. Collins, Aust. M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of a machine gun, which was pushed out into No Man's Land to protect the flank of an attack. Upon the attack opening he noticed a hostile machine gun enfilading the attacking waves, and immediately engaged this gun at fifty yards. He put it out of action, killing one of the gunners, wounding another, while a third and the machine gun were captured and brought back. By his great courage and determined action he undoubtedly saved many casualties, and materially assisted in the success of the attack.

6555 Pte. J. H. Davey, Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when, although badly wounded, he continued to control his Lewis gun section and reached the final objective. He then covered the consolidation, and did great execution with his gun, ultimately collapsing from loss of blood.

1071 Serjt. V. Dixon, M.M., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in command of a detached

party, charged with reducing the last elements of enemy resistance in a village. He captured two machine guns, with the remainder of their detachments, and, co-operating with great skill with the centre party, he drove one officer and twelve men into their hands. He led his own party with much coolness and determination, and, though wounded, remained with his men till the village was cleared. He showed fine qualities of leadership, and his example inspired his men with great dash and confidence.

310A Cpl. E. Eatock, Aust. A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in carrying and dressing several wounded men, under machine-gun and shell fire. At night he went out with a party of stretcher-bearers, and personally saw that every wounded man was brought in, going out on several occasions in front of the line and nearly up to the enemy's trenches. All through the action he worked gallantly and rendered distinguished service, going out repeatedly under heavy fire to bring in wounded.

503 R.S.M. E. A. Holland, Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in night operations against hostile posts, when he showed the greatest courage and efficiency in arranging and leading forward carrying parties to the front lines. Later, he took charge of a mobile section of rifle grenadiers, and moved the party with great courage from place to place, silencing a hostile machine gun and allowing a consolidation to be pushed on. His leadership and devotion to duty, under heavy machine-gun fire and bombing, was beyond praise.

6339 Pte. (L./Cpl.) E. P. Jessen, Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack on an enemy position he behaved with great gallantry and initiative, rushing out of shelter to maintain communication with the battalion on the flank. When the objective was gained, he twice went out on patrol, securing valuable information, and at daylight he went out and brought in some wounded men from within 100 yards of the enemy's lines, under a heavy sniping fire. His complete disregard for danger set a very fine example to his men.

2085 Pte. (L./Cpl.) V. L. Lancaster, Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He set a fine example of courage, determined endurance, and devotion to duty during a raid on the enemy's lines. He was doing great execution with the Lewis gun, of which he was in charge, when a bomb burst in his face and shot away his lower jaw. Though thus terribly wounded and unable to speak, he stuck to his gun, and continued to cover the retirement of the others and the work of the rescuing parties until weakness from loss of blood compelled him to hand over his gun. He then returned to our line, refusing any assistance. His action in con-

tinuing to work his gun was of the utmost assistance in difficult circumstances.

4167 Pte. (L./Cpl.) R. C. Lindau, Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when he led his section in a bombing attack against a party of the enemy double his strength. He drove the enemy far enough along the sap to establish a block, but his supply of bombs ran out, and he was forced to retire a little. He then picked up an enemy's rifle, and held the enemy at bay until a fresh supply of bombs was obtained, when, after a hard fight, he regained his former position.

313 Sjt. A. H. G. Lucas, Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was one of a daylight raiding party, and when some enemy small posts commenced sniping, with an officer and another man he dashed forward and captured the posts; he also took another isolated dug-out where two men surrendered. The complete success of the raid was greatly due to his courage, dash and determination.

2334 Cpl. I. H. Meredith, Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of signal sections and assaulting companies. He was twice wounded laying out a telephone line, but got into communication with battalion headquarters just 25 minutes after the assaulting waves had left our line. At one time a part of the attack being held up, he dashed in with his bayonet, regardless of his wounds, and captured two prisoners.

3914 Sjt. G. F. Robinson, Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the detachment of his Lewis gun had become casualties whilst advancing under heavy fire, this N.C.O., who was in charge of a platoon, himself took the Lewis gun and used it with great skill, silencing an enemy gun which was inflicting heavy casualties on our line. He personally supervised, without any regard for his own safety, the work of his men who were "digging-in" when the objective was captured, although the enemy were heavily "sniping" the position. The same night he went out into "No Man's Land" with one other man and a Lewis gun and silenced an enemy gun, bringing back with him on his return to our lines two of our men who had been wounded in the attack. He displayed great courage throughout the day, and admirable qualities of leadership.

