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War Office,
2nd December, 1919.

With reference to the announcement of the undermentioned awards which appeared in the London Gazette of the 12th March, 1919, the following are the acts of gallantry for which the awards were made:—

AWARDED A SECOND BAR TO THE DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.

55271 C./S./M. S. Phillips, D.C.M., 1st Bn., Worc. R. (Drybrook).

On the morning of the 14th October, 1918, he, with fine courage and coolness, rallied his company under exceptionally heavy artillery, trench-mortar, and machine-gun fire, east of Flers, during an attempt to cross the Haute Deule Canal. His company was practically decimated by this fire, and it was only due to his great gallantry in taking his company commander's orders along the line to withdraw that the remainder of his company, amounting to about 20 per cent., were saved.

(D.C.M. gazetted 4th June, 1917.)
(1st Bar gazetted 30th October, 1918.)

6360 C./S./M. T. E. Woodward, D.C.M., 2nd Bn., R. Sco. Fus. (Glasgow).

During the operations extending from 14th October to 20th October, 1918, he displayed marked gallantry and devotion to duty. On

the 14th, at Rollegem Cappelle, he collected men of various units, reorganised them, and led them forward. On the night of the 19/20th he did excellent work during the crossing of his company over the River Lys under a heavy barrage. On 20th October, at Belgick, when his company was moving forward to form a defensive flank, he was wounded, but carried on till he had got all his men in position. Throughout he set a splendid example to his N.C.O.'s and men.

(D.C.M. gazetted 1st January, 1917.)
(1st Bar gazetted 30th October, 1919.)

AWARDED A BAR TO THE DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.

67143 Sjt. A. Agnew, D.C.M., D/112th Bde., R.F.A. (Manchester).

On the 8th October, 1918, near Beaurvoir, he was standing on the battery position on which was dumped about 600 rounds 4.5in. quick-firing howitzer shells. The teams had just driven to limber up the guns for an advance when a hostile shell fell and fired the charges lying alongside the shells. He immediately rushed at the blazing charges and succeeded in putting the fire out before the shells exploded. This example of coolness and gallantry undoubtedly saved the lives of many men belonging to the battery.

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

305379 C./S./M. F. Attenborough, D.C.M., 1/8th Bn., Notts. & Derby. R., T.F. (Netherfield, Notts.).

For marked gallantry and initiative. On 3rd October, 1918, during the attack at Ramicourt and Montbrehain, he did excellent work in clearing the enemy from Wiancourt, leading several parties in determined rushes on enemy machine-gun groups. Throughout the action he used his rifle and bayonet with great effect. Later, when the division on our left was held up, he did excellent work in establishing a defensive flank and keeping his company commander informed as to the situation.

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

96965 Sjt. J. Booth, D.C.M., 175th Tunn. Coy., R.E. (Milton).

For conspicuous gallantry at Aveluy Wood on 5th August, 1918. He crawled out alone during the night, well in advance of the infantry, to a footbridge across the River Ancre, and removed an enemy charge placed on the bridge in midstream. The enemy were awaiting the approach of our troops to explode the charge by electricity. His skill and fearlessness in extricating the charge and thus saving the bridge, proved invaluable in the subsequent attack by our infantry.

(D.C.M. gazetted 1st January, 1919.)

5874 A./C./S./M. J. E. Bowen, D.C.M., 2nd Bn., R. W. Fus. (Methley).

For distinguished gallantry and able leadership during the attack on the south-eastern outskirts of Englefontaine and the Foret de Mormal on 4th November, 1918. He led a platoon so well and skilfully that he arrived at the final objective without losing a man, in spite of their meeting with strong opposition from enemy rifle and machine-gun fire. He also volunteered to go to the assistance of the troops of the division on his right when they asked for assistance.

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

435120 S./Sjt F. G. Burling, D.C.M., 2/1st (S. Mid.) Fd. Amb., R.A.M.C., T.F. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and untiring devotion to duty. He has been in command of all the forward ambulance work during the whole of the recent operations from Vendegies to Mareschies—24th October to 2nd November, 1918—and refused relief until the fighting was over. On 26th October, during the attack on Sepmeries, he led the way through the hostile barrage, and was personally responsible for dressing and collecting fourteen severely wounded men, and ultimately brought them all to safety.

(D.C.M. gazetted 1st January, 1919.)

B/203252 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) N. Champion, D.C.M., M.M., 13th Bn., Rif. Bde. (Earlco-town).

For marked gallantry and devotion to duty on 4th November, 1918, near Louvignies. As signal sergeant he went forward with the advancing waves to establish communication from the front-line companies to battalion headquarters, and succeeded under very heavy fire in laying a line from the first objective to battalion headquarters. Whilst working forward with the line he noticed rifle fire coming from a house, and,

proceeding there with his linesman, discovered and disarmed fifty of the enemy. His conduct during the whole operation was exemplary.

(D.C.M. gazetted 15th April, 1916.)

13018 Sjt. S. Cochrane, D.C.M., 15th Bn., H.L.I. (Ballymoney, Co. Antrim).

On 1st October, 1918, during the operations at Sequehart, he displayed great gallantry under very heavy shell and rifle fire by bringing in several wounded men, though slightly wounded himself. On 3rd October, 1918, during an enemy counter-attack under cover of a very heavy barrage, he crawled forward from his trench and, taking a Lewis gun with him, opened fire on the advancing enemy, and succeeded in completely breaking up his formation. Throughout the entire operations he displayed marked courage and initiative.

(D.C.M. gazetted 18th February, 1919.)

241028 Pte. (L./Cpl.) W. H. Coltman, V.C., D.C.M., M.M., 1/6th Bn., N. Staff. R., T.F. (Repton).

On the 28th September, 1918, near the St. Quentin Canal, near Bellenglise, he dressed and carried many wounded men under heavy artillery fire. During the advance on the following day he still remained at his work without rest or sleep, attending the wounded, taking no heed of either shell or machine-gun fire, and never resting until he was positive that our sector was clear of wounded. He set the highest example of fearlessness and devotion to duty to those with him.

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

6603 C./S./M. W. Cummings, D.C.M., 2nd Bn., R. Dub. Fus. (Cork).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the night of the 6/7th October, 1918, near Villers Farm, N.E. of Gouy. He voluntarily went out under heavy machine-gun fire to cut a gap in the enemy wire. He succeeded in doing so in spite of continuous fire from an enemy machine gun from the direction of Villers Farm. He was at this time acting C.S.M., and his constant good work and gallantry was a splendid example to his company during the whole operation.

(D.C.M. gazetted 16th May, 1916.)

330271 Sjt. J. Diamond, D.C.M., M.M., 1/9th Bn., H.L.I., T.F. (Glasgow).

In the attack on Englefontaine on 26th October, 1918, he led a section with most conspicuous courage and ability. He personally accounted for a large number of the enemy, and in addition captured 15 prisoners and some machine guns. During the consolidation of the position he worked some 500 yards forward with a small party and later returned with valuable information. Throughout the whole operation he set a splendid example to those with him.

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

45028 Sjt. (A./B./S./M.) W. Doran, D.C.M., 139th Hy. By., R.G.A. (Baldon Colliery).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near St. Emilie on the night of the 25/26th September, 1918. A section of the battery was being moved to a forward position, and when a direct hit was obtained on some wagons in front of the guns, completely

obstructing the road and causing a serious block in the traffic, he, with two gunners, removed the wounded and cleared the road. When the officer in charge was wounded he took command of the section and led each gun and wagon through the shelled area, thereby setting a most inspiring example to the men under his command.

(D.C.M. gazetted 16th January, 1919.)

G/5989 C./S./M. J. S. Edmonds, D.C.M., M.M., 13th Bn., R. Fus. (nr. Rye, Sussex).

For gallantry and devotion to duty on the morning of 8th October, 1918, north of Hurtebise Farm. When the officer in charge of the leading wave was killed he immediately went forward and reorganised the line, which was somewhat shaken, under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire. He then led the leading wave forward to its first objective. He later formed a defensive flank with a platoon also under heavy fire. Throughout the day he displayed the greatest gallantry and complete disregard of personal safety.

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

18258 Sjt. W. A. Ellis, D.C.M., 2nd Bn., Bedf. R. (Watford).

His platoon was making a wide flanking movement, on 22nd September, 1918, east of Ronsoy, to attack the enemy on a flank. The approach was very difficult, and the platoon came under heavy machine-gun fire in shallow trenches. He moved over the open under fire and got in rear of his platoon, where he managed to bring the platoon up to its position of deployment up to time with a minimum of casualties. When the attack developed he was always in front, encouraging and directing his men, and causing great consternation and casualties to the enemy. By his dash and boldness he succeeded in surrounding a large number of them.

(D.C.M. gazetted 15th November, 1918.)

775 Sjt. R. R. Ewbank, D.C.M., 1st K. Edward's Horse (Birkenhead).

For very daring and successful patrol leading, on 18th October, 1918, between Lille and Forest south of Roubaix. With a small patrol he galloped through the enemy's outpost line under machine-gun and rifle fire from posts on both sides of him, reconnoitred successively Fort de Babylone, Annappes and Ascq, being in contact with enemy cavalry all the time, and sent in good reports in quick time. Later, having rejoined the squadron, he led a very dashing attack on a farm just west of Forest which was holding up the advance, drove out a stronger party of Uhlans, and seized a bridge over the River Marcq. He showed great dash and initiative throughout.

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

457142 Cpl. (A./Sit.) W. W. Fairless, D.C.M., M.M., 446th (N'bn.) Fd. Coy., R.E., T.F. (Ashington).

On nights of 12th, 14th and 15th October, 1918, he formed one of a small party engaged on important reconnaissances of River Selle, from Le Cateau to St. Souplet. The work had to be carried out at a distance of about 500 yards in advance of our outpost line. On each occasion he rendered very valuable assistance, and displayed great coolness and

courage in entering deserted buildings near the river, and when under fire from enemy snipers and machine guns. On the morning of our attack he rendered invaluable service in leading his section of sappers, and in getting the infantry bridges across the Selle. Throughout he showed great gallantry and zeal.

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

13070 Sjt. F. Farrar, D.C.M., 6th Bn., North'n R. (Wellingborough).

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership of a platoon during operations north-east of Bousies on 24th October, 1918. His platoon being somewhat disorganised after suffering very heavy casualties, he quickly reorganised them under very heavy enemy fire, and by his fearlessness and leadership got them forward from position to position. He set a very fine example to his command.

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

8461 C./S./M. J. Froud, D.C.M., 2nd Bn., R. Sco. Fus. (Ayr).

From the commencement of the advance east of Ypres, he, by his determined courage and devotion to duty rendered conspicuous service. At Rollegem Cappelle, on the 14th October, 1918, the only officer in his company was wounded. He thereupon took charge and led it in a most successful manner, and although wounded continued at duty. At Vichte, on the 20th, when the enemy succeeded in surrounding his company, by his fearless initiative and resource he succeeded in fighting his way back to our lines with about twenty men. Throughout all operations his example had a most inspiring effect on the men.

(D.C.M. gazetted 1st January, 1919.)

9083 Sjt. F. A. Godfrey, D.C.M., M.M. (late 1st Bn.), R. Mun. Fus. (Portsmouth).

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the attack on Proville, south of Cambrai, on the 30th September, 1918, he was wounded while his company was crossing the Canal bridge. He refused to go back and be dressed, but went to the assistance of other wounded, and saved some from being drowned. He then got his company across the Canal, and, all the officers being wounded, led them to the attack. He was wounded three times before he eventually left the company. He behaved splendidly.

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

6817 C./S./M. (A./R./S./M.) A. Gourlay, D.C.M., 11th Bn., R. Scots (Edinburgh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, on the 1st October, 1918, at Ledeghem. This warrant officer, with a few men and two Lewis guns, worked his way down the railway, and engaged the enemy who had established two machine guns astride the railway, and succeeded in causing them to retire. Throughout he showed great courage and disregard for danger.

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

10140 B./S./M. E. Heath, D.C.M., 127th Bn., 29th Bde., R.F.A. (Preston).

For gallant conduct and initiative on the night of 1/2nd September, 1918, in front of Arras. Four wagons of smoke shell were

sent forward to the gun positions, and the N.C.O. in charge found the road blocked by blazing lorries containing 6-in. H.E. shell. The wagons returned to the wagon lines. He immediately took the wagons up again, and by his courage and resource eventually succeeded in delivering the ammunition in time at the guns.

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

33432 B./S./M. T. Kemp, D.C.M., "E" By., R.H.A. (Jinstead, Suffolk).

On 2nd October, 1918, he accompanied the battery commander to advanced brigade headquarters, east of Magny-la-Fosse, and was observing the enemy from a forward crest when the major was wounded by a shell. He assisted him back under cover of a bank and dressed him, being under severe fire throughout. The following night he was in charge of six wagons returning to Bellenglise from the gun position. It was entirely due to his cool courage and resource that the wagons reached their destination in the dark with only one casualty, in spite of intense gas shelling of the area through which they had to pass.

(D.C.M. gazetted 1st January, 1919.)

240076 Sjt. S. H. Lee, D.C.M., 5th Bn., W. Rid. R., T.F. (Marsh, Huddersfield).

For fine courage and leadership during the attack on St. Pithon on 20th October, 1918. When his platoon was held up by machine-gun fire from a post containing two guns and in a barricade at a cross road he crawled forward, covered by the fire of the platoon, and with only another man rushed the barricade, himself killing two of the enemy, while his men completed the capture of the post and guns. Later he led a bayonet charge on a position containing two T.M.'s and a machine gun and 20 enemy, killing and capturing the whole post.

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

36618 Sjt. S. J. Lee, D.C.M., 7th Bn., Wilts. R. (Stoke Newington).

For conspicuous gallantry and skill during operations east of Bony, from 4th to 6th October, 1918. On 4th October he took charge of his platoon when his officer was wounded. He showed the greatest determination and ability in handling his platoon throughout the fighting. He forced two advanced enemy field guns to retire with Lewis gun fire, and by his skilful use of fire, and dash in pushing forward, did much to assist the attack. He set a very fine example to his men.

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

55786 C./S./M. W. Lockley, D.C.M., M.M., 1st Bn., Notts. & Derby. R. (Arnold).

He showed great courage and enterprise in leading his patrols in the capture of St. Amand on 21st October, 1918. Pushing forward himself he secured his objective in spite of hostile opposition. In endeavouring to locate the unit on his flank he entered Lecelles and succeeded in obtaining valuable information of enemy movements in that place. His conduct throughout was of an exemplary character, and contributed largely to the success of the operation.

(D.C.M. gazetted 15th November, 1918.)

604 Pte. I. McIntosh, D.C.M., 10th Bn., A. & S. Highrs (Paisley).

As a stretcher-bearer near Chatignies Wood on October, 1918, when his company was suffering very severe casualties he moved over the open under heavy fire, making ten separate journeys, and succeeded in bringing all the worst wounded cases back into a wood. He then dug trenches to give cover to these wounded men, and later on in the day personally removed the whole number over the open to a position of safety in the embankment. Many lives were that day saved by his fine courage and devotion to duty.

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

7074 Sjt. H. McKenzie, D.C.M., 5th Bn., Sea. Highrs., T.F. (Stornoway).

At Avesnes-le-sec during the action of 12th October, 1918, he rendered most gallant and valuable service. When held up by machine-gun fire the left of the line began to waver and fell back. He was on the right of the line, and ran across over 200 yards to the left of the line under very heavy fire, and rallied and encouraged the men. He formed a defensive flank, and completely restored the situation.

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

49092 Cpl. L. E. Martin, D.C.M., D/51st Bde., R.F.A. (Brighton).

During an attack on the morning of 14th October, 1918, near Ledeghem, the battery was subject to heavy enemy artillery and machine-gun fire. He was acting as No. 1 of his gun, and when the rest of his detachment had been wounded, and though wounded himself, he continued to man his gun single-handed for a considerable time. Not till after the barrage was finished would he leave his gun to have his wounds dressed. Throughout recent operations he showed the greatest gallantry, and set a fine example to his men.

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

9544 C./S./M. L. A. Matthews, D.C.M., M.M., 1st Bn., Gord. Highrs. (Aldershot).

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations at Rumilly on 1st October, 1918. With a Lewis gun he rushed forward alone against an enemy machine-gun post, capturing the post and 12 prisoners, and enabling his company to advance. He played a large part in leading the company and gaining touch with the division on the left. He showed fine courage and leadership.

(D.C.M. gazetted 1st January, 1919.)

6401 R./S./M. G. Miller, D.C.M., 1st Bn., York L.I. (Hornsey).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the attacks of his battalion on Prospect Hill near Le Catelet, and on Villers Outreaux on 3rd and 8th October, 1918. At all times and under very heavy enemy fire of all descriptions, he carried out his duties successfully. His services and personal gallantry were both a great assistance to the operations, and a splendid example to all round him.

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

27719 Pte. J. Milligan, D.C.M., 1st Bn., K.O.S.B. (Kirkcubbin.)

In the attack on the enemy position between St. Louis and Ooteghem on 22nd October, 1918, when the foremost party of his company were being held up by machine-gun fire from a farm, he gallantly dashed forward, calling to the rest of the party to follow. Entering the farm well ahead of these men he caused the surrender of 50 enemy and captured the machine guns in the position. Regardless of personal danger he set a splendid example to the men of his company.

(D.C.M. gazetted 18th February, 1919.)

7590 C./S./M. G. Plank, D.C.M., M.M., 1st Bn., R. Berks. R. (Wickham Newbury).

For most conspicuous gallantry and initiative near Bermerain on 24th October, 1918. When nearing the objective the leading waves were checked by hostile machine-gun and rifle fire, whereupon he and Pte. Dance walked forward 100 yards in front of the company and rushed straight at the enemy. Both men shot enemy machine gunners and so impressed the enemy with their dauntless spirit that no fewer than 60 immediately surrendered. The action of these two men set a splendid example to all ranks in the company.

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

F./627 C./S./M. L. Sandoe, D.C.M., M.M., 13th Bn., Midd'x R. (Cardiff).

For most conspicuous gallantry and leadership. On the night of 10/11th October, 1918, near Avesnes, his company was ordered to take a sunken road north-east of Rieux. He led the final rush, and cleared the enemy garrison at the point of the bayonet. Shortly after his commanding officer was wounded and another officer killed. He then assumed command of half the company and took a leading part in repelling a counter-attack. Throughout the morning of the 11th he was chiefly responsible for keeping his company steady and efficient under very heavy shell fire when it had lost half of its effectives.

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

6406 Sjt. G. Sheerer, D.C.M., M.M., 1st Bn., Bord. R. (London, E.C.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 14/15th October, 1918, before Courtrai, as battalion medical serjeant. When enemy shelling had set fire to battalion headquarters' dugout and rendered about forty officers and men helpless by gas and fumes, he helped to drag officers and men out until the whole place was clear. Later, when several casualties occurred, he went forward, dressed them, and carried them back to safety. Later, he on his own initiative brought wounded out of the village of Salines, which was then being very heavily shelled.

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

240463 Pte. (L./Cpl.) J. Smith, D.C.M., 1/6th Bn., N. Staff. R., T.F. (Burton-on-Trent).

During our advance over the St. Quentin Canal, near Bellenglise, on the 29th September, 1918, he led his section in a bayonet charge on a hostile machine gun which had

opened fire at a close range, and killed the whole team. Later on, while guarding his company commander, who was cutting the leads to an explosive charge under a bridge over the canal, two of the enemy rushed towards him with the intention of firing the charge. He killed both. Throughout the whole advance he displayed fine courage and dash.

(D.C.M. gazetted 30th October, 1918.)

3783 Sjt. W. B. Smith, D.C.M., M.M., 1st Bn., Notts. & Derby R. (Nottingham).

Near Oppy, between 3rd-7th Oct. 1918, for gallantry, initiative and powers of leadership when commanding his platoon. His dash and offensive spirit broke down all enemy resistance opposing the advance of his platoon. On three occasions, fiercely counter-attacked by the enemy under cover of minenwerfer and bombs, he stubbornly maintained his position, causing them many casualties by the skilful dispositions of his men. He did excellent work.

(D.C.M. gazetted 16th January, 1919.)

24559 Sjt. R. Stoddart, D.C.M., 19th Bn., Durh. L.I. (Meadowsley).

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations east of Moorseele on the 14th October, 1918. He alone charged two machine guns which were firing at him point-blank, bayonetting two of their crew and taking the remainder prisoner. Later, he again rushed a machine-gun post which was menacing our left flank. In the attack on the 15th October, 1918, he took a party of sixteen men to raid two farms which were giving a considerable amount of trouble. He accomplished his task, and, although severely wounded, established posts in the positions he had taken.

(D.C.M. gazetted 18th February, 1919.)

25382 Sjt. W. H. Thies, D.C.M., R.F.A., att'd. D/232nd (N. Mid.) Bde., R.F.A., T.F. (Norwood, S.E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 29th September, 1918, near Ascension Valley (St. Quentin front). He was knocked down and badly bruised by a bursting shell, but carried on with his duties as acting serjeant-major at the guns under heavy shell fire, which caused several casualties in the battery. His great coolness and fine example steadied the detachments. He assisted in the evacuation of the wounded to a place of safety, and his conduct throughout an awkward situation was exemplary.

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

13568 C./S./M. C. A. Thorne, D.C.M., 7th Bn., Wilts. R. (Swindon).

For most conspicuous gallantry and good work during operations near Gouy from 4th to 6th October, 1918. He showed the greatest dash throughout the attack on 4th October, and, although wounded, continued to carry on, consolidating the new line. After having had his wound dressed he returned to his company, and throughout the night materially assisted his company commander in every way under very heavy shell fire. He set a very fine example to his company throughout the day and night under most trying circumstances.

(D.C.M. gazetted 18th February, 1918.)

241444 Sjt. T. Tunks, D.C.M., 5th Bn., Leic. R. (T.F.) (Appleby).

For conspicuous gallantry and leadership on 29th September, 1918. Near Magny Wood he reorganised his platoon under direct fire from 77 mm. battery, and the advance was not delayed. On reaching the final objective he turned a Lewis gun on an enemy battery, and then rushed through our barrage at it, leading his platoon. He killed four horses and prevented two guns from getting away. Throughout he showed great coolness, and had complete control over his platoon, which he handled with remarkable skill.

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

9478 C./S./M. H. B. Turnbull, D.C.M., 1st Bn., K.O.S.B. (Berwick).

For exceptional gallantry and leadership on 28th September, 1918, near Veldhoek. On one occasion, when his company were advancing on the final objective, he saw that a certain section of the line was held up by machine-gun fire. He at once with a couple of men rushed and captured the gun, thus enabling his company to take their final objective. Later, when his company were attacking an enemy field battery which was being defended by rifle men he led the assault, and after a hand to hand fight the whole battery was captured. Throughout the whole action he did splendid work.

(D.C.M. gazetted 18th February, 1919.)

10393 Sjt. J. Twemlow, D.C.M., M.M., 1st Bn., Ches. R. (Hulme, Manchester).

During the attack on Beaucamp, S.W. of Cambrai, on 27th September, 1918, he showed most conspicuous gallantry and initiative. He was constantly organising bombing parties himself, and personally accounted for a number of the enemy with a machine gun. He led his platoon and took a prominent part in the bombing of two machine guns which were holding up the advance. He also attended to the wounded of his platoon under heavy machine-gun fire. Later, he took his section through Beaucamp and assisted in driving off an enemy bombing party, thus enabling the division on the left to advance.

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

CANADIAN FORCE.

47323 R./S./M. F. Butler, D.C.M., 13th Bn., Can. Inf.

In the attack at Marquion on 27th September, 1918, he showed marked gallantry and initiative. He went forward, and under very heavy machine-gun fire assisted in the reorganisation of the companies, greatly assisting two company commanders who had lost all their officers, and the majority of their N.C.Os. Later, he moved forward behind the attacking waves and personally directed the evacuation of casualties, thereby saving much suffering and many lives. His conduct throughout the operation was admirable.

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

404288 Sjt. G. L. Butterfield, D.C.M., M.M., 15th Bn., Can. Inf.

For marked courage and initiative. He was sent forward with a party of scouts to

locate crossings which the engineers were to make for us over the Canal du Nord and Agache River. He led his party across a hundred yards of open under machine-gun and sniping fire, and made a temporary crossing over the Agache River with some planks. Later, when the advance was being held up, he with four men fought his way out to a flank, and finally with great gallantry rushed two posts and disposed of the garrison. Throughout the day he did admirable work.

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

5665 Sjt. H. J. Faulkner, D.C.M., M.M., 1st Div. Sig. Coy., Can. Engrs., attd. 2nd Can. Inf. Bde., H.Q.

For conspicuous gallantry and fine devotion to duty during the attack east of the Canal du Nord. From 27th to 30th September, 1918, he was the N.C.O. in charge of all the communications forward of brigade headquarters during the attack. In the initial attack he carried his line forward just behind the attacking infantry and established a report centre exposed to very heavy fire. The information he sent back was highly important, and enabled enemy machine-gun positions to be dispersed, etc. He worked unremittingly for seventy-two hours, setting a very fine example to those under him.

(D.C.M. gazetted 15th November, 1918.)

141906 Sjt. C. G. Filgiano, D.C.M., M.M., 1st Bn., Can. Inf.

During the battle of Cambrai, on 1st October, 1918, he did valuable work in organising the position for the defence after the attack had been held up. Under heavy machine-gun fire he by his cool courage and devotion to duty set a fine example to those under him. During the attack he personally engaged several of the enemy in hand-to-hand fighting, being successful in each case. His behaviour throughout the whole operation was of the highest order.

(D.C.M. gazetted 16th January, 1919.)

26546 Sjt. J. Foley, D.C.M., M.M., 14th Bn., Can. Inf.

For most conspicuous gallantry and determined leadership during an attack near Bantigny on 1st October, 1918. When all his company officers had become casualties he assumed command, and throughout the entire operation showed splendid dash, attacking a machine-gun post single handed and killing seven of the enemy and capturing twenty prisoners. Again, when his company was held up by wire, he went forward under heavy fire and cut a gap, enabling the advance to proceed. Though wounded, he continued to keep his men together, and rallied them forward to the attack.

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

63548 Sjt. G. J. Lepage, D.C.M., 4th Bn., Can. Inf.

For most conspicuous gallantry and good work during the attack on the Canal du Nord, 27th September, 1918. When his company wavered under heavy machine-gun fire when attacking the Canal du Nord line, he rushed forward and put out of action three hostile machine-gun posts with the assistance of one other man. His splendid

example inspired his company to go forward and take the trench. On 1st October he led his men forward under heavy fire, and single handed attacked and killed the occupants of two enemy posts, after which he took his men on to the railway cutting. (D.C.M. gazetted 19th November, 1917.)

91459 Pte. (A./Cpl.) T. W. Lilley, D.C.M., M.M., 1st Bn., Can. M.G. Corps.

For marked gallantry and initiative on 1st October, 1918, in the operations east of Haynecourt (north of Cambrai). In the face of heavy shell and machine-gun fire he galloped forward over exposed ground with a limber-load of filled belts for the machine-guns engaged in repelling a strong enemy counter-attack at a time when the infantry were forced to retire behind our machine guns. He made another trip to these machine guns in the same exposed positions with a load of bulk S.A.A. water and rations, enabling the machine gunners to repel the enemy attacks.

(D.C.M. gazetted 1900.)

198766 Sjt. D. Smith, D.C.M., 43rd Bn., Can. Inf.

In the attack through Tilloy on the 1st October, 1918, he single-handed captured an enemy machine-gun crew of seven men, and getting the gun in action, inflicted many casualties on the enemy. Later on he took charge of two platoons after they had lost their officers, and by his gallant leadership enabled them to take their objectives and consolidate their positions. When the enemy succeeded in penetrating one post he single handed drove them out, killing five, and taking seven prisoners. He showed splendid gallantry and initiative.

(D.C.M. gazetted 18th February, 1919.)

841293 Sjt. H. Weeks, D.C.M., 14th Bn., Can. Inf.

For most conspicuous gallantry and initiative during an attack near Sains lez Marquion, on 27th September, 1918. His officer early becoming a casualty, he took command and led his platoon forward most gallantly, attacking a machine-gun nest single handed, killing four, compelling the remainder to surrender, and capturing the gun. Later, in dealing with one thousand yards of the enemy's trenches, he personally captured two machine guns and twenty prisoners. He did splendid work.

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

AUSTRALIAN FORCE.

4411 Cpl. F. C. Frost, D.C.M., 20th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For fine courage and determination. On 3rd October, 1918, near Bearevoir, north of St. Quentin, he, on his own initiative, put a machine gun and crew which was holding up the advance, out of action. In order to do this he faced the heavy fire, crawling through a considerable quantity of enemy wire, and rushing the position single-handed killed the crew, thus allowing the advance to proceed without casualties which would otherwise have been sustained. His enterprise in

handling his own machine-gun team was conspicuous throughout the action.

(D.C.M. gazetted 18th February, 1919.)

