

18430 A./Cpl. J. H. Stratford, O. & B. L.I. (Davertry).

For conspicuous gallantry and utter disregard of personal safety during an enemy attack. He jumped on to the parapet and single-handed killed six of them with the bayonet. At one time he held a fire bay alone against a large body of the enemy. The example of courage and determination he set until he was himself wounded was magnificent.

32245 Fitter Gnr. (A./Fitter S./Sjt.) P. Strickland, R.G.A. (Gosport).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The guns of his section had just pulled into position when the enemy bombardment began. He immediately began to get the guns ready to fire, and under heavy H.E. and gas shelling continued to work on the guns in the open until both were ready for action. Owing to his gallantry the guns of his section were in a position to take an early part in repelling the enemy's attack.

11094 Rfn. F. G. Sutton, K.R.R.C. (Wood Green, N.).

For conspicuous gallantry in a raid on the enemy outpost line. He rushed an enemy machine gun, bayoneted one gunner and captured another. He afterwards ran at and killed a rifleman who was in the act of firing at him. Throughout he showed splendid courage and resolute promptitude, and his assistance was invaluable to the officer in charge of the party.

301337 L./C. (A./Sjt.) G. Swapp, M.M., R.A.M.C. (Aberdeen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when acting as liaison between three battalions of infantry and advanced dressing stations. He carried out his work in the open under heavy shell fire, and though suffering from the effects of gas, repeatedly went forward to regimental aid posts, and led out squads to collect wounded. Throughout he showed splendid devotion to duty and saved many lives.

612018 Sjt. M. Symonds, R.H.A. (East Dereham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a withdrawal his gun was overturned and the limber smashed. He rode back half a mile under heavy fire and tried to extricate another limber from the mud while the advancing enemy were firing on him. Failing in this, he returned to the guns and kept one in action until surrounded by the enemy. He showed great courage and determination.

C/7504 Sjt. L. Symons, M.M., K.R.R.C. (Penzance).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack which was heavily pressed by the enemy, some of whom actually succeeded in entering the trench of his post. He eventually beat off the enemy. He was gassed and wounded, but continued firing at a machine

gun that was enfilading his post. He set a splendid example to his men.

201659 A./Mech./S./S./M. F. Sykes, Tank Corps (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an advanced position for two days and two nights, with very little rest, under heavy shelling, repairing damaged Tanks. His complete disregard of his own safety and unflagging energy set a splendid example to all who were with him, and his remarkable technical skill and resource very greatly helped the success of the salvage operations.

G/6010 Pte. F. Tallon, R. Suss. R. (Kendal).

For conspicuous gallantry and disregard of personal danger during a raid on the enemy lines. He saw one of the enemy running away with a light machine gun on his shoulder, and immediately gave chase and followed him over the enemy second line. He fired at the man and made him drop the gun, which Pte. Tallon brought triumphantly back to his lines. Throughout the operation he showed splendid courage and initiative.

19171 Sjt. J. Tate, M.M., M.G. Corps (Bradford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He kept his gun firing under heavy shell and machine-gun fire, inflicting very severe casualties on the advancing enemy. After covering the withdrawal of the infantry he led his team back; he then went back through a hail of bullets to fetch his tripod, which had been left behind, and at once got his gun into action again. He displayed fine courage and determination.

201523 Sjt. H. W. Tayler, Tank Corps (Leigh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He commanded a tank with great success during the whole of an action, fighting it with much skill and the utmost bravery. He destroyed a great many groups of hostile machine guns, and brought away several guns complete with spare parts. On his own initiative he advanced through our protective barrage and patrolled far in advance of the infantry, thus greatly assisting their action. He set an admirable example of cheerfulness and resolute determination.

9938 Pte. A. A. Taylor, Durh. L.I. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When we had reached our objective after a successful advance, this man went forward to reconnoitre in front with his platoon serjeant. They took three prisoners in the standing corn and three more in a shelter, and, working through the corn, were able to attack from the rear an enemy machine gun and team, whom they also captured. Returning through the stacks of reaped corn, they secured another light machine gun and two prisoners. Pte. Taylor worked most energetically and courageously in co-operation with his platoon serjeant, and by their enterprising and de-