528 C.S.-M. R. Scanlon, M.M., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a runner from battalion headquarters was wounded as he was approaching company headquarters, this warrant officer went to his assistance under a very heavy fire of snipers and machine guns, and carried him to a place of safety, thereby securing delivery of an important message. On the next day, when an officer was wounded and the stretcher-bearers who attempted to ap-

proach him were obliged to desist, the stretcher being knocked to pieces by the heavy fire of the enemy, this warrant officer went out and reached the officer, dressed his wounds, and carried him fifty yards to a place of shelter. The example of this fine act of self-sacrificing courage had a most marked effect on his men.

1579 Sjt. A. H. Seccombe, Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. By his complete disregard for his own safety and fine example to his men he did much towards successfully holding a captured position, which he had taken and consolidated, with the platoon he commanded when its officer had become a casualty. He repelled three strong counter-attacks, and, though wounded in the face, he remained on duty till relieved.

349 Pte. W. T. Thomson, Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Selecting the route with great skill and judgment, he led a fighting patrol which was sent forward to attack an enemy post and obtain identification. When the enemy wire was encountered, he broke his way through with his hands and led the rush on the post. Though wounded, he continued to fight and captured one of the enemy. Though exhausted with loss of blood, he was the last man to leave the position, and with great courage covered the withdrawal of the remainder of the party. On the same evening he, with a N.C.O., volunteered to bring in a wounded officer, whom they reached after crossing some 600 yards of ground swept by machine-gun fire, and brought back safely to the R.A.P., having carried him about a mile under fire. He set a fine example of courage and endurance to all his comrades.

4619 Cpl. J. F. Walters, Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack on an enemy position, which resulted in the capture of a strong point, he behaved with great gallantry and rendered valuable assistance to his platoon commander, whom he replaced when the former was wounded, until another officer arrived. Later on he advanced and bombed an enemy machine gun, which was causing many casualties to our men and put it out of action. His conduct and example greatly helped to secure the success of the operation.

1634 C.S.-M. R. Werrett, Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack when he led a party against a hostile post with the greatest courage and determination. The post was demolished and twenty-eight prisoners captured, thus allowing the company to carry out its work of consolidation. After the objective had been taken he rendered invaluable assistance to his C.O. in the organisation of working parties and defensive posts, and personally led carrying parties.

307 Sjt. (now 2nd Lieut.) E. V. White, Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack this N.C.O., who

was in charge of the advance party of his platoon, led them with great gallantry against a machine-gun post, which he captured, taking the gun and accounting for all the gunners. He then collected his party and proceeded, with the greatest dash, to occupy the objective which had been assigned to them. He brought up a Lewis gun, which he disposed with much judgment to help in overcoming the last elements of the enemy's resistance, and then went out under heavy rifle fire to help in selecting positions for the outposts. Throughout the day he showed fine qualities of judgment and cool determination which inspired his men with great confidence.

1754 Pte. C. Wollin, Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This man volunteered as a stretcher-bearer to a raiding party, and soon after starting the other bearer became a casualty. During the next four hours he worked with the greatest gallantry and devotion to duty, under heavy fire, single handed, bringing in the casualties, his work being rendered peculiarly difficult as the standing crops in "No Man's Land" made it necessary to search for casualties at times right up to the enemy's wire.

NEW ZEALAND FORCE.

8/2675 Sjt. P. McGregor, Otago R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a raiding party. An attempt was made to capture a post in the early morning. As this was found to be impracticable he and his party waited in "No Man's Land" till daylight and surprised another post capturing four prisoners without sustaining any casualties. He displayed courage of a high order and his skilful dispositions resulted in the complete success of the raid.

6/4099 C.S.M. W. G. Munn, N.Z. Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When an ammunition dump and some light railway wagons were set alight by enemy shelling he drove a tractor into the dump and withdrew a number of wagons loaded with high explosive ammunition which would otherwise have been destroyed. The dump was still being shelled and burning furiously. He has previously done fine service.

SOUTH AFRICAN FORCE.

4125 Cpl. H. C. Allison, E.A.S.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty under fire. He showed great gallantry and coolness throughout the action. He several times rallied and kept together Askiris who were quitting the field, especially one lot whose white officer had been severely wounded, and was out of action. Towards the end of the engagement he was very successful in rallying men who were separated from their various units and whose ammunition was exhausted, and in withdrawing them through heavy bayonet fighting.

2213 Pte. E. H. Anderson, S.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty and coolness under fire when his commanding officer and six others were hit and he himself was suffering from high fever at the time.