1661 Sjt. J. E. V. K. Ingvarson, D.C.M., 44th Bn., Aust. Infy.

On the 29th September, 1918, during operations against the Hindenburg Line, south of Bony, whilst advancing with his platoon against intense enemy machine-gun and artillery fire, and finding that the platoon was held up by a nest of enemy machine guns he jumped out of a trench and rushed a distance of 100 yards in face of heavy fire, firing his rifles as he ran. He threw bombs amongst the enemy and succeeded in killing many, captured eight machine guns and two prisoners. The splendid courage shown by him and his prompt action removed a dangerous obstacle to the advance of his company. Later, he did excellent work in several bombing attacks.

(D.C.M. gazetted 30th October, 1918.)

1980 C./S./M. R. Mackenzie, D.C.M., 18th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in the attack near Estrees, north of St. Quentin, on 3rd October, 1918. The company commander and two other officers early became casualties. Under heavy machine-gun fire he cut a track through the wire and led his platoon through the gap. He was the first to reach the objective, and personally superintended its mopping up and consolidation. After all the company's objectives were taken he organised a small party and rushed a pillbox, personally bayonetting two enemy and capturing the remaining four. He did splendid work.

(D.C.M. gazetted 6th February, 1918.)

AWARDED THE DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.

97711 Spr. J. Ablitt, M.M., 21st Div. Sig. Coy., R.E. (Birmingham).

On 7th November, 1918, he personally laid all lines between brigade headquarters and units of the brigade at Limont Fontaine. This was done under continuous and heavy shell and machine-gun fire. He then took charge of the forward maintenance party and remained on the lines for 18 hours, keeping them through when they were being frequently broken by shells. It was chiefly owing to his fine example of energy, grit and determination that the lines kept through all day and night. He rendered valuable service.

240148 Sjt. G. S. Adams, 1/4th Bn., Sea. Highrs., T.F. (Brora).

For most conspicuous gallantry at Mont Houy on the 28th October, 1918. Single-handed he accounted for an enemy machine-gun and killed all the crew. Later, with the assistance of one man, he rushed another machine gun which was holding up the advance, putting it out of action and killing two of the crew, the remainder of which surrendered. When the objective was gained he selected a commanding position, brought up his platoon under heavy fire, and consolidated same. He showed magnificent courage and leadership throughout the operations.

2156 Cpl. (Sgnr.) J. Adams, 2nd Bn., North'd Fus. (Newsham).

For gallantry and devotion to duty in action near Le Catelet on 3/4th October, 1918. He was wounded early on the 3rd but did not leave his company for medical attention until the evening. Next morning he displayed great gallantry in the street fighting in Le Catelet, and was wounded when attempting to climb through a window of a house where an enemy machine gun had been firing. He still carried on and rejoined his company until wounded a third time. His fine example of pluck and determination was an inspiration to all who were with him.

9055 C./S./M. R. Adams, M.M., 1st Bn., North'n R. (Fowlmere, Cambs.).

For conspicuous gallantry and efficiency during an attack on enemy trenches south of Pontruet on 24th September, 1918. When all the officers in the company had become casualties he took command and reorganised the company. When his left flank was in the air, he formed a defensive flank under heavy machine-gun fire and held on to a sunken road in spite of attempts by superior numbers of the enemy to turn his flank. He himself turned a captured enemy machine gun on to the enemy with great effect, and held on to the position.

28934 Pte. A. G. Ainger, 6th Bn., R. Dub. Fus. (Hackney Wick).

On the 8th October, 1918, during the attack south of Villers Outreaux, whilst in command of a Lewis gun section he showed conspicuous pluck and devotion to duty. Although wounded he carried on with his section and cleverly outflanked the enemy, who were firing their field guns over open sights, and poured Lewis-gun fire amongst them. This gallant action and display of initiative immediately prevented many casualties to his comrades. He was subsequently badly wounded.

1323 Sjt. S. Allan, M.M., 6th Bn., Sea Highrs., T.F. (Daventry).

For most conspicuous gallantry. He was A./C.S.M. of his company during the attack on Famars Ridge on 25th October, 1918. The company was held up by a machine gun on the railway. He charged the team himself, captured it, and signalled to the remainder of the company to follow on. By his splendid action he enabled his company to reach its objective. He was afterwards wounded in the left shoulder.

104287 Pte. W. Allen, 29th Bn., Durh. L.I. (Desford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At Comines on 14th October, 1918, after a bridge had been established by the R.E., although subjected to heavy machine-gun and shell fire, he covered the withdrawal of the platoon which had gone across to hold the bridgehead which the R.E. were working. It was entirely due to his efforts that the party were able to get back to safety with only a few casualties. It was not until the safety of his comrades was assured that he left his position and sought a place of safety for himself.

15076 Pte. F. G. Ambrose, 8th Bn., E. Surr. R. (Fulham).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative near Ronsoy on the 18th September, 1918. He is the commanding officer's bugler, and while the companies were being reorganised on the Green Line, he saw a party of the enemy in a trench on the flank. He at once covered them with his rifle and walked towards them over the open, whereupon they threw down their arms and surrendered. By his initiative and gallant action he undoubtedly saved the lives of many of his comrades, and took 29 prisoners single-handed.

34258 Pte. A. Amesbury, 1st Bn., Devon. R. (Weston-super-Mare).

During the operations on 20th October, 1918, north-east of Neuville, for exceptional gallantry and devotion to duty. When an enemy sniper was giving trouble to the company he rushed forward and captured him. He later led a rush which captured two officers, nine O.R.s and two machine guns. His gallant behaviour throughout was a most magnificent example to his comrades.

68715 Bomdr. (Sig.) C. L. Amos, B/15th Bde., R.H.A. (Carshalton).

For marked gallantry and devotion to duty. He is a signaller, and on 22nd October, 1918, near Ooteghen, when his battery moved up in close support of the infantry, there was found to be a gap of 2,000 yards between two battalions. He ran a telephone line, under heavy machine-gun fire, to a farm, whence observation of this gap could be obtained. He and another N.C.O. remained at the farm under heavy fire for 18 hours, establishing a post of three Lewis guns, four riflemen and bombers. He sent back most valuable reports, and frequently went out to repair the line.

3381 Pte. T. Andrews, 1/5th Bn., S. Lan. R., T.F. (Manchester).

For marked gallantry and fearless leadership near Tournai on the 7th November, 1918. When his platoon was attacking a series of enemy posts round an occupied house, he dashed ahead of his section to the first post and bombed the dug-out, killing one of the enemy. Though wounded he continued to go ahead of his section to the house, and threw two bombs down the cellar. On leaving the house he was heavily fired at by a neighbouring post; but by his own rapid fire greatly assisted in overcoming the enemy fire.

43345 Pte. A. S. Appelbee, 1st Bn., Worc. R. (Stratford-on-Avon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the 14th October, 1918, during intense barrage of trench-mortar and machine-gun fire against his company front, he carried his platoon commander about 200 yards west of the Haute Deule Canal bank. He then collected Lewis gun drums and kept up a heavy fire on the enemy's positions along the east bank of the canal and also on a large party of the enemy working along the flank of his company on the west bank. He continued to cover the withdrawal of the remainder of his company

after his platoon commander had been killed, and did not attempt to get back himself until he saw the remainder of the company were in safety.

925224 Far./Sjt. W. M. Apps, M.M., D/282nd (Lond.) A. Bde., R.F.A., T.F. (L. Edmonton, N.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On 22nd October, 1918, north of Saulzoir, the enemy subjected the railway crossing to heavy shell fire whilst a convoy of ammunition wagons was passing. Two teams were killed and several N.C.O.s and men killed and wounded. He was in charge of a portion of the convoy, and was blown off his horse by a bursting shell, but in spite of being wounded he remained on the spot in face of continued shelling until every man and horse was clear of the crossing, thus allowing free passage for other traffic.

41695 L./Cpl. R. Armstrong, 9th Bn., R. Ir. Fus. (Farmanagh).

On 16th October, 1918, at the crossing of the Lys Canal at Courtrai, he was in command of a Lewis-gun section which he took across in the first boat under machine-gun barrage, having volunteered for the job. By getting his gun into position on the other side of the canal he was able to cover the remainder of the party. He personally fired the gun and put out of action two enemy machine guns. When the enemy were massing for a counter-attack he crossed a main street to get into a position from which he could fire and disperse the enemy, inflicting many casualties. Throughout the day he showed a splendid fighting spirit.

70524 L./C. T. Ashcroft, 16th Bn., R.W. Fus. (Bolton).

At Mortho Wood, north of Villers Outreaux, on 8th October, 1918, he displayed most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the early morning attack. His platoon, which was the first wave of the attack, came under most heavy machine-gun fire, and he was the only man left unwounded. On his own initiative he went on through the enemy wire by himself under very heavy fire, and, his rifle being broken, he was unable to defend himself, and was taken prisoner. He eventually succeeded in escaping, rejoined another company, and took part in the advance.

29784 L./C. W. J. R. Atherton, 8th Bn., Som. L.I. (Bristol).

For most conspicuous gallantry and good leadership on railway east of Ghissignies on the night of 30th/31st October, 1918. He was in charge of the leading section during a raid on the enemy position. When at the commencement an enemy machine gun opened fire he led his section into the railway and reached a position in rear of it, from which he killed the team. Later, he led half his section forward against another machine gun, killing or wounding the whole crew and putting the gun out of action. Throughout he did splendid work.

201495 Pte. T. Atkins, 1/5th Bn., Linc. R., T.F. (Stamford).

For fine courage and initiative on the 17th October, 1918, when the enemy positions

south-east of Vaux Andigny were attacked. During the attack on the village of Andigny les Fermes he located the position of an enemy machine gun on the edge of the village, pushed forward alone, under heavy fire, with a Lewis gun, all the rest of his section having become casualties, and kept up a continuous fire on the enemy gun, thereby neutralising it and saving many casualties. He was wounded in so doing, but continued to serve his gun until the objective had been gained.

13880 Sjt. R. R. Atkinson, M.M., 1st Bn., Norf. R., attd. 15th T.M. By (Brighton).

During the operations south-west of Cambrai on 27th September, 1918, when the enemy made a counter-attack he collected a few men and established a stop in a communication trench that the enemy was bombing down. In spite of heavy bombing and machine-gun fire he maintained this post against all attacks for a considerable time until the enemy withdrew. He showed the utmost gallantry and coolness, demonstrating the use of enemy bombs to his party before he counter-attacked the enemy.

16249 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) A. E. Austen, 32nd Bn., M.G. Corps (Deptford).

For marked gallantry and initiative on 1st and 2nd October, 1918. He was in charge of two gun teams which went forward with the infantry and took up positions on the left of Sequehart after its capture on 1st October. On 2nd, the enemy counter-attacked under cover of a heavy bombardment. Although more than half the personnel were killed or wounded by the shelling, he assisted the officer to get the guns into action and kept them firing at the advancing enemy even after the infantry had retired behind them. He showed great coolness and determination.

L/9439 Sjt. D. R. Ayling, 1st Bn., R.W. Surr. R. (Billinghurst).

Near Eclouin, on 7th November, 1918, he noticed a platoon under very heavy machine-gun fire which had lost all its officers and all its N.C.O.'s. He dashed across under intense machine-gun fire, collected them together, and led them forward in a most gallant manner, undoubtedly saving the men from getting out of control. Later on, rejoining his own platoon when under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire in a village, he set a splendid example of coolness and disregard of danger.

10161 Pte. P. Ayling, 2/4th Bn., Hamps. R., T.F. (nr. Chichester).

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Near Marcoing, on 30th September, 1918, he showed marked courage and sound leadership whilst in command of his section. He led them against an extremely strong machine-gun nest which temporarily checked them. He thereupon went back some 80 yards in face of very heavy machine-gun fire and brought a Lewis gun back to his section. When this enemy position was ultimately taken it was found that the nest contained 22 machine guns, all of which were captured and their crews killed.

G/3494 Sjt. F. N. Bacon, 7th Bn., E. Kent R. (Stock).

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the operations of the 23rd October, 1918, east of Le Cateau. On one occasion, when his company was checked by heavy machine-gun fire, he, on his own initiative, dashed forward, and, although under heavy machine-gun fire from supporting machine guns, he captured the gun and crew. This had the effect of causing the other gunners to withdraw, and the company was able to get forward and eventually reach its objective. Throughout the operations he behaved splendidly.

201839 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) W. H. Bagnall, 1/5th Bn., Notts. & Derby. R., T.F. (Castle Gresley).

For conspicuous gallantry and leadership near Montbrechain on 3rd October, 1918. After his officer had become a casualty he took charge of his platoon very successfully. Later, when his platoon was surrounded by the enemy, he, at great personal risk, succeeded in getting a Vickers gun into position, and, manning it himself, kept the enemy at bay for three hours. He did splendid work.

66917 Cpl. J. W. Baldwin, 1/8th Bn., Lan. Fus., T.F. (nr. Preston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the night of 12th/13th October, 1918, near Braistre in command of an isolated forward post. Four times during the night the enemy attempted to raid his position, but each time was completely repulsed with heavy loss, one prisoner being captured. On the following afternoon, when the enemy counter-attacked, he, though wounded, hung on to his position until compelled to withdraw by heavy enfilade fire. He then established his men in another position, and refused to have his wound dressed until ordered to the dressing-station. His behaviour was splendid throughout.

4615 Ctr. Sjt. (A./C./S./M.) A. E. Ball, 12th Bn., Manch. R. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry on 4th November, 1918, in the Forest of Mormal. He, single-handed, rushed an enemy machine gun and killed all the team at a very critical moment. By his splendid example and leadership he set an excellent example to the men of his company, and proved himself a magnificent soldier and leader of men. His conduct is most highly spoken of on all sides.

9835 Sjt. C. P. Bancroft, 27th Sge. By., R.G.A. (Ealing, W.).

On 27th September, 1918, near Inchy, when several casualties had been caused to the battery by heavy enemy fire, he kept his gun in action, repeatedly rallying his men although shells were dropping within a few yards of his gun. When a gun detachment was completely wiped out he ran to render assistance, but seeing they were past aid, he returned to his gun and continued firing. He showed marked personal gallantry under very trying circumstances.

63723 Sjt. W. A. B. Barclay, 19th Bn., M.G. Corps (Peterhead).

On the 4th November, 1918, near Eth, he rendered invaluable assistance during consolidation under intense shell fire by field guns at point-blank range on a forward slope. Later, he again showed the greatest courage in taking up another position under heavy fire. He was eventually wounded while leading his gun teams forward, but refused to leave his guns until ordered to do so by an officer. Throughout the operations he set a fine example to all.

860477 Pte. (A./L./C.) A. Barfoot, 33rd Bn., Lond. R. (Chesterfield).

At Bussuyt, on the 4th/5th November, 1918, he was in charge of a Lewis-gun team. Having crossed the Scheldt he came into contact with an enemy machine gun which put two bullets through the magazine and body-cover of his Lewis gun. One of the team then shot the enemy officer in charge, and he himself shot four men and captured the machine gun. Throughout the whole operation he showed the utmost dash and gallantry.

26067 Sjt. J. Barford, 2nd Bn., Bedf. R. (Luton).

During operations near Ronsoy, on 18th/21st September, 1918, he had become detached from his regiment, and whilst with another he set a fine example of courage and dash. After the capture of the enemy strong point on the evening of the 21st September, he volunteered to go out and capture an enemy machine gun. He went with a small party and accomplished his task so skilfully that he shot two of the team, captured the gun, and brought in the remainder of the team as prisoners. He was also a considerable help in organisation. He proved himself a soldier of the highest quality.

19117 Sjt. T. H. Barker, M.M., 2nd Bn., R. Sco. Fus. (Bradford).

During the advance from the canal to Incoyghem, from 19th to 26th October, 1918, he displayed the highest qualities of gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst passing through the village of Deerlyck on the morning of the 20th, his company was fired on by an enemy machine gun hidden in a house. He immediately dashed in and put it out of action, killing two of the enemy who were with it. The prompt courage of this N.C.O. was the means of saving many lives and allowing his company to advance. Throughout the whole advance he did admirable work.

67165 Cpl. G. E. Barlow, 96th Fd. Amb., R.A.M.C. (Manchester).

On the morning of the 11th September, 1918, he was in charge of bearers in the Wervicq-Commines area. When the enemy opened a heavy and continuous gas bombardment, he at once proceeded to the area under bombardment and attended to casualties. While effecting the evacuation of the cases he was wounded, but continued to go from dugout to dugout attending to the gassed. He showed gallantry and devotion to duty.

241211 Sjt. A. E. Barnes, 2/5th Bn., Glouc. R., T.F. (York).

For gallantry and devotion to duty. At Maresches, during a night attack on 1st November, 1918, he was acting C.S.M. The advance was held up in one sector by a strong enemy post, and he, with his company commander and a few men, rushed the post. He bayoneted two of the enemy and knocked another out with his fists. His fine courage and example inspired the confidence of all ranks.

350477 Pte. G. Barnett, 2/1st (E. Lan.) Fd. Amb., R.A.M.C., T.F. (Brighton).

On the night of 20th/21st October, 1918, information was received that ten men of the M.G.C. were lying wounded at a farm near Vichte. Under heavy fire, and over unknown country, he guided a party of bearers there and back to a car post, and returned again to complete the evacuation before dawn. He also visited two neighbouring R.A.P.s to make certain they were clear. It was due to his courage and energy that these casualties were successfully evacuated.

532311 L./Cpl. (A./Cpl.) J. D. Barnfather, 2/15th Bn., Lond. R. (Grays).

For most conspicuous gallantry and dash on 14th October, 1918, during the attack on the enemy positions east of the River Lys, near Bousbecque. When his section was temporarily held up he rushed a pillbox single-handed, killing several of the enemy and capturing the remainder, together with two machine guns. His example was brilliant, and he continued to lead his men with the same daring throughout the subsequent operations.

134131 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) C. H. Barrow, 64th Fd. Coy., R.E. (Bournemouth).

On the night of 16th/17th October, 1918, at Cuerne. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a bridging party throwing a bridge across a canal to enable the infantry to attack the enemy holding the opposite bank. By his fine example he held his party together and in spite of continuous machine-gun and shell fire succeeded in establishing a bridge.

200208 Sjt. T. Barrow, 1/4th Bn., R. Lan. R., T.F. (Coniston).

Near Bôuvines on 18th October, 1918, he led his men with such dash and skill that a forked road commanding the approach to the village of Bas Sainghin, defended by machine guns, was seized and the village cleared of the enemy. Later, although the enemy was still in force on his flank, he forced the crossing of La Marque River, leading his platoon over an improvised bridge, and compelled the enemy rearguards to evacuate Bouvines. His fearless leadership and initiative inspired his men with complete confidence.

85628 Spr. (A./2nd Cpl.) A. G. Bason, 34th Div. Sig. Coy., R.E., attd. R.A. (Redgrave).

Previous to and during the operations near Gheluwe, on 14th October, 1918, as N.C.O. in charge R.A. lines, he worked incessantly under intense shell fire repairing and laying telephone lines. On this occasion he suc-

ceeded in laying and maintaining lines during a critical period. The excellence of the communications was in great measure due to his energy and gallantry. His enterprise and extreme devotion to duty were an inspiration to all his men.

G/3377 Sjt. C. C. Batchelor, M.M., 7th Bn., E. Kent R. (Bethnal Green).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the operations 23rd-26th October, 1918, east of Le Cateau. He personally laid telephone wires to the companies then occupying the village of Bousies, although very heavily fired upon by numerous machine guns. Later he displayed great gallantry in repairing telephone lines under heavy shell fire. Owing to his energy the commanding officer was constantly in touch with his companies, which greatly assisted the development of the operations. During the whole of the operations he set a splendid example to those with him.

66258 Pte. R. Batchelor, 1st Bn., Worc. R. (Glasgow).

On the 7th October, 1918, south of Oppy, during the whole day he showed marked gallantry and the maximum of eagerness to keep in touch with the enemy. At a critical moment in the attack he crawled ahead along the parados under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, and inflicted heavy casualties by Lewis-gun fire upon the enemy. His skilful firing of rifle grenades on several occasions enabled his section to advance and make ground good with no casualties.

203664 Pte. G. W. Battison, 9th Bn., Norf. R. (Northampton).

For marked courage and initiative. At Bohain on 9th October, 1918, he advanced alone with his Lewis gun under heavy machine-gun fire to a position about 200 yards in front of his platoon, when they were held up, and engaged the enemy machine gun, inflicting casualties on them and causing them to abandon their gun, and so enabled the platoon to advance to their final objective. His conduct throughout the day was a splendid example to all his comrades.

55943 Sjt. E. Beavis, 6th Bn., M.G. Corps (Largs, Ayrshire).

During the operations at Ramicourt on the 7th October, 1918, whilst in charge of a machine-gun section, he showed great courage and initiative in bringing his gun into action under very heavy shell and machine-gun fire. He brought direct overhead fire to bear on the enemy, causing them many casualties and assisting our infantry to advance. The example set by him was inspiring to all under the trying circumstances.

21871 Pte. (L./C.) C. Bell, M.M., 1st Bn., K.O.S.B. (Lahore, Fife).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 13th October, 1918, near Ledeghem while accompanying an officer on a daylight patrol. Coming under heavy machine-gun fire the officer was badly wounded, and L./Cpl. Bell dressed his wounds and made several gallant attempts to get him back to his lines alive. He behaved most pluckily.

18/643 Cpl. H. Bell, 15th Bn., R. Ir. Rif. (Groomsfort, Co. Down).

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the attack on 14th October, 1918, in the Moorseele Sector. At a point during the advance his platoon was being held up by machine guns. He at once led his section round the flank of the post and charged it, killing or capturing all the occupants. Later, when his platoon serjeant was wounded, he took command and led his platoon to its objective. His conduct throughout the operations was splendid.

51385 Sjt. J. H. Bell, M.M., 2nd Bn., R. Sco. Fus. (Ardrossan).

From the commencement of the advance east of Ypres, on the 28th September, 1918, to east of Ingoyghem on 26th October, he has been in every action, and has at all times and on all occasions displayed most marked courage and determination. On the 20th October, during the operation which entailed the crossing of the Lys, he commanded his platoon and led it with conspicuous gallantry and success. On one occasion he advanced alone with a Lewis gun into our barrage which was falling short, and brought rear fire to bear on the enemy, killing and wounding several and causing the others to surrender. Later, when held up by heavy machine-gun fire from a farm, he collected all the men he could see and rushed it, capturing the position. Throughout the operations his work and conduct were of the highest order.

27691 Sjt. R. H. Benson, M.M., 1st Bn., R. Dub. Fus. (Rathgar, Dublin).

In operations east of Ledeghem on 14th October, 1918, he cleared three farmhouses held by the enemy—two with snipers and one with machine gun. In each case he worked round to the rear of the farmhouses, when he opened fire with his Lewis gun. He then rushed the houses and cleared them, enabling his platoon to advance without suffering casualties. He rendered great assistance in the final stages of the attack, reorganising sections which had lost their commanders as casualties. He showed marked courage, determination and devotion to duty throughout the day.

3612 Sjt. L. G. E. Bentley, 17th Bn., M.G. Corps (Hampstead).

For marked gallantry and initiative on the 4th November, 1918, during the attack on the Forêt-de-Mormal. He was left in charge of four gun teams whilst his section officer went forward to reconnoitre a route for pack animals. On receiving orders to bring his guns into action he pushed forward 200 yards in front of the infantry, whom he was accompanying, and under heavy machine-gun fire selected a position, and though wounded brought his guns into action and silenced enemy machine guns which were holding up the advance.

A./1856 Sjt. D. A. E. Beresford, M.M., 16th Bn., K.R.R.C. (W. Bromwich).

For most conspicuous gallantry and ability near Englefontaine on 25th October, 1918. A party of 75 enemy, armed with many machine guns, had driven in one of our posts. He was placed in charge of a counter-attack-

ing party of one Lewis gun section and one rifle section. With this small force he drove the enemy back by working on their flanks, inflicted severe casualties, and re-established the post, capturing four enemy machine guns.

71286 Pte. H. Beresford, 2nd Bn., Notts. & Derby. R. (Hucknall).

For marked gallantry and good work on 8th October, 1918, near Doon Mill. A strong point on a sunken road was holding up the line on the left and he led four men round the flank, fired rifle grenades into the post and rushed it, capturing about 40 prisoners. He then led his party round the flank of Doon Mill and helped to capture it. Throughout the operations he was always amongst the first to come to grips with the enemy, and set a splendid example to his comrades.

40388 Pte. (L./Cnl.) T. Betterley, 20th Bn., Manch. R. (Nantwich).

For conspicuous courage and ability in charge of a Lewis gun section. At Beauvoir on 4th October, he brought his gun into action against enemy machine guns with great effect. During the attack on 8th October and 9th he did splendid work against hostile machine guns in front of Bronx Farm, and later, when under accurate fire from Foal Copse, he kept his gun in action, and it was under cover of the fire from his gun that the company was able to rush the copse. He was slightly wounded on 10th, but did not leave the company until he knew that it would shortly be relieved.

23316 Sjt. C. Beynon, 2nd Bn., S.W. Bord. (Blaina, Mon.).

Near Salines on 18th October, 1918, for marked courage and devotion to duty. Though wounded in the hand and throat he continued to lead his men and cheer them on till his voice gave out owing to his wound. Although unable to speak he still led his men forward, setting a very fine example of gallantry and determination. Though very exhausted he refused to go back until relieved by another serjeant and ordered to go to the aid post.

510019 Sjt. G. Biddle, M.M., 2/2nd (Lond.) Fd. Amb., R.A.M.C., T.F. (Waltham).

While in charge of four squadrons of stretcher bearers during the period 5th-8th November, 1918, under heavy shell fire, he successfully evacuated cases from R.A.Ps., kept his relay posts clear by personally conducting wounded cases until out of danger, and keeping in touch with the aid posts at great personal risk. Throughout he set his men a fine example of gallantry and devotion to duty.

28911 Sjt. A. L. Biggs, 7th Bn., E. York. R. (Enderby).

During the attacks on Neuville Heights on the night of 19th/20th October he led his platoon with marked gallantry. Before the railway was reached the platoon was checked by wire, and he led the way in pulling up the iron stakes under machine-gun fire, so enabling his platoon to pass through before our barrage moved away. After the objective was gained he led a Lewis gun team of five men to the attack on an enemy position

held by two machine guns and about 30 men and rushed the guns, capturing them and killing all the enemy gunners, he himself killing two. By his fine action he saved many casualties.

2340 Sjt. W. Binnington, 2nd Bn., North'd Fus. (High Spen, Co. Durham).

For most conspicuous gallantry as battalion signalling serjeant during attack on Le Catelet on 4th October, 1918. During the two attacks on Le Catelet on 4th October he led a battalion headquarter platoon in a most dashing manner, inflicting loss on the enemy and greatly assisting our advance. He also obtained signal communication with brigade headquarters under heavy shell and machine-gun fire. In the mopping up of Le Catelet he silenced a machine gun in a house by throwing bombs through a window. He rendered excellent service.

12077 Sjt. (A./C./S./M.) R. S. Birkinshaw, 1st Bn., W. York. R. (Ripon).

At Selency, on 24th September, 1918, he displayed marked gallantry and devotion to duty under intense machine-gun and shell fire. He advanced with his platoon to assault a barricade across the road, the barricade being a nest of enemy machine guns. He got separated from his platoon officer, but went on with three men and bombed the two enemy posts on either side of the barricade, driving the enemy out, but was counter-attacked. At night, with six of his men he effected a ledgment in the enemy's trench further to his right. From here he bombed his way down to the barricade, captured it and took four machine guns. He showed determined gallantry.

337734 Cpl. A. H. Birks, 94th Sge. By., R.G.A. (Hartlepool).

On the 27/28th September, 1918, at Ronsoy, he was mounting his gun. The position was heavily harassed both with high-explosive and gas shell throughout the operation. Although he lost nine men of his sub-section from shell fire during the work, he displayed great gallantry and coolness, and to his personal efforts was due the successful mounting of the gun under most difficult circumstances, thus ensuring its participation in our attack on 29th September, 1918.

S/6579 Sjt. G. Birrell, M.M., 8th Bn., R. Highrs., attd. 26th L.T.M. By. (Edinburgh).

During the attack on Ledeghem on 1st October, 1918, he did most excellent work with the section under his command until his guns were put out of action. Then, hearing that the front line were short of Lewis-gun ammunition, he organised parties to carry same up to the line. These he led up several times under withering machine-gun and rifle fire, and by his initiative and disregard of danger saved a very serious situation.

S/41077 Pte. E. Black, 1/6th Bn., R. Highrs., T.F. (Forfar).

On 26th October, 1918, near Famars, he saw an enemy training his machine gun on advancing troops. He rushed towards the gun, firing with a captured enemy revolver, and forced the gunner to surrender with his gun. On other occasions, as platoon runner,

his devotion to duty under heavy fire was magnificent. All through he behaved with the greatest gallantry and complete disregard for his own safety.

22949 Sjt. R. Blackburn, M.M., 2nd Bn., G. Gds. (Carthorpe).

For most conspicuous gallantry and determination between St. Python and Vertain on 20th October, 1918. He was acting as C.S.M. On reaching the battalion's first objective he noticed a large party of the enemy with machine guns and trench mortars in a sunken road. He promptly organised a party and charged with the bayonet, inflicting severe losses on the enemy, capturing prisoners, two trench mortars, and several machine guns. Later, when nearing the final objective, with three men he rushed into a house under heavy machine-gun fire, where he captured one officer, twenty-five prisoners and a field gun. Throughout he rendered valuable service.