607 L./Cpl. I. W. Arendse, Cape Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O., when his officer and a machine-gun crew had been either killed or wounded, and the gun out of action and left dangerously near the enemy exposed to heavy machine-gun fire, made gallant attempts to recover it, ultimately succeeding in doing so, and thereafter efficiently handling it against the enemy. Every time this N.C.O. has been in action he has been highly spoken of.

4699 C.S.M. F. Bell, S. African Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as platoon commander during three days' operations. On the second day when no officers were left in his company, he took charge during the enemy's counter-attack, and by his fine example of gallantry organised and held his position under very heavy fire. He also rallied other troops and covered the left flank, which was in the air. He showed great courage and determination.

98 Pte. C. Boardman, M.G.S.

He worked his gun until his team had been reduced to two men. He was also successful in getting his gun out of action on being rushed by the enemy. He collected the remaining gun porters and returned to the firing line, where he remained all night until the section was relieved next day.

MT/806 C.S.M. R. D. Boswell, S.A.S.C.

He has rendered exceedingly good service whilst attached to the Commander-in-Chief Staff, especially during the considerable length of time he was with advanced general headquarters in the field. He has invariably done his own repairs and has kept the cars in a high state of efficiency under very often difficult conditions.

9 C.S.M. D. J. Brown, Cape Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This warrant officer has shown great devotion to duty. He took the place of a wounded officer, and coolly and efficiently commanded a machine-gun section during a day's fighting, and subsequently he set a splendid example to his men, whom he has always had under excellent control. He is a very valuable warrant officer.

688 Pte. C. Carlse, Cape Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When severely wounded he remained with and kept in action his machine gun until relieved, and when his comrades wanted to carry him out of action he refused their assistance, telling them to remain with the gun.

902 Cpl. J. Craig, S. African Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He took charge of the flank of his company, and showed great initiative and coolness under machine-gun and snipers' fire in organising a defensive position. His work in consolidating his position was responsible for holding off the enemy in their counter-attack. He showed fine courage and powers of command.

649 Cpl. W. H. Fisk, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Throughout a period of active operations his keenness and untiring energy under most trying circumstances have been invaluable.

14972 R.S.M. A. J. Flynn, S. Afr. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at all times. His actions were a continuous high example to all other warrant officers and N.C.Os.

2518 Sig. Sjt. M. B. Gardner, S. Afr. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at all times and places, both in action and out. He has frequently acted as signalling officer and given utmost satisfaction.

6019 Asst. Surgn. A. B. Jamilton, E.A.M.S.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This warrant officer has done consistently fine work in every action he has been in. He is invariably sent forward with the bearer parties to relieve the regimental aid stations, and at work of this kind he cannot be surpassed. It has been due largely to his resource and coolness that the wounded have always been safely and quickly transferred from the firing line to the ambulance. He has been so employed in every action, and in two of them was under very heavy fire.

3144 Sjt. A. E. Holmes, E. Afr. Pnr. Coy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although advanced in years, he has always been most energetic, having been employed on both military works and field service for the last three years.

8431 A./C.S.M. A. J. Jordan, S. African Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He took command and organised his portion of the line, showing great initiative and steadying his men by his fine example of coolness and determination during four days under heavy enemy fire of all kinds. Most of his officers became casualties.

1123 Cpl. E. F. M. Kaschula, S.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He did continuous good work, which has generally been of a high class, but he did especially well on one occasion when in

charge of a post, displaying resource, initiative, and zeal.

188 Sjt. A. E. Kendall, S. Af. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst in charge of a wireless station. He has served in the field continuously for over two years, and has at all times displayed great zeal and conspicuous ability.

116 Cpl. T. Kennedy, S. Af. Motor Des. Rider Coy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has during his service in this country accomplished many arduous and hazardous rides, and his work has always been done with the utmost devotion to duty. He has commanded the admiration of the various column commanders under whom he has served.

S/4508 Sjt. J. Lawson, S.A.S.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. showed untiring devotion to duty and considerable ability during two periods of operations, thus considerably aiding in supplying the troops.

56 Cpl. C. Lowe, M.G.S.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His behaviour and coolness under fire was very marked. In one action he set a fine example to his gun team, keeping his gun going after his team had nearly all become casualties, he himself being wounded later.

5575 Sjt. H. F. P. Mallett, S. Af. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during three days' fighting. When the line was under heavy fire he by good shooting and disregard of danger put a machine-gun out of action and kept the enemy fire down. He then organised and led an attack and captured his objective. When the enemy attacked next day, he set a fine example to his men by his coolness and devotion to duty under heavy artillery and machine-gun fire.