331037 Sjt. F. S. Blamire, 1/1st Bn., Cambs. R., T.F. (Cockfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership at Epehy on the 18/19th September, 1918. When his platoon was held up by a strong machine-gun nest, he went across the open to a tank and directed it to the machine-gun nest. He then followed with his platoon, and sent back as a result several prisoners. On the 19th September, in command of the company, he led them ably and gained his objective.

L/13223 Sjt. L. G. Blampied, M.M., 1st Bn., Midd'x R. (Bristol).

During the advance on the enemy position at Englefontaine on the 24th October, 1918, the line was held up by heavy machine-gun and rifle fire. He collected a few men around him and charged the enemy position, inspiring the company to a further advance. Later, when his company commander had been killed, he assisted the second in command to rally the company under very heavy fire, and by his splendid example very greatly assisted in making the attack a complete success. Throughout the operations he showed most determined courage.

471702 Spr. (L./C.) J. Bloom, 122nd Fd. Coy., R.E. (Upton-on-Severn).

On the 16th October, 1918, during the bridging operations at Courtrai, he was one of the volunteers to get the rope across for the first pontoon, and displayed marked gallantry and coolness. He made several crossings of the River Lys with the first pontoon, and when the pontoons were destroyed by artillery fire and his officers and senior N.C.O.'s killed or wounded by machine-gun fire, he superintended the landing, and personally pulled two successive boatloads of infantry across the canal.

43948 Pte. L. Bottomley, 1st Bn., R. Berks. R. (Oldham).

For conspicuous gallantry on 29th September, 1918, near Noyelles. When his platoon was being harassed by an enemy sniper from the factory across the canal, he volunteered to go forward and silence him. This, under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, he succeeded in doing single-handed and bringing him back to his lines. Throughout the three

days' operations he showed marked devotion to duty and rendered valuable service.

S/2159 Pte. W. H. Boulter, 2nd Bn., R. Suss. R. (Hastings).

For most gallant conduct in the attack on the enemy positions on 24th September, 1918, north of Gricourt. He was No. 1 of a Lewis-gun team. When the enemy counter-attacked he rushed forward alone into the open, got his gun into action, and inflicted many casualties on the enemy. His prompt action and utter disregard of danger undoubtedly helped to save the situation at a very critical time.

47277 Rfn. D. Bow, 1st Bn., R. Ir. Rif. (Merthyr Tydvil).

As No. 1 of his Lewis-gun team during the fighting south of Dadizeele on 4th October, 1918, he showed most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an enemy attack he went out into No Man's Land under heavy machine-gun fire and inflicted very heavy casualties on the enemy, thereby greatly assisting in the defence of our position. He was wounded in two places, but refused to go to the rear, as he knew that no other Lewis-gunner was available, and carried on until severely wounded by shell fire. His grit and courage were most marked.

11807 Sjt. (A./C./S./M.) A. G. Bowden, 11th Bn., R. Fus. (Barnstaple).

On the 30th September, 1918, during the advance to Vendhuile, the company commander and two platoon officers having become casualties, and only one platoon officer remaining, he rendered the greatest assistance possible to his new company commander. Throughout the operation he most gallantly helped to reorganise the company on its move forward, and, although continually exposed, kept cheering on the men, showing a wonderful spirit which set a great example to all ranks at a somewhat critical period. Throughout the operation his conduct was admirable.

5874 C./S./M. J. E. Bowen, 2nd Bn., R.W. Fus. (nr. Leeds).

For most conspicuous gallantry and initiative during the attack on Villers Outreaux on the 8th October, 1918. A platoon of his company having been held up by the enemy in the village, he took four men and worked round the flank of a party of the enemy with machine-guns, whom he attacked from the rear, taking 21 prisoners. Throughout the morning he was of the greatest value in assisting his company commander to work the company forward through the village in face of severe opposition. His energy and fearless conduct contributed very largely to the success of his company.

14025 Cpl. J. Bowes, 9th Bn., R. Innis. Fus. (Fermanagh).

In the Beveren-Deselghem area on the night of 19th/20th October, 1918, beside the River Lys, he displayed the greatest gallantry and determination. After several attempts under very heavy fire he succeeded in taking a telephone line across the river and established communication with battalion headquarters. Throughout the night he worked unceasingly mending this line under

fire, and it was owing to his devotion to duty that valuable information was obtained.

R/3986 Cpl. J. Bowker, 13th Bn., K.R.R.C. (Clitheroe).

For most conspicuous gallantry and fine work during the attack on Lauvignies-lez-Quesnoy, 4th November, 1918, when in command of a Lewis-gun section. When the first objective had been reached, fire was opened from an enemy machine gun in front. He immediately went forward with his team, and by accurate fire knocked out the gun. Fire was then suddenly opened on him from another machine gun which was holding out actually in rear of this position, and the remainder of his team became casualties. Single-handed he approached the enemy gun, opened fire at point-blank range, and killed the entire crew.

10375 Sjt. R. J. Boyd, 1st Bn., R. Innis. Fus. (Ramsey, Isle of Man).

In an attack near Ledeghem on the 14th October, 1918, he led a platoon with great skill and dash through the enemy barrage against strong opposition. He was responsible for the capture of several machine guns and prisoners before reaching his objective. On the night 19th/20th, when an enemy machine gun enfiladed his company from the flank, causing several casualties and delaying the advance, he personally led a few men and put the gun out of action. Later, under heavy fire, he led a small party forward and brought in wounded who had been left behind. He did most gallant work, and set a splendid example throughout to those with him.

44504 L./C. (A./Cpl.) G. W. T. Bozzard, 1st Bn., Som. L.I. (Penshore).

For marked gallantry and initiative near Verchain on 24th October, 1918. When the first objective was reached a large enemy post containing two machine guns under an officer offered strong resistance, causing us many casualties. He dashed out alone from under cover towards the post, threw a bomb at it, knocking out the gunner and one machine gun. He then went on alone and captured the remainder of the post, consisting of an officer and eight men. He did splendid work.

240644 Pte. J. Bracchi, 1/5th Bn., Notts. & Derby. R., T.F. (Manchester).

Near Regnicourt, on 17th October, 1918, when the remainder of his section became casualties, under heavy machine-gun fire he succeeded in crawling forward and bringing Lewis-gun fire to bear on the enemy. Although he was buried by a shell and his gun rendered useless, he immediately obtained possession of the neighbouring Lewis gun and continued firing. He showed the greatest gallantry throughout the attack.

8764 C./S./M. C. Brady, 1st Bn., York. L.I. (Pontefract).

For marked gallantry and devotion to duty during the operations south of Le Cateau on the 17th October, 1918. He went forward alone and mopped up hostile machine-gun emplacements in the face of heavy hostile machine-gun fire, killing three and capturing 20 others. His splendid act

of courage at a critical moment in the fight materially helped the successful issue of the battle.

61112 B./S./M. C. W. Brettell, M.M., C/236th (Lond.) Bde., R.F.A., T.F. (Custom House).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On 18th August, 1918, he led three successive convoys through a heavy barrage of mixed gas and high-explosive shell on to the gun position at Bouzincourt. On 3rd September he brought some stray teams through a heavy barrage on to the right road. On 6th September, when in charge of some wagons loading ammunition, he again showed cool courage under sudden enemy fire. Throughout the period 17th August to 6th September, 1918, by his personal example, he kept the morale of the battery wagon line up to a very high pitch.

270006 Pte. A. E. Brewer, 1/6th Bn., Manch. R., T.F. (Manchester).

At Marou, on 20th October, 1918, after his section commander had been wounded, he took command of his section and very gallantly led and controlled it throughout the day. In a different operation at night he showed great initiative in the attack on an enemy machine-gun nest which was holding up the advance and succeeded in capturing 12 prisoners and one machine gun. It was largely due to his initiative and fearless leadership that this position was taken.

7898 Pte. W. Bridgwater, 1st Bn., Shrops. L.I. (Bellevardine, Salop).

During the attack near Montbrehain, on 8th October, 1918, he, with fine courage and determination, rushed an enemy machine-gun post, bayoneting one enemy and stunning another with the butt-end of his rifle. The remainder of the post were then taken prisoners. This most gallant act was the means of saving many casualties, and enabled the advance to be continued successfully.

18691 L./Cpl. A. Brierley, 2nd Bn., Notts. & Derby. R. (Mansfield Woodhouse).

On the morning of the 18th September, 1918, in front of St. Quentin, during the attack on the Quadrilateral, he did splendid work while acting as company stretcher-bearer. He did not cease from tending and bringing in the wounded till he had been wounded three times. All day long he continued to carry out his duties under a very heavy fire from both machine guns and artillery, often exposing himself to great risk in order to reach some badly wounded man near the enemy's wire. By his great gallantry he undoubtedly saved many lives.

9402 C./S./M. J. Britt, M.M., 6th Bn., Dorset. R. (Sheffield).

For marked gallantry and good work. During the attack through the Forêt de Mormal, on the 4th November, 1918, a company was held up by heavy fire. At dusk he led forward a fighting patrol, and advanced 300 yards when an enemy post was encountered to the front. On being heavily fired on he kept his men together, silenced the enemy guns, himself firing a Lewis gun most effectively. In this post he captured five

machine guns and killed seven of the enemy, the others running away under cover. He also captured another post of two enemy machine guns 200 yards away.

44536 Cpl. (A./L./Sjt.) H. Brooke, 38th Bn., M.G. Corps (Ossett).

For conspicuous gallantry and ability during operations near Le Cateau on the 20th October, 1918. He led his section across the River Selle under heavy fire, and by skilful leadership got them into position with the infantry on the final objective without loss. When the enemy were reported to be preparing for a counter-attack, he went out alone in front to reconnoitre, and personally knocked out an enemy machine gun, killing the crew. He later silenced another machine gun, and afterwards scattered an initial counter-attack, killing some 30 of the enemy. He rendered valuable service.

204487 L./Cpl. A. Brooks, 1st Bn., Shrops. L.I. (Levenshulme).

On 24th September, 1918, near Fresnoy, he showed splendid gallantry in attacking an enemy machine-gun nest. In broad daylight, and in face of very heavy fire, he approached and successfully bombed this nest, and even though he was seriously wounded, continued his bombing, with result that he put out of action the whole of the enemy's guns. Throughout the whole advance he showed marked courage and coolness.

DM/153985 Pte. C. A. Broom, M.M., R.A.S.C. (M.T.), attd. 87th (W. Lan.) Fd. Amb., R.A.M.C., T.F. (Christchurch).

During the operations of 21st October and 22nd October, 1918, he showed great gallantry whilst engaged in the evacuation of the wounded from the R.A.P.s in front of Bantout Bosche to a car-loading post further in the rear. Immediately after zero he brought his Ford ambulance straight to the R.A.P., 600 yards from the line, whilst the road was being heavily shelled, and he continued to remove the cases from the R.A.P. for hours during the rush of casualties, notwithstanding heavy shelling of the road at short intervals. His fine devotion to duty saved many lives.

63250 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) S. W. Broughton, 2/4th Bn., York. L.I., T.F. (Leeds).

At Ribecourt, on 27th September, 1918, when his company were held up by heavy machine-gun fire, he rushed a machine-gun position and captured six prisoners. Later, when in command of a platoon which had become detached from his company, they were held up by very heavy machine-gun fire; sending out one Lewis gun to a flank, he rushed the machine-gun position, killing eight of the enemy and capturing two machine guns. He then reorganised his platoon, pushed forward, and succeeded in establishing touch with the remainder of the company. He did splendid work, and showed most marked courage and initiative.

S/6870 Cpl. (A./L./Sjt.) A. Brown, M.M., 7th Bn., Sea. Highrs. (Cowdenbeath).

For most conspicuous gallantry and determination. On 1st October, 1918, when the line near Ledeghem was being consolidated, an enemy machine gun in front was causing

casualties to our men. He went forward by himself, shot the team of this gun and put the gun out of action, thus saving many casualties. He did exceptionally well during the operations 28th September-3rd October, 1918.

26326 Sjt. J. Brown, M.M., 1/5th Bn., Notts. & Derby. R., T.F. (Sutton Bonington).

At Lehaucourt, on 29th September, 1918, he was in charge of his platoon and showed great gallantry and coolness. When the left flank was held up he pushed forward his platoon on the right and gained his objective, capturing three 5.9s, three machine guns, and an anti-tank gun with numerous prisoners, thus enabling the left flank to gain their objective. His gallantry throughout the day was splendid.

S/9526 Cpl. J. Brown, 3rd Bn. (attd. 2nd Bn.), Arg. & Suth'd Highrs. (Falkirk).

During the attack near Forest, on 23rd October, 1918, he displayed the greatest gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon officer and serjeant had become casualties, he at once assumed command of his platoon and led them forward, capturing their final objective. Subsequently, on 24th October, when all the other N.C.O.'s in his company had become casualties, he acted as C.S.M. and proved of the greatest assistance to his company commander, encouraging and assisting the men in the consolidation of their newly won position under heavy fire.

52274 Pte. W. T. A. Brown, 1st Bn., Worc. R. (Poole).

South of Oppy, on the night of the 6th/7th October, 1918, he was leading bayonet man of a bombing party. He showed great courage and resolution in pressing forward to his objective in spite of strong opposition and heavy enemy bombing and machine-gun fire. His cool demeanour and determined manner had the effect of steadying the men behind him and ultimately led to the position being taken, together with numerous prisoners and machine guns. He set a fine personal example.

326371 A./Sjt. H. A. Browne, 2nd Bn., Suff. R. (W. Wrathing, Cambs.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Rumilly on 1st October, 1918. When in charge of a Lewis gun he volunteered to work round the flank and put out of action a nest of machine guns. Although coming under most intense direct machine-gun fire, he successfully accomplished his task, taking 12 machine guns and 50 prisoners. He showed splendid courage, and rendered most valuable service.

39601 A./Cpl. A. E. Brummel, 1/5th Bn., S. Staffs. R., T.F. (Bedford).

For conspicuous courage and good work. On the 28th September, 1918, north of Belenglise, when the enemy attacked and entered our outpost line on the west side of the St. Quentin Canal, he showed conspicuous gallantry in beating them out of our trenches with a counter-bombing attack, and later putting out of action an enemy light trench mortar before his company was finally driven back. On the 29th September he was

the first of his company to cross the canal and take prisoners on the other side. Later, he was again the first of his company to enter the second objective and captured 40 prisoners.

11120 Cpl. C. Brumpton, M.M., 1st Bn., Linc. R. (Blankney Grange).

For marked gallantry and good work during the operations on the 6th November, 1918. His company was ordered to establish a bridgehead across the River Sambre at Berlaimont. While crossing the river by the broken lock an enemy machine gun opened fire from the east bank of the river. He at once ran forward with a Lewis gun, engaged the enemy and then rushed the only remaining bridge, which was mined for demolition. By his fine action the enemy was dislodged and the way cleared for his company to go forward and man the bridgehead.

203285 Pte. J. Buchanan, M.M., 1/5th Bn., K.O.S.B., T.F. (Galashiels).

During the advance near Gheluwe on 14th October, 1918, he showed most conspicuous gallantry. When the company attacked the various pill-boxes and strong points, he was always leading, and his conduct and absolute disregard to personal danger was a splendid example to his comrades. During the advance, after all the N.C.O.'s of his platoon became casualties, he took command of the platoon, and by his personal example succeeded in completing the whole of the task allotted to his platoon.

G/61684 Sjt. E. J. Buckley, 3th Bn., R. Fus. (St. Pancras).

For conspicuous gallantry and able leadership on the night of the 24th October, 1918, north of Ghissignies. He was ordered to join a gap between the two front line companies of the battalion on extremely short notice. He got his platoon forward, got on to his objective, putting out of action two enemy machine-gun teams which had been subjecting the platoon to heavy fire throughout, and finally established touch. He rendered excellent service.

8772 Sjt. J. Buckley, 4th Bn., K.R.R.C. (Sunderland).

On 17th October, 1918, south of Le Cateau, during the advance, a machine gun opened fire from the flank. He at once on his own initiative charged it with two men, killing the gunners and capturing the rest of the section, by his splendid action saving a difficult situation. He has displayed conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty throughout the recent operations, and his work as platoon serjeant has been of the greatest value and assistance in every emergency.

54842 Sjt. C. Bull, 29th Bn., M.G. Corps (Bury St. Edmunds).

For most conspicuous gallantry and good work. On the 22nd October, 1918, near Kattestraat he led his sub-section successfully through the enemy artillery barrage, and was then stopped by a strongly-held farmhouse. With absolute disregard of the heavy fire opened on any movement or attempt to advance, he worked round the buildings, which he finally surrounded, when

forty-five men and four machine guns surrendered to him. Throughout the operations of 14/22nd his conduct was of the highest order, and an unflinching example to his men.

S/2187 Pte. E. W. Burke, 2nd Bn., R. Suss. R. (Liverpool).

For marked gallantry and devotion to duty in the attack on Pontru on 18th September, 1918. He was a platoon runner, and though wounded, he refused to leave his platoon. In getting a message to one platoon he had to cross 200 yards of ground swept by very heavy machine-gun fire. Later, part of his company had to withdraw slightly. He went forward 150 yards under machine-gun fire and carried a wounded man back to the unit. Throughout he behaved splendidly.

18694 Cpl. P. Burlong, M.M., 1st Bn., Essex R. (Braintree).

For most conspicuous gallantry and initiative in Jolimetz on 4th November, 1918. He repeatedly went forward alone on his own initiative into the houses and cellars in the village, clearing out the enemy. Eventually he exhausted all his ammunition, but nevertheless he again ran forward to an enemy machine-gun post, and, threatening the team with his empty revolver, captured the team and machine gun. He did splendid work.

G/1229 Cpl. W. Butler, M.M., 4th Bn., Midd'x R. (Huyton, near Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Near Briseux Wood on the 8th October, 1918, when the first wave were held up on a ridge by machine-gun fire, he volunteered to take a patrol into the valley in front. He remained out four hours, obtaining information of importance which greatly assisted later operations. He opened rifle fire on the enemy gun teams, and brought one team down. On 12th October, although wounded, he stayed with his wounded officer throughout the morning, and finally succeeded in bringing him in.

9952 Sjt. E. Cable, 1st Bn., Essex R. (Rochester).

At Belaise Farm, on 8th October, 1918, he displayed the greatest courage and initiative. He rushed a machine gun and killed and wounded the team. He then brought the gun into action against other posts, and succeeded in silencing them, thus contributing largely to the rapidity of the advance of the remainder of his company. His platoon commander having become a casualty, he assumed command, and showed great ability throughout the whole of the operations.

7870 Sjt. G. Cameron, 1st Bn., Cam'n Highrs. (Edinburgh).

For gallant and conspicuous leadership on 17th Oct., 1918, near La Vallee Mulatre, while acting with a platoon detailed to execute a flanking movement upon an enemy position strongly held with machine guns. After a personal reconnaissance, he directed the Lewis gun and rifle sections from position to position from which they could best bring fire to bear upon the enemy, and ably assisted his platoon commander in the direction of the operations. That the entire ridge

was cleared and forty-two prisoners and ten machine guns taken, was largely due to his fine example and leadership.

306862 Sjt. C. Carter, 1/8th Bn., Lan. Fus., T.F. (Sandway, Cheshire).

For most conspicuous gallantry during a night attack on 23rd October, 1918, near Vertigneul. He was in command of the right flank of the company, and led his men forward with great gallantry. Seeing that the troops on his right were held up by machine-gun fire, he rushed the enemy post with two men, killing the gunner, capturing the gun, also nine prisoners from a dug-out close by. He showed great personal gallantry in rushing other enemy machine-gun posts, and in the subsequent consolidation. Throughout the operations his work was of the highest order.

351931 Pte. (A./Cpl.) E. Casey, 1/5th Bn., Manch. R., T.F. (Hurst).

For exceptional gallantry during the attack on Marou on 20th October, 1918. After all his section had become casualties he took the Lewis gun himself, and under heavy machine-gun fire continued to work the gun until it was knocked out by shell fire. He then collected a party of men and fought it as a section until all became casualties. Throughout the whole operations he showed the highest qualities of leadership and an utter disregard for his personal safety.

13533 C./S./M. C. Causton, 11th Bn., Suff. R. (Gt. Cornard).

During the attack near Vendegies on 24th October, 1918, when his company was severely counter-attacked from the left rear, he fearlessly walked about the field under very heavy machine-gun and trench-mortar fire, cheering and encouraging the men; and assisted greatly in rallying and reorganising his company after his company commander had been severely wounded. His gallantry and determination were of very great value at a critical time.

G/39745 Cpl. D. D. Chandler, 10th Bn., R.W. Surr. R. (Tottenham).

During the operations on 28th, 29th and 30th September, 1918, near Comines, while in charge of scouts, he showed fine courage and resource. When the company was held up by machine-gun fire, he worked round with his platoon commander to the left flank of the machine-gun nest, killed two of the enemy, and captured twenty-one others from a dug-out near by. Next day he chased a party of the enemy and rounded them up in a dug-out. On their refusing to come out, he threw a bomb amongst them and succeeded in getting ten prisoners. He did excellent work during the whole three days of the battle.

19608 Sjt. H. W. Chaplin, M.M., 16th Bn., R.W. Fus., attd., 113th L.T.M. Bty. (Cardiff).

For marked skill and courage during the attack on the enemy's positions across the River Selle, near Montay, on the 20th October, 1918. He was in charge of a group of four guns, and advanced with two guns with the leading company. When this company was held up by a nest of machine guns, he got into position on a road heavily swept

by machine-gun fire and fired fifteen rounds into the nest with excellent results, thus enabling the infantry to advance. Later, he assisted in surrounding an enemy party and taking them prisoners. He rendered excellent service.

2310 Cpl. H. Chapman, 1st Bn., Lan. Fus. (Ashton-under-Lyne).

During the operations near Hooze, on 28th September, 1918, when his company was the leading company of the attack, he led his men with great coolness and courage, and kept complete control. On the 30th, near Gheluwe, he took command of his platoon when the platoon serjeant was wounded, and the success of the company was undoubtedly due to his gallantry and initiative, he and his platoon capturing four farms defended by machine guns and snipers. Throughout he set a fine example to all ranks.

63322 Sjt. J. Chicken, 2nd Bn., W. York. R. (Durham).

He contributed to a large extent to the success of the attack on the Fresnes-Rouvroy line on 7th October, 1918. He led his men with great courage, and rushed an enemy machine-gun immediately it opened fire, thus saving many casualties. On reaching the final objective he reorganised his platoon and ably consolidated his position. During the subsequent twenty-four hours he was tireless in reconnoitring the ground in front of his position, organising his post for defence, and generally strengthening the line.

G/4728 Pte. (L./C.) F. Child, 2nd Bn., R. Suss. R. (Pulborough).

For most conspicuous gallantry in the attack on the enemy positions north of Gri-court on the 24th September, 1918. His platoon was held up by an enemy post on the flank. He immediately worked forward alone, killed several of the enemy, and forced the remainder to surrender. His splendid action saved this critical situation, and throughout his courage, cheerfulness, and ability to lead his platoon were most noticeable.

S/43340 Sjt. G. Christie, M.M., 1st Bn., Gord. Highrs. (Foveran, Aberdeenshire).

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations near Flesquieres on 27th September, 1918. When a company was held up by intense machine-gun fire, he, who was acting as orderly to the commanding officer, volunteered to deal with the gun. Working his way forward under heavy fire, he bombed the gun, putting it out of action. Then, rushing forward, he killed the four gunners. His act was invaluable to the company, and enabled it to advance. His fearless conduct was an example to all ranks.

5931 Sjt. J. Clancy, 3rd Bn., R. Mun. Fus. (Kilkeshen, Co. Clare).

During operations near Le Catelet on 4th October, 1918, he showed the greatest gallantry and contempt for danger when his company was being much harassed by machine-gun fire from a distance of about 400 yards. Entirely on his own initiative,

and in company with only one man, he rushed forward under cover of a smoke bomb and charged the machine gun, killing the whole of the team and capturing the gun, which he brought back to his company. Later in the day he was slightly wounded.

41818 Sjt. G. H. Clare, 9th Bn., Essex R. (New Cross).

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in the attack on Maltz Horn Farm Ridge on 28th August, 1918. He led his platoon with great skill, and determination in the face of heavy machine-gun fire, and when, on reaching his objective, his platoon was still under heavy fire from close range, he personally led two of his sections forward, capturing two machine guns and killing several of the enemy. His fine action allowed the platoon on his right to get up, and also greatly assisted the remainder of the company to reach its objective.

33027 Spr. (A./2nd Cpl.) T. G. Claridge, 26th Fd. Coy., R.E. (Leeds).

For marked gallantry in carrying out a reconnaissance of the canal de la Sambre on 23rd October, 1918. He advanced with the attacking infantry under a very heavy enemy barrage; and then accompanied by one sapper pushed forward independently to the canal when the situation was anything but clear. They came under close and heavy fire from machine guns and snipers, but succeeded in bringing back a clear, full and valuable report on the canal and the approaches to it.

S/7959 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) A. Clark, 7th Bn., Sea. Highrs. (Edinburgh).

During the attack east of Ledeghem on 1st October, 1918, he displayed the greatest gallantry and led his men with great skill to the most advanced point which the battalion reached. When his platoon was ordered to withdraw he remained till the last, covering the withdrawal, and then helped to carry back a wounded comrade across 100 yards of open ground which was swept by rifle and machine-gun fire from close range. Throughout the operations 28th September—3rd October, 1918, he was an example to the men of his platoon.

316318 Pte. C. H. Clark, 36th Bn., North'd Fus. (Boxmoor).

On the morning of the 14th October, 1918, to the south-west of Wez Macquart, when strong patrols were sent forward to see if the enemy held the ridge, his platoon surprised the enemy, and were unable to withdraw when they had gained their information. He was in charge of a section of Lewis gunners, and in addition to his leadership and resource, his personal gallantry was most marked. Later, when his team had to use their rifles, he took charge, and entirely on his own worked the Lewis gun always in a position to do most damage. After being wounded he still carried on.

40563 Sjt. J. Clark, 6th Bn., K.O.S.B. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Cuerne on 16th/17th October, 1918. He was acting as C.S.M., and rendered splendid service in controlling his com-

pany when the enemy counter-attacked. In spite of fierce machine-gun fire he went from post to post and rallied and encouraged the men, and his fine example undoubtedly helped largely to break up the enemy attack. Throughout the whole operation he was a great support to his company commander and inspired the utmost confidence in the men.

14174 Cpl. J. Clark, 5th Bn., R. Innis. Fus. (Durham).

During the operations on 8th October, 1918, the advance was checked by fire from enemy machine and field guns in position just north of Hamage Farm, west of Serain. He immediately led forward first one and then a second section under heavy machine-gun fire, and brought them into action at close range on the enemy's flank. He caused the enemy numerous casualties and silenced the field guns, thus enabling tanks and infantry to come round the other side of the farm and clear up the machine-gun nests, which yielded 34 prisoners with their machine and field guns. His cool and fearless leading greatly contributed to the rapid capture of our first objective.

41137 L./C. R. Clark, 18th Bn., Lan. Fus. (Lochgelly).

During the operations near Tiegham on 1st November, 1918, he was No. 1 on a Lewis gun. When a hostile machine gun was temporarily holding up the attack he rushed forward and endeavoured to bring fire to bear upon it from his Lewis gun. The latter, however, jammed almost immediately. He then promptly snatched a rifle and bayonet from one of his comrades and alone rushed the position, capturing the gun and its team. His most gallant action was a splendid example to his comrades, and contributed much to the further advance of his company.

290805 Cpl. D. Clarke, 23rd Bn. (now Dépôt), Midd'x R. (Hammersmith).

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty 9th/11th October, 1918, near Rieux. He was gassed on the night of the 9th, but worked continuously until the afternoon of the 11th. Single-handed he brought in sixteen wounded men from No Man's Land on the morning of the 11th under very heavy machine-gun fire and enemy bombardment. When his company withdrew he remained behind until he had tended every wounded man that he could find. His indomitable pluck and energy saved many lives.

9163 C./S./M. G. E. Clarke, 1st Bn., Shrop. L.I. (Hereford).

In the attack near Montbrehain on the 8th October, 1918, he displayed marked gallantry and determination. When all the officers of his company had become casualties he led his company in its attack and successfully reached the objective. Here he reorganised the company and showed considerable skill in disposing his platoons in a tactically sound position.

13880 Sjt. (A./C./S./M.) S. J. Clarke, 7th Bn., Wilts. Regt. (Bletchley).

He was acting C.S.M. of the left leading company during the attack on the Foret de

Mormal on the 4th November, 1918. When all the officers of his company became casualties he took command of the company and led them most gallantly to the final objective, where he superintended the consolidation and continued in command until an officer was sent forward from the reserve company to assume command. His initiative and resource at the critical moment ensured the success of the operation.

8930 C./S./M. W. Clarke, 2nd Bn., Bedf. R. (Newport Pagnel).

Throughout the operations on 4th November, 1918, at Preux-au-Bois, he displayed fine courage and dash. During the first attack when the leading battalion was temporarily held up, he pushed through the enemy line in the mist and attacked and killed a machine gun post of six men, accounting for them all with a revolver he had snatched from a captured enemy. This enabled the company to get into position for the attack to the south on Preux village, during which he, with a Lewis gun, engaged another enemy machine-gun team, killing one, wounding one, and putting the rest to flight. He did splendid work.

305193 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) C. Claxton, 1/8th Bn., Notts. & Derby. R., T.F. (Carlton, Notts.).

In the attack on Ramicourt and Montbrehain on 3rd October, 1918, he carried out exceptionally good work. After his platoon had suffered heavy casualties he reorganised it with stragglers from other companies, continued the advance, and eventually reached his objective. On several occasions he rushed enemy positions with only two or three men, taking many prisoners and inflicting severe losses on the enemy. He also succeeded in mopping up half the village of Ramicourt with only a handful of men to assist him. His courage and devotion to duty were a splendid example to his men.

26859 Sjt. F. Clegg, 8th Bn., Bord. R. (Kendal).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 22nd October, 1918, near Klaadestraat. When a platoon had lost its commander and several officers from heavy machine-gun fire, he took over command of the remainder and led them forward most gallantly. Later, he collected the remainder of another platoon under machine-gun fire, and led them forward with his own men. Later, again, when the enemy attempted to counter-attack, he inflicted heavy casualties on them by Lewis-gun and rifle fire, compelling them to withdraw. Throughout the day he showed marked ability and leadership under the heaviest machine-gun fire.

34327 Pte. R. Cleghorn, 2/4th Bn., W. Rid. R., T.F. (Gateshead).

For most conspicuous gallantry and initiative during the attack on Rumilly. He was taking prisoners back when he saw another party of the enemy with several machine guns in a trench. He fired four rounds, whereupon seventeen surrendered to him. A little further on he captured eighteen more, including five officers. He marched the whole lot, numbering six officers and thirty-one men, nearly back to Marcoing, having captured five officers and

thirty men single handed under heavy machine-gun fire. He did splendid work.

9815 Pte. A. E. Clifford, M.M., 1st Bn., Leic. R. (Bristol).

During the operations from 8th to 12th October, 1918, west and east of Bohain, this stretcher-bearer performed consistently gallant work in bringing back casualties under heavy machine-gun and artillery fire. On 11th October two of his stretcher party were killed by a shell and the third wounded whilst carrying a case to the aid post. He succeeded in getting the case to the aid post, and worked single-handed throughout the remainder of the day, dressing and getting back many wounded men.

306037 C./S./M. A. Cobb, 1/8th Bn., Notts. & Derby. R., T.F. (Newark).

During the attack on Regnicourt on 17th October, 1918, he showed the greatest gallantry and devotion to duty. Upon his company gaining its objective he re-organised a party of thirty men, dug in under intense machine-gun fire, patrolled forward 2,000 yards in front of his objective in order to find enemy's positions, and returned with accurate information. He worked for over a mile through a wood with dense undergrowth. Here he came under fire from three enemy machine-guns, but still pushed on. Owing to denseness of undergrowth his task was extremely difficult, but he worked untiringly the whole time.

39863 Pte. G. D. Cobb, 1/5th Bn., Glouc. R., T.F. (Sheffield).

For most conspicuous gallantry at Marez on 9th October, 1918. He entered a house with his platoon serjeant in which were a number of the enemy, of whom they forced fifteen to surrender, but an officer went back and appeared again with a machine gun, which he was bringing into action through a window. He immediately rushed him single-handed, capturing him and the machine gun. His fine action saved many casualties. He had been wounded immediately prior to this, but had refused to go to the dressing station. He set a splendid example to all ranks in his platoon.

242075 Cpl. E. Cobbold, M.M., 2/5th Bn., Glouc. R., T.F. (Weston).

For marked gallantry and able leadership at Maresches on 2nd November, 1918. During an attack on enemy positions he found that the platoon on his flank was being held up by machine-gun fire. He at once attacked these positions with his section, captured two machine guns, killed the officer and captured fourteen prisoners. This enabled the troops on his flank to continue their advance and gain their objective. His gallantry and devotion to duty had a most inspiring effect on all ranks.

9089 C./S./M. F. J. Cockerill, 1st Bn., Bord. R. (South Tottenham).

During the operations on 28th September, 1918, at Hooge, he displayed most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Assisted only by Pte. Richardson, he rushed a pill-box and captured nine prisoners and

one machine gun. Again, on the 30th September, during the attack he led forward a small party, capturing an enemy strong point and taking several prisoners and silencing the machine guns, thereby enabling the advance to be continued. He did splendid work.

720978 Sjt. O. Cogger, M.M., 1/24th Bn., Lond. R. (E. Dulwich).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative at St. Pierre Vaast Wood on the morning of 2nd September, 1918. He found the enemy on his flank and to his rear with a machine gun enfilading our communications to the rear. He brought heavy fire to bear on them, causing considerable losses, and they attempted to get away through the wood. He cut them off with enfilade fire, and went out with one man and compelled to surrender sixty-six of the enemy, including two officers and a machine-gun team. His fine work removed the dangerous menace to our flank and enabled the attack to continue.

13055 C./S./M. W. Coleman, M.M., 9th Bn., York. R. (Eston, Yorks.).

At Honnechy crossing on 9th October, 1918, he displayed great gallantry and courage in attacking the position under heavy machine-gun fire. It was largely due to his behaviour that his company reached their objective successfully. Subsequently, at St. Benin, on 10th October, he led his men with great dash through a heavy barrage of shell fire, and showed great ability in assisting to consolidate the position after it was captured.

7587 Pte. (A./Cpl.) E. Coles, 13th Bn., Y. & L. Regt., attd. 93rd L.T.M. Bty. (Market Harborough).

He displayed great initiative and gallantry whilst in charge of a 3 in. Stokes' mortar during the period 22nd October, 1918, to 26th October, 1918, at Pecq. On the 23rd a heavy enemy trench mortar was firing on our advanced positions. He volunteered to bring his Stokes' gun into action against the enemy minenwerfer. By advancing his mortar to a most exposed position under direct observation by the enemy, he succeeded in silencing the enemy mortar. He alone served the Stokes' mortar until he had fired thirty rounds. Throughout the period heavy artillery and machine-gun fire was directed against him, and it was entirely due to his audacity and complete disregard of personal safety that the enemy mortar was silenced.

505280 Sjt. G. W. Colley, 1st Bn., K.R.R.C. (posted 13th Bn., Lond. R.) (Bethnal Green).

On the 29th September, 1918, at Flot Farm, he was ordered to lead his platoon to clear an enemy position which was enfilading an important crossing of the St. Quentin Canal. With most marked courage and able leadership he captured the position—viz., 1,000 yards of trench. Although his platoon was only forty strong, he not only drove the enemy out of the position, but captured 103 prisoners, including four officers and five machine-guns, three field guns, and numerous trench mortars and other stores. He did magnificent work.

345416 Sjt. W. Collier, 14th Bn., R. Highrs (Kirkcaldy).

At Moislains, on 2nd September, 1918, when all his officers had become casualties, he took command of the company and rushed the position, throwing out the enemy and causing many casualties. His prompt and gallant action did much to further the success of the operations. He was again conspicuous for his initiative and vigour in command of a company at Ronsoy, on 18th September. He has invariably shown great resource, fearlessness, and power of command, and has set a fine example to those with him.

15459 Sjt. D. Collins, 2nd Bn., Bedf. R. (Redbourn).

On the morning of 21st September, 1918, during the attack on the enemy position east of Ronsoy, he showed great gallantry when his platoon was held up by machine-gun fire and shelling, pushed forward by himself to trench running behind Holland Post, which he cleared, capturing twenty prisoners. He then returned to his platoon and brought them forward to the trench. He later worked untiringly under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire to find out the situation. By his cheerfulness and contempt of danger he set a splendid example to the company.

19116 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) W. Collins, 11th Bn., Notts. & Derby R. (Chesterfield).

On the 5th October, 1918, in the attack and capture of Guisancourt Farm, south of Villers Outreaux. He was one of the carrying party, and noticing that the line was held up by very heavy machine-gun fire, he rallied all the men near him and rushed forward into the firing line, thus materially assisting the advance and capture of the objective. Again, on 9th October, when the leading line had been held up by very heavy machine-gun and artillery fire over open sights in the railway cutting south of Honnechy, he rushed forward alone, and then by crawling reached an enemy machine gun, which he captured single-handed. He showed splendid gallantry and determination.

320294 Sjt. W. O. Collis, 16th Bn., R. Suss. R. (Henfield, Sussex).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 13th October, 1918, in the outpost line east of Quinquebus, when the enemy, under cover of a heavy barrage, succeeded in getting within bombing distance of his party. Although he was wounded in the leg, he directed the fire of his men with great success until everyone of them was a casualty. He continued firing himself until he was again wounded in the foot and thigh. His leadership and courage resulted in the enemy having to withdraw without being able to secure an identification. He has repeatedly given proof of his courage and initiative.

63203 Pte. (L./C.) M. Conroy, 2nd Bn., W. York. R. (Dawden).

During operations against the Haute-Deule canal on the 12th October, 1918, he showed marked gallantry and determination when in command of a Lewis-gun section. When the company became engaged by

enemy snipers and machine guns, both the platoon officer and platoon sergeant became casualties. He took command of the platoon, got two rifle sections forward, and with his Lewis gun engaged the enemy machine gun on the canal bank. Throughout he did excellent work.

492114 2nd Cpl. G. Cooke, 46th (N. Mid.) Div. Sig. Coy., R.E., T.F. (Nottingham).

Near Magny-la-Fosse, on 3rd October, 1918, he laid a line to a flank brigade. At zero he continued the line, following up the battalions which were attacking, and succeeded in getting in touch with two battalions. The whole of this work was carried out under very heavy shell fire, which continually smashed the wire. He showed the utmost disregard for his own safety, and his untiring energy and devotion to duty in maintaining the line under the greatest difficulties resulted in the line being through for sufficient periods for the brigade staff to keep in touch with the attacking battalions.

52595 Pte. J. L. Cookson, 14th Bn., R.W. Fus. (Ashton-on-Ribble).

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In the attack near Montay on the 20th October, 1918, he found that some men of his company were held up by two enemy machine guns on the railway embankment. He crept up the embankment and bombed the enemy posts from the right flank and enabled the men of his company to rush in with the bayonet. Whilst going in himself with the bayonet he was seriously wounded, and has since died of wounds in a field ambulance. He behaved splendidly.

9648 Sjt. G. Coombes, 9th Bn., Manch. R. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 8th October, 1918. During the advance to the second objective near the village of Serain his company had suffered many casualties through cross fire from enemy machine guns, and when the objective was gained all the company officers had become casualties. He promptly reorganised the company, laid out the system of defence, and consolidated the position with the men he had left until relieved by another company. It was greatly due to his initiative, determination, and cheerful encouragement of the men that the position was maintained at a critical moment with a minimum of loss.

18799 Pte. J. Cooper, M.M., 1st Bn., Bord. R. (U.S.A.).

For most conspicuous gallantry and initiative near Courtrai on 14th October, 1918. When his platoon was held up by enemy machine guns he worked well forward under heavy fire, located the guns, and returned. In the attack on these guns he was one of the first to reach them, and killed two of the enemy gunners; the remainder surrendered. He did fine work.

S/3629 Sjt. M. Corbett, 8th Bn., R. Highrs. (Wishaw).

He showed marked courage and leadership throughout the operations east of Ypres from 28th September to 4th October, 1918, and his skilful handling of his platoon enabled several enemy machine-gun posts to be captured with very few casualties. When his

company, having lost all officers and senior N.C.O.'s, was compelled to withdraw from an exposed position, he, under very heavy machine-gun fire, rallied the men on the new line taken up. His conduct throughout was admirable.

428610 Spr. J. T. Cottam, M.M., 123rd Fd. Coy., R.E. (Preston).

For conspicuous gallantry and coolness displayed on the River Selle, near Montay, 15th-20th October, 1918. He did splendid work in preparing and erecting bridges under heavy artillery and machine-gun fire and in close proximity to the enemy. Throughout these operations he showed an absolute disregard of any of the enemy attempts to check work, and by his fine example encouraged those with him.

19230 Sjt. J. Cotton, 1st Bn., K.O.S.B. (Stoke-on-Trent).

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On 28th September, 1918, near Veldhoek, in command of a platoon, by his fine leadership he materially assisted the advance of his company. When his platoon was held up by heavy machine-gun fire from four pill-boxes, he led the assault on the position, which fell after a short hand-to-hand fight, capturing the guns and taking several officers and O.R.'s prisoners. He did splendid work.

6305 Sjt. J. Couch, M.M., 2nd Bn., K.R.R.C. (High Shields).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative during the operations 24th September, 1918, north of Gricourt. When in command of a platoon he came across a small party of another unit held up by heavy machine-gun fire. Engaging the enemy on the flanks, he led the assault and dislodged them, inflicting heavy casualties. By his prompt and gallant action he enabled the other unit to get forward. Throughout the day he showed great coolness and initiative.

531181 Sjt. R. Coulthard, 2/15th Bn., Lond. R. (Longtown).

On the 14th October, 1918, during the attack on the enemy positions covering the Lys, near Bousbecque, he displayed conspicuous gallantry and fine leadership. He led his platoon with great dash and determination, attacking several pill-boxes and capturing several machine guns and forty-five prisoners. Throughout the whole of the operations he displayed the same soldierly qualities and initiative, and his conduct was of the highest order.

200053 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) G. Cowe, 12th Bn., R. Scots (Edinburgh).

For conspicuous gallantry on several occasions in action between Ypres and the Lys during October, 1918, and especially near Cuerne on 17th October, when he crossed a half-submerged pontoon bridge with his men under very heavy enemy fire, and, when all officers except one and a large number of men had become casualties, he displayed the greatest devotion to duty and ability in re-organising his men and leading them on, regardless of personal danger.

S./43042 Sjt. G. Cowie, 8th Bn., R. Highrs. (Stanley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when acting company serjeant-major during the fighting east of Ypres from 28th September to 4th October, 1918. On several occasions he gathered a few men together and led them forward to fill gaps which arose during the advance. During an enemy counter-attack he, under heavy machine-gun fire, rallied and led forward to the line being formed on the left flank, groups of men whose leaders had been killed and wounded. The fearless way in which he moved up and down the line taken up had a most inspiring effect on the men.

8403 Sjt. (A./C./Q./M./S.) E. J. Crabb, M.M., 7th Bn., Bord. R. (Kentish Town).

For marked gallantry and able leadership during the attack on the Forêt de Mormal on 4th November, 1918. Under heavy hostile machine-gun fire he rallied two sections which had become disorganised and successfully led them around the flank of the machine-gun position. By bringing intense fire to bear on them he caused the garrison to surrender and captured the machine gun, thereby enabling the company to continue the advance. He did excellent work throughout the operations.

16990 Pte. J. Craig, 2nd Bn., R. Sco. Fus. (Irvine).

During the recent advance east of Ledeghem from 14th October to 17th October, 1918, he displayed the highest qualities of gallantry, coolness and devotion to duty in the face of heavy enemy machine-gun fire. On 14th October, near Spark Farm, he rushed an enemy machine-gun post single-handed and bombed the crew who were holding up the advance on the right with their fire. This act was successful in silencing the gun, and he took five prisoners. Immediately afterwards he was wounded. Throughout his conduct was an inspiring example to his comrades.

S/6212 Sjt. P. Craig, M.M., 8th Bn., R. Highrs. (Arran).

For great courage and devotion to duty throughout operations 28th September to 27th October, 1918. During a patrol encounter north of Ledeghem, when the enemy attempted to capture one of his patrol who had been badly wounded, he immediately rushed in among them and drove them off and enabled the wounded man to be brought in to our lines, he himself forming the covering party. East of the Lys, when the battalion was ordered to fill a wide gap on the night of 22nd/23rd October, he did most valuable patrol work by locating several enemy posts.

205672 Sjt. H. Crane, 9th Bn., Essex R. (Whitwell).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the 12th October, 1918, after his platoon commander had become a casualty in the advance north of Courcelles, he led his men in a most skilful manner, and reached his objective and captured 16 prisoners. When forced to retire he succeeded in bringing back his prisoners, and later again pushed forward and established his platoon on his

objective. His fine conduct and leadership throughout the operations inspired those under him

126183 Cpl. R. Crooks, 68th By., 14th Bde., R.F.A. (Kirkintilloch).

On 1st October, 1918, near Joncourt, he was No. 1 in charge of a gun while his battery was firing a barrage. The battery was heavily shelled, and his detachment became casualties one by one, but he kept his gun in action, and for ten minutes worked his gun single-handed. He adhered strictly to the barrage table and did not miss a round. He paid no attention to the continual shelling, but concentrated all his energies upon keeping his gun in action. His courage and good work were of the highest order.

203495 Bomdr. J. A. Cross, M.M., D/83rd Bde., R.F.A. (Sheffield).

For great courage and devotion to duty on 23rd October, 1918, at Le Cateau. The battery position was in the area upon which the enemy put down his protective barrage as soon as our attack started, and in consequence was under heavy fire during the whole of the bombardment. With the exception of himself the whole of the left section became casualties within the first five minutes. He showed exceptional coolness in getting away the wounded. He then returned to his gun and continued loading and firing until it was necessary to detail him to assist in one of the other detachments.

19973 Sjt. F. C. Croxton, 2nd Bn., N. Lau. R. (Stourbridge).

For skilful leadership of his platoon during the operations at Wyttschaete on 28th September, 1918. By his courage and personal example he inspired all the men under his command and was largely responsible for clearing very difficult ground of enemy machine guns after his officer had been severely wounded.

8097 C./S./M. J. Cullerton, 5th Bn. (now Depôt), Conn. Rang. (Dundee).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Serain on 8th October, 1918. When all the officers of his company had become casualties he took command and organised the consolidation of the position under heavy machine-gun fire. His grasp and control of the situation at a critical time secured the success of the operation. He was later wounded, but did not go down till he had found an officer to hand over to.

9663 C./S./M. R. Cunningham, 2/4th Bn., O. & B. L.I., T.F. (Bournemouth).

North of Maresches, during the attack on 2nd November, 1918, he, with one runner, worked his way forward into a farm that was known to be strongly held by the enemy, and succeeded in capturing a number of prisoners and three machine guns. From here he went forward with the leading troops, and owing to his good leadership three more machine-gun posts were cleared and many more prisoners taken. His gallant conduct throughout the operations was most marked and greatly aided the success of the operations.

15216 Sjt. J. C. Curtis, 2nd Bn., S.W. Bord. (Bargoed).

At Kruseecke, on 29th September, 1918, for most conspicuous gallantry and determination. He led forward eight men to occupy a pill-box in advance of the line. The pill-box was found to be strongly held, and heavy machine-gun fire was opened. He led his men on, finally rushing the post and killing several of the enemy, the remainder running away. Still under heavy machine-gun fire he then went out and dressed three of his men who had been hit during the operation. He set a splendid example of courage and dash.

240006 C./S./M. S. J. Dale, 10th Bn., R.W. Surr. R. (Woking).

During the operations near Menin on 14th October, 1918, although badly wounded early in the fight, he refused to be sent back and carried on with unceasing energy. He reorganised stragglers when their leaders had become casualties, and led them forward to their final objective under heavy shell and machine-gun fire. Throughout the day his courage and devotion to duty were an example to all, and it was only when forced to do so by the nature of his wounds that he left the front line.

18701 Cpl. J. A. Dalrymple, 1st Bn., R. Innis. Fus. (Walton).

On the 14th October, 1918, near Ledegham, during an attack on the enemy's position, he led his section with great gallantry and determination through hostile barrage. He reached his first objective with such rapidity that he was enabled to completely surprise a very strong post from which much trouble had been anticipated. His capture included forty men and three machine guns. His courageous action greatly disorganised the hostile first line of defence, and facilitated the further advance of his company.

36605 Bomdr. T. Daly, 5th Div. Ammn. Col., R.F.A., attd. X/5th T.M. By. (Dublin).

For marked gallantry and great work. During the advance to the Sambre River he took a section of trench mortars into action into the village of Pont-Sur-Sambre under a very heavy machine-gun and 5.9 barrage. At this time the mortars were urgently required, as only half the village was occupied by our infantry. Though wounded, he returned a second time and succeeded, under very heavy shell fire, in getting rations up to the detachments serving the mortars in action. The village was cleared of the enemy shortly afterwards.

9621 Pte. A. Dance, 1st Bn., R. Berks. R. (Wantage).

For most conspicuous gallantry and initiative during the operations near Bermerain on the 24th October, 1918. When nearing the objective the leading waves of the assault were very heavily engaged by hostile machine-gun and rifle fire from Folie Farm and positions in front of it. Whereupon he, accompanied by the company serjeant-major, walked forward 100 yards in front of the company and rushed straight at the enemy. Both men shot enemy machine gunners, and so impressed the enemy with their dauntless

spirit that no fewer than sixty immediately surrendered. He did magnificent work.

354218 Sjt. J. W. Dark, 74th Div. Sig. Coy., R.E., attd., 117th Bde., R.F.A. (South Bank).

On the night of 23rd/24th September, 1918, east of Templeux le Guerdard, the forward telephone lines to batteries were repeatedly cut by shelling at a time when communication was absolutely necessary. By his gallantry and untiring energy in repairing wire after wire as they were broken, he maintained communication and enabled battery fire to be directed according to information received from infantry.

8087 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) J. Darwood, M.M., 2nd Bn., Worc. R. (Birmingham).

During the attack on Englefontaine, 26th October, 1918, he was in charge of the flank platoon of his battalion. Before touch with the next unit had been established, he was heavily counter-attacked, and also attacked in the rear. With a few men he personally dealt with this attack from his rear, with the result that the enemy party were all either killed or captured. His men then promptly drove back the counter-attack from in front, and enabled the line to be held. He showed marked gallantry and ability to command.

S/21968 Cpl. A. Davidson, M.M., 5th Bn., Cam. Highrs. (Edinburgh).

For most conspicuous gallantry and fine leadership whilst in command of a platoon during the operations from 28th September to 3rd October, 1918. When held up by machine-gun fire he led his platoon forward and overcame the opposition. Later, when the attack was held up, he filled up a gap in the line with his platoon, worked round the village, and by his vigorous action caused the enemy to withdraw. He did fine work.

S/8535 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) D. Davidson, M.M., 7th Bn., Sea. Highrs. (Blairgowrie).

Near Ledeghem, on 1st October, 1918, when the company to which he belonged was consolidating, he led his section forward into the enemy's lines and occupied a house, where he remained for several hours, directing the fire and inflicting heavy losses on the enemy, who were trying to push forward. By this daring action the consolidation of our line was carried out with practically no casualties from snipers. He fought splendidly throughout the period 28th September 3rd October, 1918.

10712 Cpl. J. H. Davies, 7th Bn., Wilts. R. (Rhondda, Glam.).

For most conspicuous gallantry and initiative when in charge of a Lewis-gun section during an attack east of Bony on 4th October, 1918. The company coming under heavy fire, he led his section forward with great dash and vigour. When his section was reduced to two men he took the gun himself and maintained a skilful covering fire on the left flank, which was unguarded, thereby maintaining his position and enabling the troops on his flank to push forward to their objective. He did fine work.

230089 Cpl. T. B. Davies, 1st Bn., Shrops. L.I. (Craven Arms).

In the attack near Vaux Andigny on the

17th October, 1918, his platoon reached the enemy's wire and found no gap had been cut in it. Although subjected to hostile bombing and heavy machine-gun fire he immediately set to work with his wire cutters and made a gap. Whilst so engaged he was wounded in the leg, but, calling on his men to follow him, he led the way through the gap he had cut to the objective. His fine courage and initiative was largely responsible for the success of the attack and for averting the holding up of the leading wave. He rendered excellent service.

200893 C./S./M. J. C. Davis, M.M., 2/4th Bn., Y. & L. Regt., T.F. (Sheffield).

During the fighting for Ribecourt he showed conspicuous gallantry, and in reorganising his company when the enemy made a determined counter-attack on our line on 27th Sept., 1918. He beat off the enemy, killing many and capturing 35 prisoners. Throughout the whole of the operations from 27th September, 1918, to 1st October, 1918, he was responsible for the capture of many machine guns and prisoners. He showed marked courage and able leadership and did fine work.

40974 Pte. (L./C.) W. H. Davis, 2/7th Bn., R. War. R., T.F. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry at Sommail on 24th October, 1918. He, with his section, holding an advanced post, maintained his position against enemy counter-attacks, and inflicted severe casualties on the enemy. He maintained his position for ten hours until relieved by troops attacking through the battle line. He commanded his section with great courage and ability, and when relieved his men were cheerful and full of fight, which was undoubtedly attributable to his fine conduct.

265287 C./S./M. H. Davy, 1st Bn., Hert. R., T.F. (Letchworth).

During the attack on Ghissignies on 23rd Oct., 1918, his company was held up by machine-gun fire from the village. He immediately led a patrol through the village and eventually gained connection with the troops on his left. During his patrol he located some enemy machine guns and brought back valuable information regarding the enemy defences. It was due to his skilful leadership, resource and example of personal gallantry that the object of the patrol was attained.

218651 Gnr. F. T. Day, R.F.A. (late 11th Bn., R. Fus.) (Isleworth).

For conspicuous gallantry and efficiency in action during operations against Duncan Avenue, near Ronsoy on 22nd September, 1918. With his Lewis gun he frequently placed himself in most exposed positions in order to engage several enemy machine guns which were continually holding up the advance. On each occasion he completely put the enemy team out of action, thereby enabling our attacking waves to get well forward. Throughout he set a fine example to those around him.

30049 Pte. A. Dean, 1/5th Bn., Devon. R., T.F. (Devonport).

For most conspicuous gallantry and initiative during the attack on Breme Avenue,

near Marcoing, on 27th September, 1918. With his Lewis gun he gave covering fire during the attack, and on the objective being gained he pushed his gun forward and protected an exposed flank of his company. Afterwards, working along the trench alone, he entered a deep dug-out and with only a revolver cleared it and captured 56 prisoners, including several officers. He then returned to his post, and with his Lewis gun dispersed several parties of enemy who were endeavouring to approach the position. He did splendid work.

201876 Sjt. A. Deaville, 1/5th Bn., S. Staffs. R., T.F. (Burslem).

On the 29th September, 1918, north of Bellenglise, during the storming of the St. Quentin Canal, he displayed most conspicuous gallantry. Being amongst the first to reach the canal he at once swam across with a few men, and in spite of opposition and confusion due to fog he got a great number of men of all units over. Having got a sufficient party across he at once overcame the enemy on the east bank of the canal, which secured a free passage for the remainder of our men. Later, he led his mixed parties to the "brown line," where he organised and consolidated. Throughout he showed fine courage and enthusiasm.

235134 Cpl. C. H. Dee, 2/6th Bn., R. War. R., T.F. (Pershore).

For most conspicuous gallantry in the attack on Vendegies-sur-Ecaillon on 24th October, 1918. When his section had been held up by enemy wire and machine-gun fire he went forward, single-handed, and cut the wire. Having done this he rallied his section and charged a machine-gun post. His gallant effort to reach this post failed, as he and all his section became casualties. He was slightly wounded.

21814 L./Cpl. S. Dee, 1st Bn., Ches. R. (Upton-on-Severn).

On 23rd October, 1918, during the attack on Beaurain, north of Le Cateau, he showed great initiative and gallantry. After three of the four C.Os. and two platoon serjeants had been wounded he rendered invaluable assistance in reorganising the line under heavy fire and in maintaining the advance. With four men he mopped up a large hollow defended by machine guns and went on alone to reconnoitre the quarry and outskirts of the village. His conduct throughout the operation was of outstanding merit.

29540 L./C. A. Deering, 1st Bn., Essex R. (Stratford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as stretcher-bearer at Belaise Farm on 8th October, 1918, and at Caudry on 9th October. When his company suffered casualties from heavy machine-gun fire he went out and attended to the wounded men in the farthest advanced line, and it was due to his untiring energy and disregard for personal safety that the wounded were carried into a place of safety from a very exposed position. Throughout he set a fine example to those with him.

28923 Sjt. J. M. Dennis, 6th Bn., R. Dub Fus. (St. Albans).

During the attack south of Villers Outreaux, on the 8th October, 1918, whilst acting as C.S.M., he displayed most conspicuous gallantry and proved invaluable to his company commander. Early in the attack the four platoon commanders of his company became casualties, and he went from one platoon to another, under very heavy fire, directing the advance. Later in the attack he took command of two platoons, and led them with remarkable skill and dash, capturing many of the enemy, together with machine guns.

21318 Cpl. J. C. Dewar, 29th Bn., M.G. Corps (Dundee).

On 29th September, 1918, at Kruseebecke, he was acting as liaison with a motor machine gun, which was held up by an enemy machine gun firing from the top of a pill-box. Directing the motor machine gunner to keep up fire, he alone made a detour and got behind the two enemy gunners. He then rushed forward, and the enemy gun surrendered to him. Seeing a party of about twenty enemy advancing, he shouted to some infantry to follow, and ran towards the enemy, who put their hands up. He was wounded, but handed the captured gun to the infantry. He showed great courage and initiative.