2853 Cpl. C. F. Maritz, S. Af. Mtd. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has at all times set a splendid example of coolness under fire to the gunners under him.

9891 C.S.M. C. E. H. Rex, S. Af. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty both in action on several occasions and at all other times. He has set a fine example to the remainder of his company.

2004 Sjt. H. G. Reynolds, S.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. has done most excellent work in the past eighteen months in two separate areas. In every action at which he has been present he has set a very high

example of coolness under fire, and by his conduct in treating the sick and wounded.

480 Sjt. P. D. Schoor, Cape Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an advance this N.C.O. rendered valuable assistance to his officer. He showed a total disregard for his own safety under fire, and set a splendid example. He took charge of several important patrols up to the time he was wounded.

44 S./Sjt. C. C. Shields, S. Af. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He set a splendid example of coolness and resource under heavy fire, and good handling of the men under his charge.

331 Sjt. J. Swartz, Cape Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. has accomplished sterling work. He has displayed great devotion to duty, and has always set a fine example. On one occasion his officers having been wounded, he helped to consolidate the line at a critical time, bringing up ammunition under heavy fire. His patrol work has been splendid.

3206 L/Cpl. G. D. Webb, E. Af. Pnr. Coy.
(E. AFRICA)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty and excellent continuous good service on road construction during an advance. At one time when the enemy attempted to rush the camp with a maxim gun at very close range, this N.C.O. showed great coolness, and gave very great assistance in the face of a very heavy fire.

681 Signl. A. Westwood, S. Af. Rif. Sig. Sect.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on forward telegraph construction work under great difficulties, with enemy patrols all round. He has done consistent good work for two years.

3078 Sjt. C. Williams, E. Af. Pnr. Coy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He rendered extremely valuable services in connection with roads for the advance, and bridging rivers, whilst in charge of advanced technical party. He has frequently performed work under fire.

War Office,

3rd October, 1918.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to award the Distinguished Conduct Medal to the undermentioned Non-Commissioned Officers and Man, in recognition of great devotion to duty and valuable services rendered by them when prisoners of war, dur-

ing epidemics of Cholera and Typhus Fever, at the Prisoners of War Camp in Gottingen, Germany:—

- No. 8474 Sjt. J. Spencer, R.W. Fus.
 No. 6094 Cpl. A. Bramwell, R.W. Fus.
 No. 6539 Pte. J. Gray, Cam. Highrs.

AMENDMENTS.

The following are the correct descriptions of the Warrant Officer, Non-commissioned Officers and Men to whom the Distinguished Conduct Medal has been recently awarded:—

- 43972 Sjt. W. Poole, R.G.A.
 (London Gazette, 3rd June, 1918.)
 235330 Sjt. C. E. S. Teague, Yeo.
 (London Gazette, 18th February, 1918.)
 MT.1926 Pte. (A./Cpl.) J. H. F. Petersen,
 S.A. Motor Despatch Rider Coy.
 (London Gazette, 18th February, 1918.)
 CM.22 Cpl. J. A. Boyd, S.A. Motor Despatch
 Rider Coy.
 (London Gazette, 18th February, 1918.)
 CM.135 Sjt. C. D. Bulman, S.A. Motor
 Despatch Rider Coy.
 (London Gazette, 18th February, 1918.)

- MT.1900 Des. Rdr. H. D. F. Eldridge, S.A.
 Motor Despatch Rider Coy.
 (London Gazette, 18th February, 1918.)
 CM.149 C.S.M. C. J. Hookham, S.A. Motor
 Despatch Rider Coy.
 (London Gazette, 18th February, 1918.)
 MT.3375 Des. Rdr. L. E. A. Karg, S.A.
 Motor Despatch Rider Coy.
 (London Gazette, 18th February, 1918.)
 16165 Q.M.S. (T./S.M.) Bullough, R.A.M.C.,
 attd. S.A.M.C.
 (London Gazette, 22nd August, 1918.)
 265216 Sjt. A. W. Allen, Hertfordshire Regt.
 (London Gazette, dated 3rd Sept. 1918.)
 2059 Sjt. A. Parr, Aust. Infy.
 (London Gazette, dated 3rd Sept. 1918.)
 4726 Sjt. W. E. Acton, Aust. Infy.
 (London Gazette, dated 3rd Sept. 1918.)
 1910 Cpl. G. W. Banfield, Aust. Infy.
 (London Gazette, dated 3rd Sept. 1918.)
 18543 Sjt. B. J. Henderson, Fld. Arty.
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