32284 Sjt. C. C. Diack, M.M., 6th Bn., K.O.S.B. (Aberdeen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Vichte on 22nd October, 1918. While the battalion was advancing to its position of deployment along the railway, it came under very heavy machine-gun fire from some houses in Vichte. He was in command of a platoon which was accordingly sent to clear the houses. With great personal gallantry he led his platoon forward, and rushed the houses, capturing several of the enemy and two machine guns.

305392 Sjt. F. C. Dibben, 16th Bn., Tank C. (Southend).

As tank commander, on 29th September, 1918, near Quennemont Copse, he fought his tank with great skill and determination until it got ditched by falling through into a dug-out. Under very heavy shell and machine-gun fire he repeatedly tried to unditch his tank. He continued to do this until he was so pressed by the enemy that he had to desist. He remained and fought with the infantry all day and far into the night, and did not return to the tankodrome until the following morning. He showed most marked gallantry and devotion to duty.

13779 L./Sjt. J. Dickson, 9th Bn., R. Innis. Fus. (Belfast).

During the attack on the village of Heule, 15th October, 1918, he displayed the greatest gallantry and leadership. Time and again he rallied his platoon, and led them on against heavy machine-gun fire, enabling the whole company to get forward. With only five men left, he succeeded in reaching his objective, and establishing posts on the railway outside the village, and with a Lewis gun put an enemy machine gun out of action. He did fine work.

33068 Sjt. J. Dobie, 5/6th Bn., R. Scots, T.F. (Kingston, North Berwick).

For most conspicuous gallantry and good work at Sequehart, on 1st, 2nd and 3rd October, 1918. On 2nd October, during the attack on the village, his company was held up by a very large number of enemy machine guns. Taking a small party with him, he worked round the flank and attacked one gun, capturing it and the crew. The crews of the remaining guns, on seeing that this crew was being sent back as prisoners, immediately surrendered. The number of prisoners taken by him and his party amounted to over 100 and thirty machine guns. Afterwards, when all his company officers and C.S.M. became casualties, he took command of the company, and led them most ably.

275100 C./S./M. J. Dodds, M.M., 1/7th Bn., Argy. & Suth'd High'rs., T.F. (Kilsyth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations east of Maing, 26th/29th October, 1918. Particularly on 28th October, during an attack, when two platoons had lost their commanders, and were hesitating what to do while under heavy shell fire, he dashed forward through the shelling, took charge of both platoons, reorganised them, and disposed them in suitable fire positions. He went about this work coolly and methodically for over three-quarters of an hour, being under heavy fire the whole time.

67149 Spr. (A./2/Cpl.) W. E. Dorr, M.M., 126th Fd. Coy., R.E. (Bermondsey, S.E.).

During bridging operations on the River Sambre, at Berlaimont, on 6th November, 1918, he displayed cool courage and great devotion to duty. Owing to heavy shell fire, many casualties were caused, including the senior N.C.O. of the party. He took charge, and, after getting those who were seriously wounded under cover, carried the work through to a successful conclusion.

S/9966 Sjt. D. Dougan, M.M., 5th Bn., Cam. Highrs. (Glasgow).

For most conspicuous gallantry, skill and devotion to duty whilst in command of a platoon during the advance on 28th September, 1918, and subsequent fighting. He captured an enemy machine gun single-handed, thus relieving his platoon from great danger. Later, he handled his platoon splendidly under heavy machine-gun fire, pushing forward and inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. He showed most able and determined leadership, whereby he saved many casualties.

S/40431 Pte. J. Dougan, 7th Bn., Sea. High'rs. (Duntocher).

For marked gallantry and initiative on 25th October, 1918, near Ooteghem. Shortly after the attack had started he saw a party of eight enemy machine gunners preparing to evacuate their position. He ran forward alone through our own barrage, which at that time was very heavy, and took the whole party, bringing them back to our own lines. Throughout the operations 14th/26th October, 1918, he behaved in an exemplary manner.

265905 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) J. Dowding, 1/2nd Bn., Mon. R., T.F. (Pontnewynydd).

For conspicuous gallantry and skilful leadership during the operations east of Ledeghem on the 14th October, 1918. He was in charge of two sections detailed to secure the crossing of the Heulebeek by laying infantry foot bridges. The two sections early suffered heavily through the enemy barrage, but he pluckily rallied the remainder of his men and encouraged them to complete the carrying and laying of all the bridges, thus enabling the attacking troops to continue the advance. After laying the bridges he collected his party and captured an enemy post of a machine gun and fourteen men which had held out and was hindering the advance.

21266 Sjt. F. B. Downs, 2nd Bn., Y. & L. Regt. (Leeds).

For most conspicuous gallantry and dash during the operations on the 24th/25th September, 1918, near Gricourt. During the attack on the morning of the 24th he acted as a N.C.O., showing a fine grasp of the situation and leadership and control of men. When a portion of the attack was held up by a strong point, he, on his own initiative, went forward by himself and bombed the enemy out of it, and so rendered the capture of the objective a certainty. He worked unceasingly all the 25th, setting a fine example of courage and devotion to duty.

8603 Sjt. F. Duckworth, 4th Bn., K.R.R.C. (Flackburn).

At Le Catelet, on 3rd October, 1918, when his platoon commander was killed, he gallantly led his platoon forward and consolidated his position. He held it against infiltrating enemy until ordered to fall back on the company on his right. He showed great coolness and courage throughout the whole operation, setting a fine example to his men. In the village, on three separate occasions, he engaged the enemy in desperate hand-to-hand fighting.

15237 Sjt. C. W. Duller, 2nd Bn., Bedf. R. (Wisbech).

On 23rd October, 1918, north-east of Le Cateau, his company reached its objective and was digging in when they were fired at by six enemy machine guns at close range. He engaged them with Lewis-gun fire, and, with co-operation of Sjt. Read, collected a few men and worked round the enemy machine guns, capturing them and killing or capturing all the enemy working them. By his prompt courage and initiative he not only saved his own company many casualties, but also enabled other troops who were "leap-frogging" through them to advance. Throughout the operations on this and the following day he led his platoon with great judgment and dash.

49640 Pte. A. H. Dye, 1st Bn., North'n R. (Norwich).

For fine courage during an attack on enemy trenches on 24th September, 1918, south of Pontriet. He rushed an enemy machine gun single-handed. He captured the gun and killed the team. This machine gun had been giving a great deal of trouble,

and had inflicted casualties on the company. He was wounded during this most gallant action.

43162 Sjt. J. Eaton, M.M., 12th Bn., R. Ir. Rif. (Worksop).

For fine courage and resource in action west of Kezelberg on the 11th October, 1918. When his platoon was ordered to capture Mansard Farm at dawn, he went out alone and reconnoitred the whole ground during the night, locating the enemy posts exactly. At dawn he led his platoon forward with a rush, and himself killed two enemy and captured a machine gun. He then cleared the farm and established his posts. He did splendid work.

23764 Pte. W. Edgar, 6th Bn., K.O.S.B. (Dumfries).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative near Cuerne on 16th/17th October, 1918. During a hostile counter-attack, when the enemy, assisted by a heavy barrage, broke through in the centre and attacked his company from the flank, he coolly went round the line and reported the situation to his company commander. Then a defensive flank was formed, and when the enemy wavered he was the foremost to follow his platoon commander and charge them with the bayonet. This charge was entirely successful.

G/30156 Pte. G. E. B. Edney, 8th Bn., R.W. Surr. R. (Wood Green).

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At Montrecourt, on the night of the 12th October, 1918, he and two other men formed part of a platoon which was ordered to hold a bridgehead on the River Selle. Owing to heavy shelling, and afterwards machine-gun fire and bombing, the platoon was compelled to withdraw, but these three men, together with a wounded comrade, remained in one of the houses of the village, which they put into a state of defence under the direction of Pte. Edney, and for 17 hours they successfully kept off the enemy, who were all round them.

112388 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) F. Eldridge, 64th Fd. Coy., R.E. (Llanelly).

On the night of 16th/17th October, 1918, at the River Lys at Cuerne. He was in charge of a detachment detailed to bridge the river prior to an attack. In view of particularly heavy enemy opposition, the task was rendered extremely difficult, but owing to the fearless example he set his men, and to his perfect control of them under very trying conditions, the task was completed.

265442 Sjt. R. Elsworth, 8th Bn., W. York. R., T.F. (Leeds).

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At Masnieres, on 30th September, 1918, he did excellent work in leading his men forward against the enemy under very heavy fire. He established a post well in front of our line, from which he obtained observation of the enemy and sent back most valuable messages. He arranged with the N.C.O. in charge of a neighbouring post to hold on when the enemy appeared to be outflanking him, and with only one un-

wounded man left he held on to his position until thirty-six hours after his battalion had been relieved.

17988 Sjt. R. T. England, M.M., 1st Bn., R. War. R. (Banbury).

As platoon comdr., on 24th October, 1918, during the attack near Verchain, he displayed marked courage and ability in leading and handling his command. During the advance, the line was held up by hostile fire from two machine-gun posts. He pushed his Lewis guns round the flank and rushed the position, capturing two guns and their teams. Later on, when consolidating, he got three captured guns into position and engaged the enemy whilst his men were getting protection. Throughout the day he set a splendid example to his men.

5244 Sjt. A. Ensor, 6th Bn., Leic. R. (Hove, Brighton).

During the attack on Vendegies-au-Bois on the morning of 23rd October, 1918, when all his company officers had become casualties, he took command of his company and handled them with exceptional judgment and tactical ability, finally obtaining his objective after having been held up by considerable enemy resistance. By his gallant and able leadership he undoubtedly assisted to the successful issue out of a difficult position.

41788 Sjt. A. Evans, V.C., 6th Bn., Linc. R. (Bolton).

For great courage and initiative near Cambrai. He was in charge of a platoon acting as a fighting patrol on the night of the 6th/7th October, 1918, with instructions to clear the country north of the Château of Aubencheu-au-Bac to the Canal de la Sensee. A strong enemy post was encountered. He promptly rushed the post, killing ten, wounding several and taking one prisoner. The prisoner secured afforded most valuable information. He has shown excellent leadership and the utmost disregard of all danger.

97356 L./Cpl. H. K. Evans, 2nd Bn., Notts. & Derby R. (Normanton).

On the morning of the 18th September, 1918, in front of St. Quentin during the attack on the Quadrilateral, he made a single-handed attack on an enemy machine gun in position in American Alley. He rushed the gun, and, after killing the gunner, he turned the machine gun on the enemy's position and continued to fire it until the ammunition was expended. This action rendered great assistance to the attack and set a fine example to his fellows at a time when the enemy's heavy fire was somewhat checking the dash of the advance. Throughout the day he displayed great resource and courage.

21315 Pte. R. Evans, 10th Bn., S.W. Bord. (Knighton).

For most conspicuous gallantry on the night of the 7th/8th October, 1918, at Villers Outreaux. He was, with a Lewis-gun section, ordered to engage an enemy machine gun firing from a flank. When the company serjeant-major went forward to bomb the position from a flank, he went forward on the other flank. The machine gun having

been put out of action, he then, with the company serjeant-major, took eleven enemy prisoners, after shooting three who attempted to rush the company serjeant-major. He did splendid work.

49149 Sjt. T. C. Evans, 1st Bn., Ches. R. (Holywell).

During the advance north-east of Gouzeaucourt on the 28th September, 1918, owing to severe casualties, he assumed command of a platoon, and under very heavy fire led them forward. On reaching the objective he took forward a patrol and located a hostile machine gun, which enabled the situation to be cleared up. On the 30th he took command of two platoons, and, after capturing his objective, took forward a small party, clearing away enemy snipers and bringing back six prisoners. He showed marked gallantry and ability to command.

41831 Pte. (L./Cpl.) W. Evans, 5th Bn., North'n R. (Hanley).

For most conspicuous gallantry and initiative during operations 18th/22nd September, 1918, near Ronssoy. On the afternoon of 21st September, on his own initiative, he observed from a shell hole on enemy ammunition party. He held them at bay for an hour with bursts of rapid rifle fire, thus keeping the enemy machine gun inactive, and enabling his platoon to consolidate. Later, he led a bombing party and bombed a machine-gun team out of action. Advancing from this point, he entered an enemy dugout, and at the point of the bayonet took a number of prisoners. Throughout the whole operation he did splendid work, and proved himself the best type of fighting soldier.

G/1406 Pte. F. Evenden, M.M., 2nd Bn., R. Suss. R. (Waldron).

For most conspicuous gallantry and determination during the attack on Pontru on 18th September, 1918. When the company was held up by machine-gun fire he went forward and with rifle grenades put the gun out of action. Later he led a rush on a trench and captured several machine guns, and also greatly assisted an offer in repelling a counter-attack which was threatening a flank before the company had reorganised. His assistance in reorganisation was most invaluable. He set a splendid example of courage to all ranks.

25781 L./Sjt. J. Evison, M.M., 17th Bn., R. W. Fus. (Ruabon).

On the night of the 7th/8th October, 1918, near Aubencheul-au-Bois he led his platoon under exceptionally heavy enemy fire right up to the enemy wire and forced his way until he was unable to proceed further owing to the wire being uncut. He was then wounded, but stood up cutting the wire and encouraging his men to do the same until his wound and loss of blood prevented him from doing more. He continued issuing orders and encouraging his men until he fell. He set a splendid example of gallantry and devotion to duty.

8538 Pte. J. Fairbairn, 2nd Bn., H.L.I. (Edinburgh).

For marked gallantry and good work near

Vertain on 23rd October, 1918. He was one of a daylight patrol which pushed out to gain touch with the enemy. The patrol came under sudden heavy fire and was forced to take cover, from which it could not move till dusk. Two men had already been wounded in trying to get back when he volunteered to take the message back to company headquarters. He not only took back the message, but returned with another. This position was 800 yards in front of our lines, and his pluck encouraged the patrol to keep off the enemy.

20166 Cpl. I. S. Falconer, M.M., 8th Bn., W. York. R., T.F. (Weymouth).

For conspicuous gallantry and good work. On the 30th September, 1918, he was in charge of the battalion scouts, and located an enemy observation post in a house in Crevecourt from which heavy and accurate fire was being directed on to our troops. He immediately volunteered to go forward and clear the house. Taking two riflemen with him, he worked his way forward under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire and shortly returned with sixteen prisoners. At all times he has shown great courage and initiative.

42053 Sjt. J. Falconer, 15th Bn., H.L.I. (Dunfermline).

On the 2nd October, 1918, during the attack on Sequehart, after all officers had become casualties, he took command of his company and reorganised it during the consolidation of the position gained. When the enemy counter-attacked he held his men together with conspicuous courage, and, though completely surrounded, did not withdraw for some time, and then charging, cut his way back, taking several prisoners in doing so. Next day he again commanded his company most ably, and maintained his position, in spite of violent bombardments.

84880 Sjt. J. G. Farndon, 2nd Bn., M.G. Corps (Nuneaton).

For conspicuous courage and devotion to duty on the 1st October, 1918, near Noyelles. When the infantry attack was held up by heavy machine-gun fire from an enemy strong point, he went forward and located the position, which he successfully engaged with his machine gun. In spite of being severely wounded in the head, he remained with his guns, encouraging his men until unable to carry on longer through loss of blood. He did splendid work.

986 C./S./M. J. Farrell, IX. Corps Cyc. Bn., A.C.C. (Glasgow).

On 5th October, 1918, he showed conspicuous gallantry and leadership during operations near Montbrehain whilst in command of a platoon. After having taken his objective, when the officer and N.C.O.'s of the platoon on his right had become casualties, he reorganised and took control of the two platoons, and later, although wounded himself, he continued to direct operations, and did not leave the line until the situation was satisfactory. Throughout he showed great courage, and set a splendid example to all men under his command.

29748 L./C. C. D. Ferguson, M.M., 1st Bn., Bord. R. (Manchester).

For most conspicuous gallantry and initiative near Salines on 14th October, 1918. When the line was held up by machine-gun fire from the houses in the village, he dashed forward with his Lewis gun and brought enfilade fire to bear on the enemy, forcing them to withdraw. As the enemy retired, he rushed after them, firing his gun from the hip, and succeeded in killing four. His prompt act of courage enabled the advance to continue.

9782 A./C.S.M. R. Ferguson, M.M., 4th Bn. (attd. 2nd Bn.), Arg. & Suth'd Highrs. (Paisley).

During the operations near Forest on 23rd October, 1918, he was A./C.S.M. Prior to moving to their assembly position, the company became slightly disorganised, and he reorganised them under intense enemy barrage. Next day he went forward with his company in the attack on the enemy position near Paul Jacques Farm; finding a number of men in the battalion on the left without N.C.O.'s, he organised them into a platoon, and led them on to their objective. After supervising the consolidation he rejoined his company. He showed marked gallantry and ability.

41773 Pte. (A./Cpl.) T. Ferguson, 8th Bn., R. Highrs. (Belfast).

During the advance east of Slyscappelle, on 1st October, 1918, he, with fine courage, under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, rushed an enemy machine-gun post in a pill-box and captured the machine gun and seven of the enemy. When the non-commissioned officer in charge of his section became a casualty he at once took command and, by determined leadership, inspired his men with confidence and kept their fighting spirit at a high pitch. He did splendid work.

23863 Pte. W. J. Ferguson, 6th Bn., K.O.S.B. (Caerlaveroch).

For very conspicuous gallantry and good work near Cherne on 16th/17th October, 1918. During the advance on the objective, he became the sole survivor of his section. With his gun on his shoulder he ran into ten of the enemy who called on him to surrender. He promptly knocked the rifle out of the leading enemy's hand and killed him with his revolver. He then rushed the remainder of the party, who tried to run away. Thereupon he got his gun into action and shot down all of them. Afterwards, during the enemy counter-attacks, he used his gun most skilfully and accounted for large numbers of the enemy.

200271 Sjt. A. E. Fergusson, 1/5th Bn., S. Staffs. R., T.F. (Brierley Hill).

During the storming of the St. Quentin Canal, north of Bellenglise, on the 29th September, 1918, he showed fine courage and determination, rapidly overcoming all opposition on the west side of the canal. He took forward his own section and a party of other men lost from different units. With these he scaled the east bank of the canal, chasing the enemy down their own dug-outs and clearing these generally. In this manner,

with fifteen men or so, he took ninety-eight prisoners and two machine guns. He did splendid work.

39954 Pte. W. H. Ferriday, 9th Bn., W. Rid. R. (Stn. Shields).

For exceptionally good service during the attack on Futoy, on the 4th November, 1918. He was on the right flank of the battalion, and did valuable work in keeping touch. On reaching the objective it was found that a nest of machine guns, about thirty yards in front, would cause many casualties if not immediately dealt with, so he took his Lewis-gun section, worked round the left flank of the enemy, killed three of the personnel of the teams, and caused the remainder to surrender. His determination and gallantry set a splendid example to his section and company.

20281 Sjt. F. Field, M.M., 2nd Bn., Worc. R. (Redditch).

On the night of 25th/26th Oct., 1918, during the attack on Englefontaine, all the officers of his company became casualties before the objectives were reached. He promptly took command of the company and led it on to the objectives, taking many prisoners. His action enabled an immediate hostile counter-attack to be successfully beaten off. He then led a patrol forward and got into touch with another battalion which had entered the village from a flank, and thereby secured the line of the north-east of the village. By his gallant and able leadership he contributed in a large measure to the success of the operation.

9217 C./S./M. J. Field, M.M., 1st Bn., E. York. R. (Eastbourne).

On the morning of 23rd Oct., 1918, during the advance against the enemy at Owillers, he on his own initiative went forward alone to reconnoitre the above village, which was occupied by the enemy. He brought back much useful information, single-handed killed four of the enemy, and returned with 12 prisoners. His disregard for danger and extreme devotion to duty at all times greatly encouraged his company. During the attack on the following day he also again distinguished himself, quite regardless of his own personal safety in the execution of his duty.

S/43012 Pte. (A./L./Cpl.) G. Findlay, 1st Bn., Cam'n Highrs. (Inverness).

For most inspiring and gallant leading of his section during a turning movement by his platoon. He was in charge of a rifle section of the platoon south of La Vallee Mulatre, on 17th Oct., 1918. Advancing well ahead of his section he fired on and drove off the gunners from one machine gun, and continuing his advance with his section fired from the hip on a second machine gun, wounding the gunner, who was just about to fire at him. In each case he captured the machine gun single handed, afterwards continuing in the advance with the platoon until all machine guns and their gunners were captured. He was the outstanding leader of this successful operation, and his conduct was the admiration of all ranks.

19297 Sjt. E. Finnigan, 15th Bn., Ches. R. (Leigh, Lancs.).

He did excellent work during the attack east of Terhand on the 14th inst. Showing the greatest gallantry and initiative he was the first to attack the numerous enemy machine-gun posts encountered by his platoon and his indifference to personal danger, coupled with his leadership, was so inspiring to his men that the posts were mopped up and their occupants killed or captured.

18575 Sjt. J. Fitzpatrick, 21st Bn., Manch. R. (Manchester).

He displayed great gallantry and initiative throughout the whole of the operations from 4th to 11th October, 1918. During the attack on Beaufort, where his platoon commander became a casualty, he took command and in the face of the heaviest machine-gun fire, rallied his men and led an attack upon the nearest gun, killing the crew and putting the gun out of action. His personal example and utter disregard of danger greatly encouraged his men. He continued to command his platoon in a highly efficient and gallant manner until the battalion came out of action six days later.

860522 Pte. T. Fitzpatrick, 33rd Bn., Lond. R. (Leeds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At Helchin, on night 4/5th November, 1918, he was in charge of a Lewis gun team and engaged an enemy machine-gun post. He shot personally two enemy at point blank range and took eleven prisoners. He established his post, and remained there the next day under the most trying conditions. On the following evening, after a heavy bombardment, he succeeded in again beating off an enemy attack.

300037 Pte. J. T. Fleet, 1st Bn., Notts. & Derby. R. (Workington).

Near Oppy, on the 3rd October, 1918, during a raid he displayed fine courage and resource. He endeavoured to capture an enemy machine gun that was causing casualties, and when attacked by bombs and an enemy sergeant-major armed with a dagger he successfully dealt with his opponents, taking the machine gun and capturing the enemy sergeant-major in charge of the post.

55423 C./S./M. A. Fletcher, 9th Bn., H.L.I., T.F. (Romford).

For marked gallantry and initiative. Near Englefontaine, on 24th October, 1918, his company was acting as vanguard. The company commander was wounded and he took command until the arrival of another officer. His initiative and leadership contributed to the success of the advance. On 26th October he was in charge of a party mopping up the village of Englefontaine, and did good work. During consolidation, when casualties were being sustained from snipers' fire, he on his own initiative crawled forward and killed three snipers, and so allowed the work to continue.

21583 Pte. (L./C.) F. Flute, 2nd Bn., Bedf. R. (Turvey).

For marked courage and initiative. On 23rd October, 1918, during the attack north-east of Le Cateau, he was acting as platoon

runner. Almost at the start his platoon was held up by fire from a machine gun. He went forward with the platoon sergeant with the Lewis gun to within six yards of the enemy gun and then put it and the whole of the crew (ten in number) out of action. The fine action of this man and his sergeant undoubtedly saved the battalion many casualties from enfilade fire.

28493 A./C.S.M. W. J. Fooks, 15th Bn., Hamps. R. (Stoborough).

During the operations near Artoishoek on the 14th October, 1918, in the attack he commanded his platoon. When the barrage lifted he led his men against an enemy "pill box," which was holding up our right flank. He moved his men to the left, whilst he himself, with one other, passed through some wire and entered the "pill box" from the rear, bombed the exit and captured or killed the garrison and took the machine gun. He showed fine leadership and most conspicuous gallantry, and gave invaluable backing to his company commander throughout the day.

19209 Sjt. (A./C./S./M.) W. Fordyce, 12th Bn., R. Scots (Juniper Green).

At Ledeghem, on 1st October, 1918, he single-handedly attacked and captured an enemy machine gun which had made casualties of the men with him. He afterwards, under very heavy fire, led a platoon across a difficult stream and took up a position covering the exposed flank of his company. Throughout the action he displayed most marked courage and endurance, and set a splendid example to his men.

57000 Sjt. A. Forrest, M.M., 68th Bty., 14th Bde., R.F.A. (Wigan).

On 1st October, 1918, near Joncourt, the battery was in action firing a barrage, and came under heavy shell fire. The ammunition and the camouflage at the next gun were set on fire, and the whole detachment were put out of action by a direct hit. He at once handed over his gun to the next senior, went to the burning ammunition, cleared it away, and extinguished the burning camouflage. While still being heavily shelled he assisted to carry away the wounded No. 1 of the gun, got the gun into action, and subsequently returned to his own gun. He showed great courage and devotion to duty.

13/309 Sjt. C. Fort, 13th Bn., Y. & L. Regt. (Barnsley).

On the night of 22nd October, 1918, in front of Pecq, he was in charge of a section which was ordered to cross the River L'Escaut, and establish a bridgehead on the eastern side. This necessitated the clearing of a house strongly held by the enemy about 150 yards east of the river. Working round the flank he rushed the house and encountered a party of the enemy near the doorway. A short fight ensued, in which several casualties were inflicted on the enemy, he himself accounting for four with his revolver. At this point a number of enemy who had been inside the house rushed out, forcing him to withdraw his men. Though wounded, he personally covered the withdrawal, and was the last to leave. He showed fine courage and did splendid work.

9207 Sjt. C. Foster, M.M., 6th Bn., North'n R. (Rainham, Kent).

Whilst in charge of battalion signallers during operations near Ronssoy, from 18th/22nd September, 1918, he was particularly conspicuous by his gallantry and by the wonderful manner in which he kept open communication and established lamp signals from near the front lines. He went forward himself and established stations, and carried on his work under very heavy enemy fire. His fine example to his men and his personal work contributed largely to the success of the operations.

79118 L./Cpl. E. Foulkes, M.M., 36th Bn., North'd Fus. (Cullyhurst).

On the morning of 14th October, 1918, to the south-west of Wez Macquart, when strong patrols were sent forward to see if the enemy held the ridge, his platoon surprised the enemy, and were unable to withdraw when they had gained their information. When the patrol was forced backwards towards the bottom of the ridge, they left behind several wounded. On his own initiative he went back and carried them in. Several times throughout the morning he went out to bring wounded men back to our line. His gallantry was most marked, and it was due in great measure to his intelligent leading of his section that the whole platoon was not surrounded and taken prisoner.

158948 Spr. (A./L./Cpl.) G. Fox, 476th (S. Mid.) Fd. Coy., R.E., T.F. (Leeds).

For most conspicuous gallantry when engaged in bridging the Ecaillon River for the assaulting infantry at Vendegies-sur-Ecaillon on 24th October, 1918. His party had succeeded in bringing a footbridge through an intense barrage and fixing it across the river when the bridge was destroyed. Though wounded, he immediately collected another party to bring up a second bridge, and continued in his efforts to get the bridge to the river bank in face of heavy machine-gun and rifle fire at 50 yards' range until he was wounded a second time and too weak to go further. He behaved admirably.

G/12873 Sjt. W. France, M.M., 1st Bn., E. Kent R. (Fence Houses).

In the attack near Vaux Andigny on the 17th October, 1918, he showed great pluck and initiative in command of a platoon. His men being held up by barbed wire, he went forward under heavy machine-gun fire, cut the wire and, leading the platoon forward, captured the gun. Later in the fight he worked round the flank of the company with three men in order to deal with a nest of machine guns, and succeeded in capturing the post. Throughout the action he behaved very gallantly.

H/7494 Sjt. J. W. Francis, M.M., 15th Hrs. (Peckham).

For marked gallantry and good work. On 10th November, 1918, he was commanding the troop forming the left flank guard of the regiment. At Faucaumont, in spite of heavy fire from five hostile machine guns, he organised a dismounted attack on the village and drove out the enemy. He then mounted and followed them up towards Mainvault,

where, with two men, he attacked a party of them mounted, capturing prisoners and inflicting heavy casualties on the remainder. The information sent in by him proved to be of great value.

306060 Cpl. R. Francis, 1/8th Bn., Notts. & Derby. R., T.F. (Newark).

He showed most conspicuous courage in an attack on an enemy machine-gun post at Regnicourt on 17th October, 1918. He crawled forward with one man, rushed the post, killing the officer in charge, and took about thirty prisoners. Throughout the whole attack he was absolutely regardless of all personal danger, and did splendid work.

27610 Sjt. T. Franklin, B/51st Bde., R.F.A. (Mansfield).

He was No. 1 of a forward gun on 22nd October, 1918, near St. Louis. This gun came into action in close support of the infantry, practically in the front line. He took charge while the officer went forward to reconnoitre and kept his gun in action under heavy artillery and machine-gun fire, firing at neighbouring houses containing enemy machine guns until his wagon and ammunition were blown up. He salvaged fifteen rounds from the burning wagon and, seeing a machine gun in action in a house close by he fired off these rounds and silenced the machine gun, knocking down the house. He displayed the greatest coolness and courage throughout the day.

24449 Sjt. A. Frear, 2nd Bn., W. Rid. R. (Cottingley).

During the operations on the 24th October, 1918, during the attack on the high ground east of Verchain, he assumed command of his platoon on his officer becoming a casualty, and behaved with splendid gallantry. When attacking the quarry north-west of Mur Copse an enemy machine gun was causing considerable trouble. He dashed forward and put the machine gun out of action by killing the gunner. The remainder of the team surrendered. Throughout the operations he showed complete disregard for his personal safety, and he did excellent work.

C/7362 Sjt. B. Frith, 1st Bn., K.R.R.C. (Sheffield).

During the crossing of the St. Quentin Canal on the 29th September, his company was held up by very heavy machine-gun fire. Being ordered to go forward with a patrol to locate the machine guns, he went forward with his patrol, and, entering the farm, located the machine guns and attacked them, killing the teams and capturing the guns. Throughout the operation he showed conspicuous courage, and although three times wounded he remained with the battalion until relieved.

18716 Sjt. T. Fryer, 36th Bn., M.G. Corps (Belfast).

For conspicuous gallantry and ability whilst in charge of two guns in front of Courtrai during the operations connected with forming bridgeheads over the Lys on the 16th October, 1918. He got his two guns forward to the canal under heavy fire,

took up a position in front of the infantry line, and from there silenced the fire of two enemy machine guns which were firing on the pontoon bridge. He got his guns forward and came into action on ground raked by cross fire, from which he was able to get short-range fire against the enemy. He did fine work.

18817 Sjt. D. Fynn, M.M., 2nd Bn., Bedf. R. (Bedford).

On 4th November, 1918, during the attack on Preux au Bois, he was in charge of his platoon which met with a great deal of determined opposition from machine guns. On two or three occasions their advance with the barrage was held up, but on each occasion he handled his platoon with great courage and skill. He organised enveloping movements while engaging the guns with Lewis-gun fire, resulting in the guns and crews being put out of action or captured. His fine example and good leadership of his platoon greatly assisted his company to reach its final objective.

8217 Pte. T. D. Gale, 1st Bn., W. York. R. (Liverpool).

At Selency, on 24th September, 1918, he set the finest example of gallantry and devotion to duty under very heavy machine-gun and shell fire. During the attack he killed the crew of two machine guns single-handed and destroyed the two guns. He then acted as platoon runner, carrying messages through the hostile barrage to and from company headquarters over ground swept by machine-gun fire, and where enemy snipers were very active. His courage and determination throughout these operations were most marked, and he contributed largely to their success.

31130 Sjt. F. Gallagher, 1/5th Bn., K.O.S.B., T.F. (Helensburgh).

At Gheluwe, on 14th October, 1918, he showed the greatest gallantry whilst taking part in the attack against Uniform Farm. The attack was held up by machine-gun, trench-mortar and point-blank field-gun fire. With a lance-corporal he rushed the farm from a flank under this heavy fire. On seeing them approaching so close, the enemy bolted, leaving three field guns and two machine guns in our hands. His initiative and fearlessness undoubtedly brought about the capture and saved many casualties.

155753 Cpl. R. Gibbon, M.M., 182nd Coy., R.E. (nr. Durham).

He was in charge of a party detailed to attempt to save from demolition the bridge and locks at the canal, Landrecies, on 4th November, 1918, during an attack. It was due to his fearless example and fine leadership that the party met with such success. They proceeded with the first wave of infantry to the outskirts of Landrecies and from there, under severe machine-gun fire, made a dash ahead for the bridge, being the first to arrive. The enemy blew up the superstructure of road bridge just as the party were approaching, but owing to his prompt action they failed to effect the further demolition intended. He and his party killed several enemy; and took 14 prisoners and a machine gun.

249524 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) T. H. Giblett, M.M., 41st Div. Sig. Coy., R.E., attd. H.Q. 190th Bde., R.F.A. (Twickenham).

On 1st October, 1918, near America line, for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in laying and maintaining telephone lines under heavy shell and machine-gun fire. At a time when communication between the artillery and infantry was of the utmost importance he tied a line round his waist and, running through the barrage, laid a line to the infantry. Though blown over by a shell bursting and badly shaken, he remained at work and maintained the line throughout the night.

13974 Sjt. F. Gibson, 6th Bn., North'n R. (Northampton).

For most marked gallantry and coolness after volunteering to go with his company officer to capture four enemy machine-gun posts in operations on 24th October, 1918, north-east of Bousies. The operation was a success, the four machine-guns being captured and fourteen men taken prisoners. The action was a particularly daring one. Crawling under cover of a hedge to the enemy's positions, he set a fine example to all. He has always been the first to volunteer for any difficult task, and he is the very best type of a British soldier.

16531 Cpl. G. Gibson, M.M., 1st Bn., R. Dub. Fus. (Dublin).

In the operations at Ledeghem on 14th October, 1918, for excellent and gallant conduct during attack. He assumed the duties of company serjeant-major, and performed them excellently in heavy mist and smoke. He collected and reorganised several stragglers belonging to other units, and showed great courage and coolness throughout the whole day, capturing three enemy officers and fifteen other ranks. He took part in capturing the first objective until the position was found untenable owing to enemy field guns firing at point blank range, as well as enemy machine gun and trench mortars. On the instructions of his company commander he withdrew his men to a more favourable position, thereby saving many casualties.

18006 Sjt. S. Gibson, 6th Bn., K.O.S.B. (Sanguhar).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Cuerne from 15th to 17th October, 1918. During the operations on the night of 16/17th October, when a bridge head was formed across the Lys, he rendered yeoman service in establishing touch between the various companies. When the enemy counter-attacked during the night he rallied a party of men of the centre company, reformed them and led them against the enemy. By this timely and vigorous action the counter-attack was broken and a critical situation averted.

238149 Pte. A. J. Gifford, 1st Bn., Worc. R. (Cottenham).

On the night of the 13th/14th October, 1918, he was attached to battalion headquarters as a runner and guide. During the night he got through to his company with three important messages, under heavy

machine-gun fire. At dawn he left with a small ration party, and endeavoured to get over the open country to his company headquarters. He had done about half the distance when his company commander ordered the company to withdraw, under an intense artillery, trench-mortar and machine-gun fire. He at once dropped his ration bags and opened steady rifle fire on a party of the enemy coming up in the right rear of his company. He showed great courage and devotion to duty throughout the operation.

805185 Dvr. J. Gilbert, A./231st (N. Mid.) Bde., R.F.A., T.F. (Stone, Staffs.).

At Bellenglise, on 29th September, 1918, during the attack a direct hit on the gun pit killed or wounded the whole of the detachment, except himself. He showed a splendid example of coolness and gallantry in continuing to load and fire the gun without a pause, with the assistance of the only man not too severely wounded to help him.

26494 Pte. J. Gillen, 6th Bn., R. Innis. Fus. (Larne, co. Antrim).

During the operations of the 17th October, 1918, at Le Cateau, he showed the greatest courage and determination. He took charge of a section which had lost its commander, and successfully attacked a machine-gun post and captured the crew, who were holding up the advance of his company. Later in the fight, with an officer he rushed two machine guns, killing two of the gunners, the remainder, three officers and fifty-five men, surrendering. His coolness in action was exemplary.

63056 L./C. C. D. Gladwin, M.M., 3rd Bn., W. York. R. (W. Hartlepool).

For conspicuous gallantry and tenacity at Corbehem on the 12th October, 1918. He encouraged his Lewis-gun team forward under heavy enemy fire, and finally secured a position commanding the bridge over the Scarpe Deviation, and inflicted heavy casualties upon the enemy, whose harassing fire was becoming extremely troublesome. When his No. 1 was wounded, he immediately took his place and kept the gun in action for a considerable time, during which he himself was wounded.

G/3755 Pte. H. Godden, 2nd Bn., R. Suss. R. (Eastbourne).

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in the attack on Pontru on 18th September, 1918. When his company was held up by machine-gun fire he rushed forward and bombed and captured the machine gun, thus making the way clear for the company to advance. During a halt in the advance for reorganisation he went forward through the protective barrage and obtained most valuable information. He set a splendid example of courage to all.

48928 Sjt. J. H. Gott, 10th Bn., Lan. Fus. (Houpeville, France).

On 12th October, 1918, during the attack on Neuville, he rushed forward in advance of his company, under intense machine-gun fire, and cut gaps in the wire fences which would have delayed the troops. He was wounded at the second wire fence, but carried on and cut through no less than twelve fences in several places. He finally fell, through

exhaustion and loss of blood, and was unable to move. Owing to his splendid courage and grit the company was enabled to reach their objective and many casualties were avoided.

S/42595 Pte. L. J. Gould, 6/7th Bn., Gord. Highrs., T.F. (Port Gordon).

For most conspicuous gallantry and determination during the operations near Roeux on 27th August, 1918. He was in a section holding a post which the enemy made a bombing attack on. He took command and held on for some time; two of the enemy bombs landed in the post, and he picked them up and threw them out before they burst, thus saving the lives of his comrades. Finally, when the post was being cut off, he ordered his men back, and shot the enemy officer before withdrawing himself. He did splendid work.

202502 Pte. T. Gowrie, 11th Bn., R. Scots (Coupar).

For conspicuous gallantry during the attack on Ledeghem on 1st October, 1918, when the attack was held up by heavy machine-gun fire. He was No. 2 of a Lewis gun team, and went forward to a position 200 yards in front of our line. It was owing to him that the No. 1 was able to continue to fire and so enable our line to advance, as the remainder of the team had become casualties. During the whole day's operation he showed great courage and devotion to duty.

9276 L./Sjt. J. Graham, 6th Bn., R. Innis. Fus. (Newtownards).

For most conspicuous gallantry and determined leadership. As platoon serjeant he did splendid work during the attack on Prospect Hill, near Gouy, on 3rd October, 1918. Early in the advance he moved a section to a flank, and, attacking a machine-gun nest, captured the gun and crew. Again, after the final objective had been captured, he organised and led a party ahead, and drove off the crews of two field guns. Throughout the day he set a wonderful example by his splendid courage, leading his men with great dash.

188 L./C. (A./Cpl.) G. Grant, 2nd Bn., R. Fus. (Chelsea).

In the Ypres sector, during the operations of the 28th/29th September, 1918, when a body of the enemy were observed massing on a flank, it became necessary to warn one of our advanced posts who were unaware of this impending attack. After two runners had been shot in the attempt he volunteered and successfully took a message to this post, with the result that the enemy were beaten back. Afterwards, he went out with a small patrol and captured over 20 prisoners who had taken up a position on the flank and were enfilading the post. He showed marked courage, and rendered very valuable service.

S/40134 Pte. (L./Cpl.) P. Grant, 1st Bn., Cam'n Highrs. (Inverness).

For marked gallantry and initiative on the 17th October, 1918, during the attack on Bellevue, near Ribeaupville, and later when the advance was temporarily held up on the first objective. He picked up a Lewis gun, and, under heavy machine-gun fire from a nest of guns near Bellevue, brought the gun into action on a flank and knocked

out an enemy machine gun, enabling his company and others to advance and mop up the machine-gun nest. Later, when the advance was checked, he advanced alone with his Lewis gun about 200 yards in front of his company. By his initiative and daring the enemy opposition was overcome, and the position occupied. His conduct throughout the day was of the highest order.

20372 Sjt. W. J. Grant, M.M., 1st Bn., M.G. Corps (Nairn).

For conspicuous gallantry in action at Maissemy-Fresnoy on 18th/19th September, 1918. He set a magnificent example to his men, and it was owing to his courage and resource that his guns were able to inflict heavy casualties during enemy counter-attacks. He was subsequently wounded, but refused to leave his post until ordered to do so.

25/227 Pte. (A./Cpl.) W. T. Granville, 9th Bn., North'd Fus. (Newcastle-on-Tyne).

For conspicuous gallantry during the attack on Bermerain on 24th October, 1918. When his section leader was killed he showed great pluck and initiative, taking command of his section, and, seeing that his company was being held up by machine guns on the left, led his section against them with great dash, capturing the guns and 13 prisoners. Shortly after, when troops on the left were being checked, he successfully led his section to the final objective. He set a great example and inspired his men with confidence.

38884 Pte. D. Gray, 5/6th Bn., R. Scots, T.F. (Govan).

For most conspicuous gallantry during attacks on Sequehart on 1st, 2nd and 3rd October, 1918. Time after time this man brought his Lewis gun into action under fire of enemy machine guns and wiped out their teams, thereby enabling his company to advance. During the enemy counter-attack on 2nd October, he handled his Lewis gun with very deadly effect, inflicting severe casualties on the enemy. The splendid fighting qualities which he displayed were a very fine example to his comrades throughout.

6373 C./Q./M./S. G. Gray, M.M., 1st Bn., Dorset R. (Castle Cary).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the 29th September, 1918, during the attack on Fleche Wood, near Sequehart. He led a half-company to their objective under heavy shell and machine-gun fire, capturing 60 prisoners. On 3rd October, at Sequehart, he again led his half-company to the attack, capturing 30 prisoners, and later, when counter-attacked, drove the enemy off at the point of the bayonet, inflicting great losses on them. Throughout the operations he displayed the utmost contempt for personal safety, and his coolness and cheerful demeanour under heavy fire were inspiring to all.

240804 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) C. Greatorex, 1/6th Bn., Notts. & Derby R., T.F. (Wirksworth)

For most conspicuous gallantry and good work near Ramicourt on 3rd October, 1918. During an attack, when his company was

held up by machine-gun fire at the entrance to the village, he, taking advantage of cover, personally closed on the machine gun, killed one man, and caused the remainder to surrender. He then returned to his own men and took them forward through the village. He displayed great qualities of leadership throughout the whole operations.

42304 Pte. H. Greedy, 2nd Bn., Hamps. R. (Bridgwater).

For very conspicuous gallantry during operations leading to the capture of Courtrai. This runner was several times buried by shell fire, but never failed to get messages through. He accompanied his commanding officer on crossing the Lys on the 16th October, 1918, extricating him when buried by a shell. In the temporary withdrawal he took messages to the various covering posts, and acted as guide under heavy shell fire. He always volunteered for dangerous work, and even repaired telephone lines, although not a signaller.

42627 Pte. R. Green, 2nd Bn., R. Innis. Fus. (Swindon).

For most conspicuous gallantry during the operations on 29th September, 1918, in the Dadizeele sector, when he, alone with his platoon officer, rushed an enemy machine-gun post, bayoneting one of the enemy and wounding two others. This splendid act resulted in the capture of 39 prisoners and four machine guns. On the 14th October, 1918, near Gulleghem, he again displayed the same disregard for danger, going on three occasions directly into the enemy artillery barrage and heavy machine-gun fire to bandage severely wounded men and bring them into cover.

42974 (fmly. 58968) L./C. G. R. Greenway, 1st Bn., Leic. R. (Fulham).

For fine courage and initiative. On 23rd October, 1918, near Basuel, after his platoon had many casualties moving through enemy's barrage, he, with a few men, rushed an enemy post, capturing two machine guns and six gunners. He then assisted in mounting one of the guns and opened fire on the enemy. Later on the same day, with five men, he rushed and captured another machine gun and four of its crew after hand-to-hand fighting. In addition, during this day, he assisted in the capture of an enemy field gun with four gunners. His gallantry and coolness throughout the day were most conspicuous.

265035 C./S./M. C. Greenwood, 1/6th Bn., Notts. & Derby R., T.F. (Nottingham).

For splendid work in the attack on Bellenglise and Lehaucourt on 29th September, 1918. During the advance he was invaluable to his company commander in helping platoons to keep direction in the thickest mist. Later in the attack he showed the greatest disregard for danger, and was always among the first to get at the enemy machine gunners with the bayonet.

10544 C./S./M. L. V. Greenwood, 1st Bn., R. Dub. Fus. (Bristol).

For fine courage and good work. Near St. Louis, in the Courtrai sector, on 20th October, 1918, when his company was held

up by machine-gun fire, he led forward a Lewis-gun team over an area swept by the enemy's fire. He selected a position 100 yards away from the enemy where he could bring a cross-fire to bear in conjunction with another Lewis gun. Having put the enemy guns out of action, he gallantly rushed the position, and so enabled his company to advance.

976 Sjt. A. Gregory, 7th Bn., R.W. Kent R. (St. Luke's).

For most conspicuous gallantry and determined leadership during the operations near Le Cateau on 23rd October, 1918. Before the attack was launched he carried out many daring patrols, bringing back valuable information. Subsequently, he rushed and captured single-handed an enemy machine gun which was holding up the advance, killing all the crew. After the final objective was reached he established two posts and proceeded to mop up a sunken road and the ground on his right flank, killing many of the enemy himself, and capturing many prisoners. He did magnificent work.

21718 Cpl. F. Gregory, 1st Bn., Som. L.I. (Portishead).

For fine courage and initiative near Verchain on the 24th October, 1918. During the attack an enemy post in front of the river bank threw bombs, wounding several of our men. Without hesitation he scrambled over the bank alone and rushed the post from the flank. His unexpected attack took the post completely by surprise, and he captured five enemy, thus saving many casualties, and enabling the advance to be continued without delay.

8207 Rfn. W. Gudgeon, 2nd Bn., R. Ir. Rif. (Walsall).

For conspicuous gallantry and cool courage. In the attack on Gulleghem on 15th October, 1918, when his platoon was held up by two enemy machine guns, he immediately rushed out with his gun, and, lying down in the roadway, opened fire. Before finishing one magazine a stoppage occurred in his gun. He calmly proceeded to take off the butt, rectified the stoppage, and continued firing, being exposed to the fire of two guns all the time. Eventually he beat off the enemy guns out of their position, and enabled his platoon to advance.

S/27749 Pte. T. W. Guinea, 1st Bn., Cam'n Highrs. (Pawley).

For marked gallantry and initiative during the attack on 17th October, 1918. While advancing in the direction of Les Marconniers under heavy machine-gun fire, he rushed his Lewis gun up through the farm buildings in pursuit of two retreating enemy machine guns, fired upon them from the hip as they crossed a road, and killed or took prisoner all the gunners, and captured both guns. He then brought his gun into action against an enemy post in front, forcing them to retire without their guns, and enabling his platoon to secure their objective and the guns. He did fine work.

S/10812 Pte. A. Gunn, 7th Bn., Sea. Highrs. (Dunbeath).

On 1st October, 1918, near Ledeghem, after the battalion had passed beyond its

objective, a slight withdrawal was ordered. He volunteered to cover the retirement with his Lewis gun, and, single-handed, kept his gun in action, firing at the enemy snipers and machine gun, thus keeping down their fire and saving casualties. Throughout the operations, 28th September/3rd October, 1918, he showed remarkable coolness and gallantry under very trying conditions.

15364 Pte. (L./C.) A. Gurney, M.M., 2nd Bn., Bedf. R. (Rickmansworth).

On the morning of 22nd September, 1918, east of Ronssoy, during a bombing attack up trenches, all available bombs became exhausted and no further supplies were immediately forthcoming. The attack looked as if it would be held up, when he took the place of the leading bayonet man, and although the enemy were using large quantities of stick bombs, he with the greatest gallantry rushed in and round the traverses, killed the two leading enemy, and put the rest to flight; then, following up closely, he shot two more. Continuing his advance as bayonet man, he cleared several fire-bays and captured three machine guns. Throughout the operation, 18th/22nd September, he set a splendid example to all about him.

1324 C./Q./M./S. (A./C./S./M.) J. Gutteridge, 8th Bn., R.W. Kent R. (Bromley).

At Haussy, on 16th October, 1918, for most conspicuous gallantry. During the attack the company came under very heavy enfilade machine-gun fire, and suffered many casualties, all the officers being either killed or wounded, and he several times reorganised the platoons after the platoon commanders had become casualties. Later, he took a Lewis gun to an advanced position and personally directed the fire, completely breaking up an enemy counter-attack. During the whole morning, until badly wounded, he did excellent work, and his fine example greatly inspired the men.

3/8038 Sjt. B. J. Guymer, M.M., 9th Bn., Norf. R. (Norwich).

On 9th October, 1918, near Bohain, he was in charge of a platoon and led his men forward through a thick fog with great courage and ability, and, in spite of heavy machine-gun enfilade fire, he pushed on to his objective, surprising sixteen of the enemy in a dugout, whom he captured. Again on 11th October, near Vaux-Andigny, he led his platoon forward under heavy machine-gun fire. His conduct throughout was excellent.

43740 Sjt. S. Hague, M.M., 1st Bn., Notts. & Derby. R. (Whitwell, Notts.).

Near Oppy on the 6th October, 1918, he led his platoon with consummate skill and boldness. Having removed noiselessly three enemy booby traps, he dashed into the enemy post, completely surprising them and capturing seven prisoners. He then reorganised his platoon and consolidated new positions under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire. Later, he beat off strong enemy counter-attacks on his post, and successfully maintained it till the line was established. He set a most inspiring example and did splendid work.

265341 Pte. A. H. Hall, 2nd Bn., Notts. & Derby. R. (Beeston).

On the morning of the 12th September, 1918, on front of St. Quentin during the attack on the Quadrilateral, he was in charge of a bombing section, and showed very marked gallantry and devotion to duty throughout the day. When it was discovered that the enemy had established a strong point in the line of our advance and was holding up the attack from this point with rifle and machine-gun fire, he worked forward with his section under heavy fire and succeeded in putting down a barrage of grenades on the post, which by deadening their fire allowed the remainder of the platoon to rush forward and capture the position. He did fine work throughout.

27182 Cpl. W. G. Hall, 8th Bn., E. Surr. R. (Little Horsted, Sussex).

For most conspicuous gallantry near Ronssoy on the 18th September, 1918. When the company came under sudden machine-gun fire at close range he at once went forward single-handed with a Lewis gun, located the enemy machine gun, and shot down the entire team, thus allowing his platoon to get forward without casualties. Later in the day he and his platoon officer crept forward with about four men, and under cover of Lewis-gun fire and sniping captured almost single-handed two 10.5 howitzers, one machine gun, and about sixty prisoners. He did splendid work.

260433 L./C. (A./Cpl.) H. Halton, 7th Bn., Bord. R. (Carnforth).

For most conspicuous gallantry and determination in the attack on the Foret de Mormal on 4th November, 1918. During the advance he went ahead as scout to his platoon. When nearing the final objective the enemy opened heavy machine-gun fire. He worked his way forward in spite of this fire until close to the gun, rushed forward, and single-handed captured the gun and twelve prisoners, enabling his platoon to advance.

M2/151849 Sjt. P. M. Hamblin, R.A.S.C. (M.T.), attd. 154th Sge. By., R.G.A. (Bath).

For gallantry and devotion to duty. At Bergwijk, at about 15.30, 5th November, 1918, a Caterpillar was knocked out by a direct hit and set on fire. Assisted by L./Cpl. Pountney, and at once realising the danger of the second caterpillar being set alight, he ran to the caterpillar and backed it down the road out of danger. Then, with assistance, stores, etc., were thrown clear.

305216 Pte. B. C. Hamilton, 1st Bn., Tank Corps (Coventry).

He was in action in a tank on 8th October, 1918, in front of Beaufort, and knocked out a field gun north of Sonia Wood. Later, when both drivers were overcome by fumes, he drove the tank. During this time the tank received a direct hit, which killed the N.C.O. and wounded one man: he, however, continued to drive on, and dealt with hostile machine guns. Finally the tank was knocked out by a further hit, which wounded two other men, but he remained on guard alone until relieved next day. He showed splendid spirit and determination, and set a fine example to all.

200031 Sjt. T. H. Hamilton, 2/4th Bn., Hamps. R., T.F. (Aldershot).

For marked gallantry on 30th September, 1918, near Rumilly. He led a platoon in face of intense machine-gun fire and took a strong enemy position. It became necessary to withdraw along the trench, and he covered the withdrawal with his rifle and shot two of the enemy machine-gunners. He set a fine example to those with him.

241459 Pte. I. Hammond, 2nd Bn., Hamps. R. (Southampton).

For conspicuous gallantry in operations round Ledeghem on 14th October, 1918. On the evening of the 14th he dressed a man of the 1st/2nd Monmouth Regt. under intense shell fire. Later, some men of a L.T.M. battery became casualties. He again went through very heavy shell fire to reach them, and dressed their wounds. Throughout the operations his disregard of danger was most conspicuous. He set a very high standard of devotion to duty.

290048 Col. Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) P. Hannigan, 1/8th Bn., Sco. Rif., T.F. (Glasgow).

For marked gallantry and fine leadership near Gheluwe on 14th October, 1918. When he saw some men of his company faltering through loss of officers and heavy machine-gun fire, he showed complete disregard of danger, urged the men forward, and led them to their objective. It was undoubtedly to a great extent due to his keenness and enterprise that the men he led reached the final objective.

19551 Sjt. J. Harbinson, M.M., 12th Bn., R. Ir. Rif. (Glenavy, Co. Antrim).

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations around Hierweg on 25th October, 1918. When the officers and N.C.O.'s had all become casualties, he collected and reorganised the remainder of the company under the heaviest machine-gun fire, and then led the men three successive times to the attack upon a strongly defended house, suffering heavy casualties each time. He finally captured the house with six machine guns, killing the garrison, and thus enabled the right flank of the battalion to get forward. He did splendid work.

202444 Sjt. G. Hardie, 1/4th Bn., Gord. Highrs., T.F. (Inverurie).

For gallantry and initiative while commanding a platoon throughout the operations round Famars on 26th/27th October, 1918. On 26th his platoon carried the final objective beyond the village of Famars, and he was the last to withdraw in front of the first enemy counter-attack which followed; and his handling of the men when the line was being re-established later was particularly fine. On 27th he again did magnificent work in the counter-attack, and set a splendid example of courage and fearlessness to all his men.

242362 L./Cpl. (Cpl.) H. W. Hardy, 1/4th Bn., Leic. R., T.F. (Loughborough).

For fine courage and determination. During the attack on 29th September, 1918, near Bellenglise, he attacked and captured single-handed an enemy machine gun and team who were resisting our advance, bayoneting the officer in command and taking

12 men prisoners. He subsequently assisted his platoon commander to capture three machine guns, and set a splendid example for courage and disregard of danger.

14284 Cpl. R. S. Hardy, M.M., 1st Bn., Dorset. R. (Torquay).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 3rd October, 1918, at Sequehart. He went through the village under intense enemy bombardment, bandaging the wounded and removing them to places of safety. Later in the day he went out in front of our outpost line searching for an officer and a corporal reported as lying in front of our line wounded. He found the corporal and another man and brought them into safety under heavy artillery and machine-gun fire. His courage and example were admirable.

940003 B./S./M. W. J. Harling, 460th Bty., R.F.A., attd. 15th Bde.; R.H.A. (East Ham).

For conspicuous gallantry and coolness on two separate occasions when his battery wagon lines were shelled near Becelaere. On the night 4th/5th October, 1918, when a dug-out was hit, he extricated four men under fire, bandaged the wounded, and got them safely away. On night 7th/8th October the lines were again heavily shelled, and he spent two hours attending to wounded men and horses, and further helped to extinguish three burning ammunition wagons.

27337 Sjt. O. Harmer, 1st Bn., Shrops. L.I. (Cardiff).

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In the attack on Fresnoy-le-Petite, 19th September, 1918, when all the officers of his company had become casualties, he reorganised the company and took command. Later, with half a platoon and one Lewis gun, he captured an enemy post, from which he silenced a hostile machine gun with Lewis gun fire, and succeeded in keeping down the fire of enemy snipers. The post was repeatedly attacked by the enemy with bombs and rifle grenades, but chiefly due to his fine example and energy all attacks were repulsed, though nearly all his men were wounded. Eventually he successfully withdrew his men under cover of darkness.

534450 Sjt. J. S. Harrington, 14th Fd. Amb., R.A.M.C. (Hammersmith).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 23rd October, 1918, near Beaurain. When taking up squads with the battalion they came under very heavy enemy barrage, which caused many casualties. He at once went to the most dangerous positions and commenced dressing cases as they occurred. He worked under intense shell fire until all the wounded were dressed, and then removed as many as possible with the squads at his disposal. He went back to the shelled zone repeatedly with fresh bearers until all were cleared.

86589 Pte. A. Harris, 1st Bn., Midd'x R. (Northampton).

On 29th September, 1918, in Villers Guislain he, with three others, was escorting a large batch of prisoners to the rear. Whilst passing through Villers Guislain a large party of the enemy, with a machine gun,

attacked the escort, and attempted to release the large party of prisoners conducted by him and his three men. He organised a determined resistance, shot the officer in command and recaptured a Tank and crew from the enemy party. The success of this encounter was due to his great courage, coolness and initiative.

L/13768 Sjt. A. G. Harris, 4th Bn., Midd'x R. (Tooting).

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in the attack near Briastre on the 12th October, 1918. When the attack was held up by machine-gun fire he rushed a machine gun, killed the gunner and then chased the officer and his orderly and killed them both. When all the officers of his company had become casualties he rallied the remainder of the company and led them forward. He was eventually wounded, but was with great difficulty persuaded to leave the firing line. He behaved splendidly.

19069 Pte. W. G. Harris, 29th Bn., M.G. Corps (Chertsey).

For very conspicuous gallantry as a driver of a machine-gun fighting limber during the operations near Kwaadastraat on 22nd October, 1918. He drove his limber into action at the gallop over and down a crest for a distance of about 800 yards under intense machine-gun fire in order to enable his officer to get his guns into action quickly against hostile machine guns which were holding up the infantry advance and inflicting severe casualties. His splendid conduct made it possible for the gun teams to get forward unhampered and without serious casualties.

8655 C./S./M. A. W. Harrison, M.M., 2nd Bn., W. Rid. R. (North Shields).

He led an attack on a machine-gun position during the attack on the high ground east of Verchain on 24th October, 1918. This party successfully captured and put out of action machine guns, taking in the neighbourhood of 50 prisoners. Soon after the action commencing on the morning of the 24th, all the officers of the company becoming casualties, he reorganised the company and assumed command, taking his objective. He showed great courage and leadership throughout.

202180 A./Sjt. F. W. Harrison, M.M., 2/5th Bn., Lan. Fus., T.F. (Atherton).

For most conspicuous gallantry during operations west of Tournai on the night 20th/21st October, 1918. He led his platoon forward to take up an advanced post. Under cover of a thick mist he moved to his objective, and during a personal reconnaissance of the ground in front of his position, and whilst he had only one man with him, he suddenly came upon an enemy machine-gun position at point-blank range about eight yards away. In the face of this gun he immediately rushed the post, capturing five men and the machine gun.

15/16546 C./S./M. S. Harrison, M.M., 15th Bn., R. Ir. Rif. (Belfast).

For conspicuous gallantry and determined leadership during the attack on 14th October, 1918, in the Moorseele sector. On arriving in the outskirts of Moorseele village

he collected a handful of men and cleared the main street by a charge, killing and capturing a large number of the enemy. His prompt action enabled the village to be speedily cleared. On arriving at his objective he was of the greatest value in organising the consolidation of the ground under heavy machine-gun fire.

73175 Pte. (A./L./C.) H. E. Harvey, M.M., 17th Bn., R. Fus. (Gospel Oak).

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the 28th/29th September, 1918, near Noyelles. He volunteered and swam the River l'Escaut in full view of the enemy with an officer in order to attach a rope to the far side for connecting up a raft. The enemy was only 300 yards away. Later, during an enemy counter-attack, he showed the greatest coolness under severe machine-gun fire, and immediately led forward his section to counter-attack. Though wounded he remained at duty for four hours until ordered back by his platoon commander.

20637 Sjt. G. L. Harwood, M.M., 2nd Bn., Y. & L. Regt. (S. Hackney).

For marked gallantry and initiative near Mericourt on the 8th October, 1918. When touch had been momentarily lost with the battalion on the left, he moved out to re-establish it and found that the left battalion was held up by a force of about 150 of the enemy. On his own initiative he got two Lewis guns worked round the flank, and opened fire on the enemy from the rear, causing the utmost demoralisation among them. Many were killed, and about 40 unwounded prisoners taken, and the advance was enabled to continue without falling behind the barrage. Throughout the whole operations he set a fine example of courage to his men.

32220 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) W. N. Haseldine, M.M., 28th Fd. Amb., R.A.M.C. (Earlestown).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On 1st October, 1918, the situation being somewhat obscure, he went forward through a heavy barrage and got in touch with the R.M.O.'s near Menin-Roulers Road. He returned to the bearer post and led the party of bearers to the R.A.P.'s and cleared the wounded. As the R.A.P.'s had subsequently to withdraw from their positions his action saved numerous lives.

15703 Pte. (L./C.) E. A. Hawkins, 2nd Bn., S. Gds. (Alton).

For most conspicuous gallantry and determination. During the 12th October, 1918, when a platoon was attacking a machine-gun post near St. Python, he was sent with his Lewis-gun section to outflank the machine gun. Observing the enemy retiring, he gave chase, firing his Lewis gun as he went, and though heavily fired at he continued to pursue the enemy for about 1,000 yards, and succeeded in killing five and capturing three in addition to a machine gun. His fine action broke up the enemy resistance all along the railway cutting.

511033 Pte. E. Haydon, 2/14th Bn., Lond. R. (Brentwood).

During the operations near Menin, on the

14th October, 1918, he displayed most conspicuous courage and dash. He was always leading the rushes on enemy posts and used rifle and bayonet with great effect. At one time he tackled single-handed a large pill-box, capturing about 40 prisoners, nearly all of whom were armed. He formed one of a party of four which rushed and captured two enemy machine guns which were causing the battalion on the left flank heavy casualties. He did splendid work.

630061 Pte. T. L. M. Haynes, 2/20th Bn., Lond. R. (Bletchley).

For most conspicuous gallantry and initiative during the attack east of Flesquieres on 27th September, 1918. He was with a section which came across a party of the enemy with machine guns. The enemy raised their hands, indicating that they surrendered, but on the section advancing to take them prisoners they opened fire with a machine gun, killing and wounding several men of the section. He at once worked to a flank and rushed the enemy by himself, capturing the entire party and two machine guns. He did splendid work.

121868 Pte. W. J. Hendy, 29th Bn., M.G. Corps (Newport).

For most conspicuous gallantry when the attack on the 22nd October, 1918, was held up in front of the Kwaadastraat-Kattestraat ridge, and the infantry and machine guns were in need of ammunition. In face of very heavy fire he emerged from cover, and fired at from front and flanks, galloped his limber with ammunition for 800 yards over the ridge and down the hill to cover behind a farm 100 yards behind the front line of infantry. He behaved splendidly.

29711 Cpl. G. Henshall, 1st Bn. (now Dépôt), Bord. R. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Salines on the 15th October, 1918. During the attack an enemy trench mortar with a crew of ten men opened fire, causing casualties and hindering the advance. He and four men at once volunteered and attacked it, killing and wounding five and capturing the remaining five. By his fine leadership and disregard of danger he saved many lives and materially assisted the advance.

L/20374 Cpl. R. Hersant, D/156th Bde., R.F.A. (Southend-on-Sea).

On 23rd October, 1918, during the advance through Forest, he was placed in charge of an advanced wagon line, which later in the day was heavily shelled by 10.5 c.m. and 15 c.m. howitzers. Eighteen horses were killed, and five drivers wounded, but, despite persistent heavy shelling, he managed to move the remainder in good order, he himself staying behind until all the wounded had been cleared. Later, he was himself wounded in the thigh, but continued at duty until absolutely unable to carry on. Throughout, he showed marked courage and devotion to duty.

306179 L./Sjt. F. Hesford, 2/5th Bn., Lan. Fus., T.F. (Manchester).

For most conspicuous gallantry and determination during the attack near Beaurain, on 23rd October, 1918. He showed a fine

example in keeping his men together under heavy shell fire, and never lost control the whole morning, although it was quite dark, and machine-gun fire was heavy. After being knocked down by a shell which killed the man next to him, he immediately carried out orders to work round the flank of three enemy machine guns, which he subsequently captured.

42297 Sjt. J. Hetherington, 9th Bn., Sco. Rif. (Ruthwell).

During the operations near Ingoyghem on 25th October, 1918, he displayed great devotion to duty and courage of a very high order. When the attacking platoons of his company had suffered heavy casualties owing to strong opposition, he went forward with two Lewis guns, and, although twice wounded, continued to push forward with his guns under heavy machine-gun fire, and eventually dislodged the enemy from their position. He was shortly afterwards carried from action on a stretcher. By his splendid behaviour he was largely instrumental in preventing his company from being checked.

26553 Pte. (L./C.) H. Hickling, M.M., 2nd Bn., S. Staff. R. (Nottingham).

For splendid courage and determination. Near Flesquieres, on the night of 27th/28th September, 1918, he, on his own initiative, rushed forward under heavy machine-gun fire, and single-handed captured an enemy machine gun, putting the crew out of action. The capturing of this particular gun undoubtedly saved many lives in his company.

A/7311 Cpl. P. Higgins, M.M., 2nd Bn., H.L.I. (Glasgow).

For most conspicuous gallantry during the capture of the high ground north of Rumilly on 1st October, 1918. He led his section straight to the objective and organised the consolidation of the position at once. Seeing that not only his section but the rest of the line might be cut off, he collected and organised all the men he could find, and led them, under heavy machine-gun fire, to the exposed flank and consolidate, so saving the situation.

8935 Sjt. E. Highgate, 2nd Bn., Welsh R. (Cardiff).

For great gallantry and brilliant leadership near Wassigny on the 18th October, 1918, when in command of a platoon in the attack. He showed throughout great initiative and power of command, while his utter disregard of personal danger was a fine example to all under him. Throughout he was in the forefront, and though this involved crossing a heavy barrage, he succeeded in capturing a battery of field guns together with their personnel. The fine work done by his platoon that day was mainly due to his dash, ability and courage.

G/3833 Pte. (L./C.) E. Highgate, M.M., 7th Bn., R. Suss. R. (Manning's Heath).

For marked gallantry and devotion to duty near Epehy on the 18th September, 1918. During the attack, five officers and a large number of men of the battalion were lying wounded in the open in full view of the enemy machine-gun nests some 150 yards distant. This stretcher-bearer went out

under sniping fire, and, unaided, bound up a large number of wounded of his company. He then in the space of one hour made seven journeys across this ground. The same evening he went out and succeeded in locating the bodies of three officers and thirty other ranks killed that morning. Throughout, his contempt for danger was splendid.

29231 Pte. (L./C.) G. F. Hilbourne, M.M., 8th Bn., E. Surr. R. (Walthamstow).

For marked gallantry and initiative at Robersart on the 25th October, 1918. He was in charge of a Lewis-gun section of a platoon which attacked a very strong line of enemy machine-gun positions. After advancing a considerable distance, the platoon found itself with both flanks in the air. He got his gun into action under very heavy machine-gun fire on one of the exposed flanks and maintained a steady rate of fire on the enemy, thereby considerably assisting the withdrawal of his platoon. Throughout the operations the conduct of this N.C.O. was of the highest order.

200282 Sjt. C. Hill, 1/5th Bn., S. Staffs. R., T.F. (Walsall).

During the engagement east of Bohain, on the 11th/12th October, 1918, he showed marked courage and devotion to duty. On the morning of 12th October, 1918, when leading his platoon to the attack, he had his rifle shot from his hand, and was himself blown some distance by a shell. Nevertheless, he continued to direct his men, and, when held up by enemy machine-gun fire, he organised his platoon and did invaluable work in repulsing a local counter-attack. Throughout the whole engagement he was a very fine example to his platoon.

36577 Sjt. F. C. Hill, M.M., 8th Bn., E. Surr. R. (Bruton, Som.).

For conspicuous gallantry and leadership near Ronssoy, on the 18th September, 1918. When the company suddenly met with heavy machine-gun fire, he advanced his platoon under cover of fire from his Lewis-gun section, thereby clearing the way for his company. Again, on the 19th September, he took out two successive patrols in daylight and established posts 500 yards in front of our front line, although sniped at heavily all the time. Throughout, he rendered very valuable service by fearless and able leadership of his platoon.

L/44290 Sjt. R. W. Hill, 92nd By., 17th Bde., R.F.A. (Notting Hill).

On 29th September, 1918, he was in charge of a gun in an advanced section closely supporting the infantry near Gheluveldt. The section came under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, and the officer in command was wounded. He carried on alone, showing great coolness and disregard for danger. He kept his gun in action, and undoubtedly was of great assistance in maintaining the advance. He displayed great gallantry and devotion to duty.

22895 Pte. T. Hillhouse, 1st Bn., Sco. Rif. (Ayr).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the attack on the village of Troisvillers, near Le Cateau, his company

were held up by machine-gun fire from a house, and all the officers became casualties. Pte. Hillhouse and another man decided to attack the house, which was occupied by a strong party of the enemy. This he did successfully, first with rifle fire and finally charging with the bayonet, driving out about 30 of the enemy and capturing two prisoners and two machine guns. He returned with the two prisoners to battalion headquarters and was severely wounded on the way back. He displayed the highest form of courage and gallantry, and his initiative and skill enabled the advance to continue.

40148 Sjt. F. J. Hillman, 61st Fd. Coy., R.E. (Brighton).

He displayed great coolness and courage on two occasions when bridging the Scheldt. On the 29th October, 1918, at Espierres he, with his officer, succeeded in throwing a bridge across the river in face of heavy machine-gun and trench-mortar fire. Again, on the 4th November, north of Helchin, he performed a similar act. On this occasion the bridge was thirty yards from an enemy post, from which heavy fire was opened. Throughout the operation he was at the bridgehead assisting the launching, and a successful minor operation was carried out. He set an excellent example to the bridging platoon.

36515 Pte. F. H. Hinds, 10th Bn., Notts. & Derby. R. (Morley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in the Forêt de Mormal on 4th November, 1918. He and his companions were at the time privates and were linesmen. The wire was laid through the outskirts of Futoy, which was being very heavily shelled, but these two men remained working on the line for 48 hours without rest. The wire was broken every ten minutes, but it was at once mended by these two very gallant men, and it was owing to their fine spirit and untiring energy that communication was kept up with brigade throughout the operations.

54804 Sjt. (A./C./S./M.) A. E. Hines, 15th Bn., Welsh R. (Poplar).

For most conspicuous gallantry and dash. At Chateau Angles, north of Villers Outreaux, on 8th October, 1918, he organised a bombing party against a machine-gun post, and led them forward under a hail of machine-gun fire; he himself leaped on to the parapet and shot the team and put three guns out of action. He then reorganised his company and led them forward again until he fell severely wounded. He showed fine courage and devotion to duty.

15162 Pte. J. W. Holden, 2nd Bn., Lein. R. ([E.] Newcastle-on-Tyne).

For marked courage and endurance near Staceghem on the 20th October, 1918. He was pushed forward with his Lewis gun to cover the advance of his company. On reaching his new position he was severely wounded. Despite his wound he opened fire and continued in action until his company had reached the objective, finally collapsing through loss of blood with his hand still on the gun. He set an inspiring example of gallantry and devotion to duty to the remainder of the company.

90254 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) J. Holmes, B/51st Bde., R.F.A. (Ashover).

He was in charge of a single 18-pdr. on 22nd October, 1918, near St. Louis, and was sent up in close support of the infantry. He got his gun into action quickly under heavy gun and machine-gun fire from the flank. He took on machine guns in houses at 500 range until his two men were wounded by an enemy battery firing direct on to his gun. Under heavy and accurate fire he took each of his wounded gunners in turn to shelter behind a farmhouse. He then returned to his gun and fired it single-handed till ordered to withdraw. He set a very fine example of gallantry and resource to those with him.

8232 Sjt. W. E. Holmes, M.M., 1st Bn., Shrops. L.I. (Darlaston).

During the attack near Montbrehain on 8th October, 1918, when acting C.S.M., he showed marked gallantry and ability in reorganising his company on reaching its objective when it had suffered heavy casualties. When his company was enfiladed by hostile machine-gun fire he took up a necessarily exposed position and sniped the teams of these machine guns. This act was done at great personal danger, and had the effect of steadying the whole company and enabling the position to be held until the enemy was driven out. Throughout the operations on 8th/9th October he carried out his duties in a manner which was of the greatest possible assistance to his one remaining officer.

45807 Sjt. F. Homersham, M.M., 9th Bn., R. Ir. Fus. (Longmone, Morayshire).

For conspicuous gallantry and good work. At Courtrai on the 16th October, 1918, during the crossing of the River Lys, which was made under heavy machine-gun fire, he was one of the first to land from a small boat, and skilfully led his men to the attack. He established a post in such a position as to minimise the effect of an enemy machine gun and eventually put it out of action. When our force was ordered to retire he volunteered to swim across the canal, carrying a rope to pull the pontoon boat across.

G/11533 Sjt. F. Hooke, 2nd Bn., R. Fus. (Westminster Bridge Road).

During the attack at Ledeghem on the morning of 14th October, 1918, he led his platoon against an enemy post, capturing three machine guns. Pushing on he captured another post of three men and two guns. Pushing forward again he finished close behind the barrage on his objective. Throughout the day he set a splendid example to the men under his command, and by his coolness and courage under very very difficult circumstances.

288185 Cpl. L. Hopkins, 24th Bn., Welsh R. (Laverock).

During operations near Ronssoy, 18th/21st September, 1918, he was placed in charge of a section and did excellent work. During the most trying hours of the advance he led and cheered the men under him, and by his cool and fearless manner gave them confidence. On the morning of the 21st September he again did good work while leading and organising his two platoons. His

judgment and excellent capabilities greatly encouraged the men, and undoubtedly helped the company in an awkward situation.

25619 Sjt. V. Hopkins, 1st Bn., M.G. Corps (Cowbridge).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of two machine guns. Near Pontru, on the 18th September, 1918, he led his guns forward in spite of heavy machine-gun and artillery fire. Seeing the troops on his flanks held up by machine-gun fire he got his guns into action, engaged and silenced several hostile guns, thereby enabling the troops to continue their advance. Throughout he showed great gallantry and initiative, and set a splendid example to his men.

290333 B./S./M. F. J. House, 2/1st (Low.) Hy. By., R.G.A., T.F. (Catheys).

For conspicuous gallantry and skill at Hargicourt on the night of the 25th/26th September, 1918. When a gun wheel got badly jammed he took charge of a party, and after two hours' work extricated the gun. During more than half of this time a heavy hostile fire was directed on the village, causing several casualties amongst the horses, but he kept the men together, and by his example finally got the gun away. Shortly afterwards, when the area was heavily gassed, he was wounded, but remained at duty and set a fine example to all.

326329 C./S./M. B. Howard, 1/1st Camb. R., T.F. (Wisbech).

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations south of Meault on the 22nd August, 1918. He led his platoon with great skill and courage against some enemy machine guns which were holding up the advance. He was successful in capturing two machine guns and crews, and gained and consolidated his objective. Later, while acting as C.S.M. he again displayed fine leadership in collecting a platoon whose leaders had become casualties, and leading it to its final objective, capturing a machine gun and crew. Throughout the above operations he set a splendid example to all ranks.

240819 Pte. A. L. Howe, 1/6th Bn., Notts. & Derby. R., T.F. (Peak Dale).

For conspicuous gallantry and good work as company runner in the dense fog while his company was moving up to support the attack at Bellenglise on 29th September, 1918. When a whole Lewis-gun team was knocked out he took over the gun and some ammunition, and used it with great effect. During the advance a battery of field guns opened fire on the leading troops and some Tanks behind. His platoon was ordered to charge the guns, and he was one of the foremost men in the charge and accounted for two of the team.

148008 L./Cpl. T. Howe, 32nd Bn., M.G. Corps (Denton).

For great gallantry and initiative near Joncourt on 2nd October, 1918. The enemy suddenly opened on the section with machine guns, the officer became a casualty as well as the other N.C.O.'s, and he took command.

The section was in a most exposed position when he took charge, but he gradually got all the guns safely back to a more sheltered place and was able to materially assist in beating off a counter-attack. He continued in charge of the section through the day, setting a fine example of cool courage and ability.

98399 Bdr. J. H. Howse, 327th Sge. Bty., R.G.A. (Handsworth, B'ham).

For marked gallantry and devotion to duty in action when acting as No. 1 of his gun in a very advanced and exposed position at Montay on 23rd October, 1918. He kept his men together under very heavy shell fire and machine-gun fire, and although struck by a splinter himself continued to serve his gun till it went out of action, whereupon he immediately took over another gun, whose No. 1 was suffering from shell shock, and stayed at his post, although again struck by a splinter in the face, till he was so dazed by a blow in the back that he was sent away.

G/63292 Cpl. E. G. Hudson, M.M., 11th Bn., R. Fus. (Islington).

During operations near Vendhuile and the Knoll, on the 29th/30th September, 1918, he was in charge of a patrol into the village which came under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire. In spite of the great danger to which he and his patrol were exposed, he so manoeuvred his men that he put an enemy machine gun out of action, capturing ten prisoners and an enemy field gun. His initiative, contempt for danger, and most excellent leadership throughout the day rendered a great service to his company and the battalion in the capture of the village.

720551 C./S./M. A. B. Huggett, 1/24th Bn., Lond. R. (Pimlico).

For conspicuous gallantry and determined leadership at St. Pierre Vaast Wood on 2nd September, 1918. Early in the operations the company commander became a casualty and he ably took charge of company headquarters and one platoon and proceeded through very heavy enemy barrage, where his party suffered severe casualties, towards the final objective, which he reached and held until the remainder of the company could be got through, although his party were practically surrounded by the enemy.

9132 Sjt. (A./C./S./M.) F. J. Huggins, 2nd Bn., R. Berks. R. (Southsea).

On 7th October, 1918, during the attack on Hollow Copse, near Fresnes, all platoon officers of the company were casualties. He went forward, reorganised two platoons and led them forward with great success. The trench was captured and flanks secured. He saw to the supply of bombs in a most efficient manner, and throughout his gallantry and devotion to duty were admirable.

17912 Sjt. H. L. Hughes, 2nd Bn., S.W. Bord. (Cwmaman, Glam.).

At Zillebeke, on 28th September, 1918, for very conspicuous gallantry and good leadership. During the attack he led his platoon with great dash. He himself with six men rushed a hostile post which was holding out and captured seventeen prisoners.

and a machine gun. On the 29th he was again conspicuous for his gallantry until severely wounded while working round an enemy post. He set a very fine example of aggressive energy, dash, and absolute contempt of personal danger.

18719 Sjt. J. Hume, M.M., 36th Bn., M.G. Corps (Belfast).

During the action on the 16th October, 1918, on the west bank of the Lys at Courtrai, he in a reconnaissance with his officers was the first to reach the canal. Moving about under heavy short-range fire, he located enemy machine-gun positions, and with his officer succeeded in killing the crews of two guns by rifle fire. Afterwards he brought his guns into selected positions, from which he directed their fire. His work throughout the day was admirable, and his example and courage carried his teams with him despite a continuously heavy fire.

9863 Sjt. A. W. Humphrey, 1st Bn. (now Dépôt), Bord. R. (Kendal).

For most conspicuous gallantry and determined leadership near Hooge on 28th September, 1918. He led his platoon forward with great dash, and when held up by enemy machine-gun fire, he charged the gun, capturing it and the crew. He then reorganised his platoon and led on again to the final objective. Later, he located an enemy machine gun in a house, and at once organised an attack and captured the gun and crew. Although wounded, he refused to go back, and led his men on again until again wounded, seriously. He did splendid work.

118302 Cpl. W. H. Humphreys, 36th Bn., M.G. Corps (Withington).

Near Courtrai, during the attack on the 25th October, 1918, he was in charge of a machine gun working with an infantry company, and, unsupported, pushed forward to fill a wide gap in the attacking line. His whole advance was made under the heaviest fire, but by skilful leading he succeeded in getting his gun to a position which marked the furthest advance of the day. From here he fired six belts of ammunition against close targets, inflicting many casualties, and enabling the infantry to advance. Later, when the advance was checked by hostile machine-gun fire, he worked in conjunction with a trench mortar and succeeded in killing many of the enemy and routing the remainder. Throughout the day his courage and energy inspired all around him.

9672 Sjt. A. E. Hunt, 2nd Bn., R. Sco. Fus. (Portsmouth).

During the recent advance east of Ledeghem from 14th October to 17th October, 1918, he displayed the highest qualities of gallantry, determination, and coolness in the face of the enemy and devotion to duty. Twice on 14th October, when the line was held up east of Mogg Farm, he led his platoon under heavy machine-gun fire and captured machine-gun posts which were causing a lot of trouble. By his utter disregard of personal danger he set a fine and inspiring example to his men.

38462 Cpl. V. Hunt, 1st Bn., Shrops. L.I. (Nuneaton).

For marked gallantry and fearless leader-

ship. During the attack on 24th September, 1918, he was sent up to establish an O.P. in N. Alley, near Fayet. Shortly after arriving there he saw a party of the enemy trying to counter-attack by working along the trench from the right. This he at once reported, and was then sent to form a bombing block. He collected a mixed party, and succeeded in stopping the enemy's bombing attack. Later, together with a R.E. officer, he led a bombing attack, which cleared N. Alley as far as its junction with the Quadrilateral. He was mainly responsible for maintaining our right flank in North Alley during the day.

31698 Gdsn. G. M. Hunter, 2nd Bn., G. Gds. (West Hartlepool).

For most conspicuous gallantry and good work on 20th October, 1918, between St. Python and Vertain, in charge of a Lewis-gun section. The platoon on his right being held up by heavy machine-gun fire and bombing from farm buildings, he took his gun and placed it so that it commanded one entrance to the building. He then went back and collected some men with bombs, and bombed the enemy out and silenced their machine guns, two of which were captured. Later in the day, on reaching the final objective, he took out a section to an advanced listening post, where he stayed all day under extremely heavy fire and did a valuable reconnaissance.

2100 Cpl. J. Hurst, M.M., 11th Bn., R. Fus. (near St. Helens).

During the operations near Ronsoy, on the 18th September, 1918, he was in charge of a mopping-up party to clear up this village. Throughout the attack his keenness and good leadership accounted for at least five officers and forty men being captured. He also secured a signalling station complete, shooting the operator, who was in process of transmitting a message. He then immediately pushed forward and assisted in the reorganisation of the platoon during consolidation. His most excellent standard of efficiency, sense of duty and gallantry were of the highest order.

7658 Pte. (A./Cpl.) J. W. Hutcheson, 2nd Bn., Sea. Highrs. (N. Shields).

His leading of his section during the attack on the high ground between Saulzoir and Verchain on the 20th October, 1918, was instrumental in capturing a strong point containing one heavy and one light machine-gun and enforcing the garrison to surrender. His action enabled his company to obtain their objectives. Previous to the attack on the 24th October he twice secured valuable information of the enemy's disposition by daring patrolling in face of machine-gun fire. His fearless conduct throughout the operations was of high military value.

49734 Pte. J. Hutchinson, 2nd Bn., R. Innis. Fus. (Arkengartledale).

For conspicuous gallantry as stretcher-bearer on 29th September, 1918, in the Dadizeele sector. He worked with exceptional coolness under heavy shell and machine-gun fire, showing absolute disregard of danger. Again, during the operations on 14/15th October, at Gulleghem, he did excellent work, bandaging and carrying

wounded, exhibiting the utmost devotion to duty and setting a very fine example to those with him.

S/7675 Cpl. W. Hutchison, M.M., 1st Bn., R. Highrs. (Auchterarder).

On the 29th September, 1918, east of Pontruet, when the final objective was being reached, two enemy machine guns suddenly opened fire from a distance of 200 yards, also two field guns at point blank range. With one man he crawled up the trench and succeeded in bombing both machine-gun teams, killing one officer and one N.C.O., and capturing twenty prisoners. His most gallant action at a critical moment in the operations enabled his platoon to advance and secure a position which, had it not been captured, would have rendered untenable a considerable portion of the ground to the flanks.

G/65945 Pte. G. Hutson, 2nd Bn., R. Fus. (Gosburnton).

During the operations of the 28th/29th September, 1918, near Gheluvelt, he led his Lewis-gun team forward under very heavy machine-gun and rifle fire. When the attack was held up by an enemy machine-gun post, he moved forward to an extremely exposed position and brought enfilading fire to bear upon it, causing it to be captured. Later, to cover the advance of the section, he opened fire again in an exposed position, and only ceased when his gun was perforated by bullets and put out of action. His fine courage and devotion to duty enabled the post to be successfully rushed.

T3/026433 Cpl. P. H. Illingworth, 18th A. Aux. Hse. Coy., R.A.S.C. (Queensbury).

On the night of 17th September, 1918, when he was in charge of a sub-section near Hancourt, the enemy started to heavily shell his camp and horse lines. He showed great presence of mind and cool courage in extricating all his horses from the camp without casualties. Again, on 29th September, when in charge of a convoy, he unloaded the wagons himself under heavy shelling, and by his fine example enabled the convoy to carry out its duty. He has on all occasions set a fine example to those under him.

24845 Pte. J. Inch, 6th Bn., Sea. Highrs., T.F. (Clydebank).

For marked gallantry and determined leadership. On 25th October, 1918, in an attack on the Famars Ridge, his platoon suffered casualties to all its N.C.Os. on the way to the objective. He at once came to the front and led the remainder of the platoon to the final objective. Although severely blistered from mustard gas, he continued to carry on in command of the platoon under heavy shell fire until his company was relieved.

17575 Pte. R. Irwin, 9th Bn., R. Innis. Fus. (Pomroy).

On the morning of the 16th October, 1918, in the Gulleghem Sector, he displayed conspicuous gallantry and initiative. He lay down in the street and used his Lewis gun with great effect, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy, and enabling the rest of his platoon to work forward and capture twenty

wounded enemy and a machine gun. Later in the day, at Heule, when his platoon was held up by heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, he, with great daring, rushed forward and, firing vigorously on the enemy, put them to flight.

6/1202 Cpl. E. A. Jack, 1st Bn., K.R.R.C. (Leyton).

On 28th September, 1918, he led his section well in advance of the remainder of his company, and captured an enemy gun team, shooting down four horses himself and capturing the personnel of the team. Later, when his platoon met with very heavy machine-gun fire, his fine example and leadership made them carry everything before them and secure their objective. When it became necessary to withdraw the line slightly owing to the flanks giving way, he remained behind and bandaged several wounded men, putting them into a place of safety. He showed marked gallantry and ability to command.

140173 Sig. F. A. Jackson, L/15th Bde., R.H.A. (Blackheath, S.E.).

On 19th October, 1918, near Courtrai, he went forward to an observation post as signaller with his battery commander. Shell fire was very heavy, and the wires were frequently cut. On every occasion he went out and effected repairs. He carried on until he was badly wounded, and then succeeded in maintaining communication long enough for his battery commander to register the battery at a critical time. He behaved most gallantly.

112801 Dvr. G. W. Jackson, C/161st Bde., R.F.A. (Ancoats).

On 17th October, 1918, near Molain, he was driving in the lead of a gun team which was caught in a heavy enemy artillery barrage. Both his horses were killed and the centre driver wounded. He immediately took the wounded driver's place, and brought his gun safely through the barrage and into action. He then volunteered to drive in a team to remove another gun which was in danger of being destroyed. The team succeeded in hooking into the gun and bringing it safely into action. Throughout the day he behaved most gallantly.

28252 C./S./M. R. Jackson, 6th Bn., North'n R. (Wellingboro').

For cool courage and ability during operations near Ronsoy, on 18th/21st September, 1918. He was acting serjeant-major for forward battalion headquarters. He assisted in getting the whole battalion forward in the right direction, and was certainly responsible to a considerable degree for the success of the attack. His work was invaluable, as many of the officers were casualties and there were twelve enemy machine guns holding up the advance. These guns were captured and the teams killed.

33308 Pte. H. James, 10th Bn., S.W. Bord. (Abertillery).

During the action at Mormal Forest on the morning of the 4th November, 1918, he showed the greatest initiative and daring. His platoon was heavily engaged by machine-gun fire, and all the N.C.Os.

became casualties. Taking command, he succeeded in silencing the machine guns, and led the section to its objective. During the action he was wounded severely in the hand, but continued to lead his comrades with his old dash. His conduct throughout the operations was of the highest order.

12856 Sjt. C. E. Jarvis, M.M., 2/4th Bn., Hamps. R., T.F. (Canterbury).

Near Rumilly, on 30th September, 1918, when held up by an enemy machine-gun nest, he led a bombing party and crossed the barrier in spite of intense machine-gun fire. Owing to the trench ending, he was unable to advance further, but maintained his position until most of his party became casualties. He then skilfully withdrew them, covering their withdrawal with his rifle and killing several enemy. His great courage and coolness were a wonderful inspiration to his men.

50189 Pte. S. R. Jary, 2nd Bn., Bedf. R. (King's Lynn).

For most conspicuous gallantry and initiative. On the morning of 8th September, 1918, during the attack on Ronssoy, he showed great courage and dash when his platoon was held up by a machine gun. He picked up a Lewis gun from a wounded man, and rushing to a favourable position on the flank opened fire with deadly accuracy. After killing most of the team he rushed single-handed the three remaining men, whom he took prisoners. By his splendid conduct he undoubtedly saved many casualties, and allowed the advance to continue.

74785 Cpl. S. Jenkins, 74th Bn., M.G. Corps (Abergwynfi).

On 21st September, 1918, east of Ronssoy. When his section was lying in the open under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire, he observed a party of the enemy with fixed bayonets crawling round the flank covered by dead ground. Withdrawing to the guns he informed his officer, and standing up fired at the enemy, inflicting casualties and forcing them to take cover. He then went forward alone, and took the 15 survivors prisoners, enabling the guns to be brought forward to good positions. His courage and initiative were most marked.

22191 Pte. E. Jermamy, 9th Bn., Norf. R. (North Burlingham).

For marked courage and initiative. Near Brancourt, on the 8th October, 1918, when the attack was being held up about 300 yds. short of the final objective, he went forward by himself and located a party of six of the enemy, who at once opened fire on him. He returned the fire and killed two, whereupon the other four surrendered. This act, when the attack was being held up by enfilade fire, put new heart into the platoon, who went forward and took their objective.

20155 Sjt. W. T. John, 15th Bn., Welsh R. (Llanelly).

On 20th October, 1918, his platoon commander was killed whilst swimming the Selle. He at once took command, and on emerging from the river re-organised his platoon under heavy machine-gun fire, and

led them forward, capturing a machine gun and crew, and turning the gun on the enemy. He then pushed forward again and captured two small enemy trench howitzers. He showed gallant leadership and did excellent work.

29017 Pte. J. Johnson, M.M., 9th Bn., F. Surr. R. (Facit).

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the attack on Haussy village on 16th October, 1918, in company with a corporal and one man he successfully attacked a machine-gun nest, capturing the crews and bringing back 10 prisoners. Later, during withdrawal, nearly all officers and non-commissioned officers having become casualties, he rallied a platoon and, under the orders of the company commander, formed a defensive flank covering the withdrawal of the rest of the company across the river. Throughout he showed marked courage and initiative.

27338 Sjt. H. Jones, 1st Bn., Shrops. L.I. (Birkenhead).

In the attack, near Montbrehain, on 8th October, 1918, when his company was in danger of being held up by machine-gun fire, he handled his platoon in a particularly able manner, and by skilful fire action and movement put out of action two enemy machine guns. His quickness of decision and action materially assisted the company to reach its objective. Later in the day he volunteered to go out on patrol, and working his way almost into the enemy's line brought back information of the greatest value. Throughout the operations he showed marked gallantry and ability.

54621 Pte. J. L. Jones, 17th Bn., R.W. Fus. (Llanddensant).

On 4th November, 1918, during the attack on Mormal Forest, the platoon to which he belonged was held up by the fire of three enemy machine guns. He stood up under heavy fire, and started to bomb one of the posts. As he rose his rifle was shattered in his hand by a bullet, and his ammunition pouch was also struck and became ignited. He threw off the blazing equipment and continued to throw bombs. He was successful in silencing the gun, but was badly wounded in so doing. His most gallant action enabled the platoon to advance and deal with the two remaining guns.

15842 Sjt. M. Jones, 15th Bn., R. War. R. (Swansea).

For exceptional gallantry and devotion to duty. During the attack on 27th September, 1918, on a strong enemy position north of Gouzeaucourt he organised a bombing party, and led them up a communication trench, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy until his bombs were exhausted. He then came back, organised a second party with himself as first bayonet man, and penetrated the enemy's position, scattering a bombing party, who fled. It was chiefly owing to his fine courage and initiative that his company were able to consolidate their newly captured position.

15514 B./S./M. E. Kelly, B/186th Bde., R.F.A. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and coolness on the 13th October, 1918, near Avesnes-le-Sec. Contemplating an immediate advance, the battery wagon lines were moved up near the guns. The teams were heavily shelled, the officer in charge wounded, and many drivers and six teams killed and wounded. He immediately took charge, remade teams, and removed the limbers and wagons to a place of safety. He then returned, collected the wounded, and got them away. He afterwards brought the teams up, enabling the guns to be moved.

43377 Pte. P. Kelly, 6th Bn., Leic. R. (Chesterfield).

On the morning of 23rd October, 1918, during the attack on Vendegies-au-Bois, he very greatly distinguished himself by carrying important messages between platoons of his company and between company headquarters and platoons. This was done under heavy machine-gun and sniping fire at a time when the attack was held up. Later, on 26th October, when a platoon of his company was holding an advanced post and was virtually surrounded, he did the journey three times each way from the post to the front line under very close sniping fire. He showed marked gallantry and devotion to duty.

266714 Pte. J. Kelsall, 1/4th Bn., Ches. R., T.F. (Stockport).

During the attack near Menin on 14th October, 1918, he noticed that a machine gun placed on top of a pill-box was enfilading his company and checking the advance. He took his Lewis gun forward into an exposed position, and engaged the enemy gun, putting it out of action. The following afternoon, while his company were consolidating their position, they came under direct fire from another enemy machine gun. He took his Lewis gun into a bedroom and engaged the enemy gun from the window, knocking it out. Throughout these operations his gallantry and initiative were most marked, and he did splendid work.

201416 L./Cpl. C. T. Kemp, 1/5th Bn., Notts. and Derby. R., T.F. (Codnor, Derby).

For most conspicuous gallantry when No. 1 of a Lewis-gun team in the attack near Montbrechain, on 3rd October, 1918. When his company was held up he advanced with his team, regardless of danger, in front of the company, and fired his gun until all his team were killed and he himself wounded. It was entirely owing to his fine action that progress was resumed.

13106 L./C. A. Kennedy, 11th Bn., R. Scots (Hawick).

On the 28th September, 1918, at Hanebeke, when a shell exploded amongst a platoon, killing ten men and wounding him, he carried on in his duties of dressing the wounded, and refused to be attended to until all others were dressed. He was wounded again next day, but refused to leave the field, and did most excellent work in dressing wounded under heavy fire. Throughout he showed marked courage and devotion to duty.

20385 Pte. J. E. Kent, 2nd Bn., R. Mun. Fus. (Horncastle).

For most conspicuous gallantry and initiative during an attack south of Le Cateau on the 18th October, 1918. Seeing a party of twelve enemy approaching through the mist, he immediately rushed at them single-handed, and ordered them to surrender, which they did. He then marched them back to a guard and handed them over. Shortly after this he did the same thing, forcing twenty enemy to surrender with a machine gun. He set a splendid example to his comrades, and did very fine work.

G/61690 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) W. J. Kerry, M.M., 17th Bn., R. Fus. (Colchester).

For distinguished leadership and great gallantry on the 8th October, 1918, at Foreenville. He was in temporary command of his company during the early stages of a night attack. Our barrage was short in some places, and he avoided the shorts and then readjusted his direction. After the capture of the village he pushed forward and rushed an enemy post, shooting two enemy and taking the remainder prisoners. Throughout he did excellent work.

12854 C./S./M. J. Kettlewell, M.M., 9th Bn., W. Rid. R. (Addingham).

For fine courage and leadership during an attack on Futoy on 4th November, 1918. After two of the officers in the company had become casualties, he led half the company with great boldness, capturing several prisoners himself. Later he was severely wounded in the right leg, but hearing that all the officers in the company were casualties, he took command of the company and refused to leave until the final objective was reached and the position consolidated. He then came back to Headquarters with prisoners, and gave a valuable report on the situation.

265477 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) F. Kiff, 1st Bn., Herts. R., T.F. (London Colney).

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Briseux Wood on 8th October, 1918. During the attack he observed two of the enemy enter Brisseux Chateau. The enemy were holding their position strongly with machine guns, but he, accompanied by one lance-corporal, dashed forward through heavy machine-gun fire, entered the cellars of the Chateau, captured one enemy officer and thirty men, and cleared the position. The success of the advance was largely due to his fearlessness and fine work.

18509 Pte. A. King, 1st Bn., Worc. R. (Birmingham).

South of Oppy, on the night of the 6/7th October, 1918, he showed great initiative in an attack on a strongly held machine-gun position. With one other man he pushed to an exposed flank to cover the position, personally capturing thirteen prisoners and greatly helping to secure the ground won. Throughout the whole operation he showed great courage, and set a splendid example to young and inexperienced soldiers with him.

42414 Sjt. H. R. King, M.M., 1st Bn., Hert. R., T.F. (Ranskill).

During an attack on railway near Ghis-

signies on 26th October, 1918, he gallantly led his platoon under heavy machine-gun fire and occupied an enemy post. Later, when the platoon on his left was subjected to very heavy enfilade machine-gun and trench-mortar fire, he held on to his position and covered their withdrawal. It was only due to his tenacity and courage under heavy fire that the flank platoon was successfully extricated. Throughout he set a very fine example to his men.

24308 Cpl. J. Kirkman, M.M., 8th Bn., R. Lan. R. (Shaw).

For most conspicuous gallantry and initiative during operations at Flesquieres on 27th September, 1918. During the attack he came upon a party held up by an enemy machine-gun post; with his rifle and two bombs he crawled towards the post, threw a bomb into the position, and following it up, shooting three of the garrison and taking the remainder prisoners, together with two machine guns. His splendid action enabled that part of the line to advance.

24078 Sjt. A. G. Knightley, 2nd Bn., R. Dub. Fus. (Stratford, London).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, on the 4th October, 1918, near Vendhuile, in charge of a platoon ordered to attack Hargival Farm. When the enemy counter-attacked from the farm, by his able leadership and great coolness he successfully beat off the attack and saved two platoons from a dangerous situation. He personally led several attacks on the farm, until it was finally captured.

G/71621 Pte. (A./Cpl.) R. W. Knights, 13th Bn., R. Fus. (Northwold).

For conspicuous gallantry in charge of a section on 8th October, 1918, north of Hurtebise Farm. He showed great skill in maintaining touch, and led several patrols forward, sending back most valuable information as to the location and numbers of hostile machine guns; and after being wounded he carried on, and when his officer had become a casualty he assumed command of the platoon, reorganised them and led them to the objective. Though weak from his wound he completed consolidation, and showed the greatest pluck and devotion to duty.

R/7726 Sjt. A. Kymer, 4th Bn., K.R.R.C. (Manchester).

At Le Catelet, on 3rd October, 1918, he showed great courage and initiative in command of his platoon after his platoon commander was killed. With a few men he rushed two machine guns and put them out of action, killing or capturing the teams. Later, he volunteered and took a patrol through the village, locating further machine-gun nests, and directing the artillery fire, by which they were silenced. On 8th October, near Villers Outreaux, he again led the attack against a strong machine-gun nest, which he assisted to capture, with five machine guns and thirty prisoners. During the two days' fighting he set a magnificent example of soldierly conduct to all ranks.

268306 Pte. (L./C.) A. Laisley, M.M., 2/7th Bn., R. War. R., T.F. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry at Sommaing during active operations, on 24th October, 1918. He, with his section holding an advanced post, maintained his position against enemy counter-attacks, and inflicted severe casualties on the enemy. He maintained his position for ten hours, until relieved. His section suffered 50 per cent. casualties. His courage and determination were of a high order, and had a good effect upon his command. The handling of the situation was skilfully carried out.

131210 Spr. E. Lake, 122nd Fd. Coy., R.E. (W. Wingate).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty under heavy fire during the bridging operations at Courtrai, on the 16th October, 1918. Although wounded early in the operations, he carried on for eight hours. When the bridging party was withdrawn, he returned through heavy machine-gun fire, and brought in his officer, who was lying out wounded in a most exposed position. He remained at duty, and acted as a guide and runner under heavy shelling, until the far side of the river was evacuated.

7976 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) A. Laker, 29th Bn., M.G. Corps (Hayward's Heath).

On 3rd October, 1918, for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in the attack on Cheluwe. He led his gun teams across country under very heavy fire, and got his guns into action. Throughout the day his fine example encouraged his men under the most trying circumstances. Later, when his guns were holding an exposed and threatened flank, he went forward under heavy fire and brought in a wounded man. His conduct throughout the six days' fighting, when men were tired and needed encouragement, was exemplary.

241929 Pte. F. Lane, 5th Bn., Leic. R., T.F. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as company runner during the attack on Pontruet on the 24th September, 1918. He became attached to an officer and 20 men, who were isolated in the village; and twice got in touch with other parties on right and left in spite of heavy machine-gun fire. On his return he volunteered to carry an important message over exposed ground to battalion headquarters. This he succeeded in doing, and returned with an answer. During the advance he killed four of the enemy with his bayonet. His work throughout was of the highest order.

60821 A./Sjt. W. T. Lane, 6th Bn., R.W. Surr. R. (W. Bromwich).

For marked gallantry in action. At Noyelles, on 9th October, 1918, his platoon commander having become a casualty, he assumed command though himself wounded. He led his platoon forward, captured his objective and consolidated his posts with great skill and determination in spite of heavy machine-gun fire and intense darkness. Hearing movement in front he went out alone on his own initiative and encountered five of the enemy, whom he captured. In

spite of his wound he continued at duty, and took part in subsequent attacks, again showing good leadership and initiative.

13830 Pte. C. Langfield, 9th Bn., York L.I. (Barnsley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during attacks on 23rd/24th October, 1918, at Oviliers, Vendegies au Bois and Poix du Nord. He acted as runner to the C.O. during the whole of the operations, and distinguished himself on several occasions by his courage, presence of mind and good work generally during the fighting. On two occasions he assisted the C.O. in rushing two nests of enemy machine guns that were holding up the advance of the battalion, helping to kill and capture the occupants. His conduct and behaviour during the two days' fighting was gallant in the extreme, and he set a fine example to all ranks round him.

291336 Pte. J. E. Lardner, 2nd Bn., Bedf. R. (Mitcham).

On 23rd October, 1918, north-east of Le Cateau, all the N.C.O.'s in his platoon had become casualties almost immediately after the attack started. He at once took command of his platoon, and led it with marked dash and ability to its objective. Although held up by machine-gun fire more than once, he kept control and effectively dealt with all opposition. In the attack on the following morning he again led his platoon with great gallantry and skill.

307192 Pte. W. J. H. Latchford, 2nd Bn., Notts. & Derby. R. (Islington, N.).

On the morning of the 18th of September, 1918, in front of St. Quentin during the attack on the Quadrilateral, he showed great courage whilst in command of a bombing section. The platoon was held up by heavy machine-gun fire, and one of the guns was located in a shell-hole in front. He at once pushed forward with his section, succeeded in bombing the machine-gun post, killing three of the garrison and wounding another. The remainder of the machine-gun team were captured together with two machine guns. It was undoubtedly due to these machine guns being put out of action that the company was enabled to gain its objective.

43583 Pte. T. Lawler, M.M., 41st Bn., M.G. Corps (East Ham).

For marked gallantry and devotion to duty on the 25th October, 1918, near Ooteghem. While advancing he was twice wounded. In spite of this he carried on, as an enemy strong point was checking the infantry advance. He took his gun out in front of the infantry under fire, and in doing so was again twice wounded; but his fire permitted the infantry to continue the advance, and contributed largely to the success of the attack. He set a splendid example of pluck.

290085 Sjt. A. Lawson, M.M., 1st Bn., Gord. Highrs. (Stonehaven).

For very great gallantry during the attack on Romeries on 23rd October, 1918. Early in the operations he was wounded in the leg, but continued in command of his platoon.

After entering the village the attack was held up by two machine guns posted in a farm-yard on the Cross Roads. He led an attack and rushed one of the machine guns single-handed, killing the enemy gunner at two yards' range. During this operation he was badly wounded in the arm, but continued to lead his platoon until the success of the attack was assured.

58426 Pte. (L./C.) M. S. Lawson, 2/4th Bn., Y. & L. Regt., T.F. (Houghton-le-Spring).

On 27th/28th September, 1918, near Ribecourt and Marcoing, he, after all the N.C.O.s senior to him had become casualties, took charge of his platoon, and led them forward with marked gallantry under the heaviest machine-gun fire until they arrived at an advanced position, where he reorganised his platoon and consolidated. He captured some machine guns, putting to flight the enemy after causing several casualties. He also captured a field gun, killing or taking prisoners the gun crew. His fine courage and leadership greatly assisted the battalion in its advance.

6888 Cpl. H. G. Leach, 4th Bn., K.R.R.C. (Birmingham).

At Le Catelet, on 3rd October, 1918, he showed marked courage and dash throughout the fighting. Under heavy shell and machine-gun fire he carried several messages from his company to battalion headquarters, his services in this respect being invaluable. Later in the day, although wounded in left shoulder, he went ahead of his platoon and bombed a machine-gun nest, killing its commander, and so enabling his platoon to advance without casualties. He showed great power of leadership, and set a magnificent example to the men of his platoon.

241201 Pte. F. Leadbeater, 1/6th Bn., N. Staffs. R., T.F. (Rugeley).

For conspicuous courage and initiative. Near Bellenglise, during our advance over the St. Quentin Canal, on the 29th September, 1918, he dashed over a footbridge which he found on the canal, and was fired on from behind by an enemy who came out of cover with the obvious intention of destroying the bridge. He at once rushed and killed the enemy and remained on guard on the bridge until others had crossed. His initiative and coolness were most marked throughout the advance.

21115 Pte. W. T. Leatherland, 9th Bn., W. York. R. (Middlesbrough).

He is a battalion stretcher-bearer. On the 30th September, 1918, at Epinoy, he volunteered to proceed through heavy enemy shelling and attend to some wounded who lay in a trench 150 yards away. He went out, bandaged them, and returned. Later, he carried each in turn through the heavy shelling to the dressing station. The fearless devotion to duty displayed by him inspired all who witnessed his action.

22297 Sjt. J. Leclare, 10th Bn., S.W. Bord. (Newport, Mon.).

On the 4th November, 1918, during the action at Mormal Forest, he showed marked

courage and initiative. When an enemy gun team attempted to hold up the advance, he immediately dashed forward and covered the team with his revolver. They attempted to escape, but he followed up closely and compelled the whole team to surrender. His prompt action saved the company a large number of casualties. He also gave invaluable assistance in maintaining touch with the flank units. His conduct throughout the operation was exemplary.

12089 Sjt. (A./C./S./M.) A. C. Lee, 1st Bn., Wilts. R. (Codford).

On 23rd October, 1918, in the attack on Ovillers, he took over the duties of company serjeant-major when that warrant officer had been killed, and his great courage and fine initiative very largely added to the success obtained by his company in the advance. When the details of his company headquarters became detached and were attacked from behind by an enemy force four times their strength, he dashed forward with three men and made them surrender. He subsequently led a small party against a dozen enemy led by an officer, shot the officer, and took the others prisoners. His conduct throughout the whole three days' advance was splendid.

G/71624 Pte. (A./Cpl.) P. L. Lee, 26th Bn., R. Fus. (Luton).

During the advance north of Menin on 14th October, 1918, he was one of an isolated post which established on the final objective in advance of all other troops. Seeing that the enemy was preparing to counter-attack, he took command of a mixed party of men in his neighbourhood and posted them at threatened points showing utter disregard of heavy machine-gun fire which was opened on him. When the enemy attack developed in overwhelming numbers and the post was forced to withdraw, he covered the withdrawal with fire, and was among the last to leave. Throughout he showed the greatest gallantry.

240002 C./S./M. J. Leighton, 1/8th Bn., Worc. R., T.F. (Worcester).

In the attack on Beaufort on 5th October, 1918, he acted with the greatest coolness and disregard of personal danger. On one occasion he moved for 200 yards along an exposed ridge swept by a storm of machine-gun fire in order to gain information as to the situation on the flank, thus contributing materially to the success of the operation. It was largely due to his indefatigable efforts that the organisation of the defence of the village was carried out.

43954 L./Cpl. R. H. P. Leighton, 1st Bn., R. Innis. Fus. (Anerley, S.E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and good work near Ingoychem, 25th October, 1918. When the battalion made an attack he, with four scouts, was sent forward to get information. He went forward and made a daring reconnaissance, going from end to end of the line under intense machine-gun fire, and quickly sent back concise and valuable information. Throughout the day he remained with the front line, sending most useful information back. After our line was again advanced

he went forward again under heavy fire, and in the darkness found out the new positions and reported them accurately.

241031 Sjt. R. Leng, 2nd Bn., York. L.I. (Pontefract).

For marked courage and devotion to duty. On the afternoon of 30th September, 1918, during an attack on the village of Levergies, he led his section with the utmost gallantry and secured his first objective. In face of intense fire he rescued two wounded men, one after the other, carrying them back to the trench over open ground. He then proceeded to continue his duties as fire-leader. His cool courage was a fine example to all.

206086 Sjt. H. Lever, 7th Bn., E. Kent R (Eppleby).

On the 18th inst., near Ronssoy, during the advance, he was the means of locating an enemy post which had been causing heavy casualties, and with a party of men volunteered to attack it. This he did with complete success, killing or capturing the garrison of one officer and nine men, and bringing back a machine gun. Later, he did splendid work, personally accounting for a number of the enemy by his excellent sniping. Throughout the operations he showed the greatest courage and initiative.

29763 Pte. D. Lewis, 10th Bn., Shrop. L.I. (Ferndale).

For most marked courage and initiative. During the attack on the Quadrilateral, near Ronssoy, on 21st September, 1918, he attacked a nest of machine guns and bayoneted the gunners, thus greatly assisting the advance of the line. Later, he volunteered to lead several bombing raids, which he carried out with great skill and courage. He did magnificent work.

15866 Pte. J. H. Lewis, 1/6th Bn., S. Staffs. R., T.F. (Willenhall).

During the operations at Bellenglise on 29th September, 1918, he displayed most conspicuous gallantry and coolness under heavy fire. During the whole time he was the first man in his platoon, and on more than one occasion single-handed he killed or captured enemy posts. His conduct throughout was of the highest order.

93967 Pte. J. H. Lewis, 17th Bn., R.W. Fus. (Aston Ingham)

For fine courage and initiative. On 4th November, 1918, during the attack on Mormal Forest, he observed a machine gun holding up his platoon. He rushed forward under heavy fire, personally killed ten of the enemy, and captured the gun. His gallantry was most conspicuous.

9255 Sjt. R. Lewis, 33rd Bn., M.G. Corps (Glasgow).

For gallantry and initiative on 24th October, 1918, near Poix-du-Nord. He was in charge of two guns which were in very exposed positions and subject to intense machine-gun fire and artillery fire. In spite of this and the fact that two of his men had been killed and one wounded, by acting as No. 1 he himself succeeded in keeping both his guns firing during a very critical phase in the operations, when the enemy several times

strongly counter-attacked this portion of the line. Throughout he showed great courage and devotion to duty.

200207 Pte. J. Lightfoot, 1/6th Bn., N. Staffs. R., T.F., attd. 137th L.T.M. Bty. (Tunstall).

Near Bellenglise on 29th September, 1918, during an attack he rendered invaluable assistance in keeping the men of a carrying party together, and set a fine example of courage and devotion to duty. He single-handed took the whole of an enemy C.H. Qrs. prisoners, also 40 other ranks, thus clearing the way for the advance of the remainder of his battery section.

266318 A./Sjt. G. J. Ling, 1st Bn., Hert. R., T.F. (Welwyn).

For conspicuous gallantry and ability to command on the 4th November, 1918, at Pont a Vache. When his company was held up by very heavy machine-gun fire he led his platoon round to a flank and dislodged the enemy. He repeated this with complete success several times without suffering a casualty, and always enabled his company to advance without loss.

20791 Sjt. C. H. Little, 2nd Bn., Y. & L. Regt. (Kingston-on-Thames).

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action near Fresnoy on the 18th September, 1918. When all the officers became casualties he led the company to the final objective, showing very high powers of leadership. Previous to this, he had been buried once by a shell, and during the fighting on the 24th was wounded while leading his platoon.

A/203300 Rfn. E. Locket, 16th Bn., K.R.R.C. (Crawley).

For most conspicuous gallantry and initiative during operations south of Neuville on 12th October, 1918. He did exceptionally good work with his Lewis gun, thereby greatly assisting the company to reach its objective. Single-handed on a railway embankment he engaged and silenced three enemy machine guns which were holding up the advance and that of the battalion on his right also. He then advanced, and having killed most of the teams, secured five prisoners and rendered the guns useless. He did splendid work.

20223 Cpl. F. Loder, 11th Bn., Essex R. (Goudhurst).

For very great gallantry and devotion to duty on the 24th September, 1918, during the attack on a strong point known as the Quadrilateral, north-west of St. Quentin. He was in command of a platoon, and during the advance kept his men as close as possible to the barrage. During the process of cutting his way through uncut wire and the assault on the enemy's trench he was twice wounded, but continued to carry on, and when posts were established in the enemy's lines, assisted in reorganising his platoon and company. Later, he carried out a successful bombing attack up a trench on his own initiative.

200404 Sjt. R. Logie, 5/6th Bn., Sco. Rif., T.F. (Glasgow).

During the operations of the 23rd, 24th, 25th and 26th October, 1918, north-east of the River Selle, when acting as platoon serjeant, he showed both coolness and daring of the highest order. On the morning of the 24th, when the platoon rushed a machine-gun nest of six guns, he killed four and captured three of one complete gun team single-handed. He was wounded in the head in this deed, but gallantly continued forward, and remained with the platoon during the next two days' operations, doing excellent work.

320523 Sjt. T. Lougher, 24th Bn., Welsh R. (Llancarfan).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative. On 21st September, 1918, when all the officers of his company had become casualties during the advance on Gillemont Farm, he took charge of the company and elements of other battalions in South Gillemont Trench. When counter-attacked on three sides and forced to withdraw, he displayed considerable tactical skill in disposing his command so that the withdrawal was successfully carried out, frequently exposing himself to heavy artillery and machine-gun fire with absolute disregard of his personal safety.

290340 Sjt. J. Low, 6/7th Bn., Gord. Highrs., T.F. (Laurencekirk).

For marked gallantry and ability to command during operations at Famars on 26th October, 1918. When all the officers of his company had become casualties, he took command of two platoons and led them forward in face of heavy opposition, capturing three successive objectives. When the enemy counter-attacked and broke through on the left, he made a daring personal reconnaissance, and formed a defensive flank, which enabled his company's position to be maintained.

672 Pte. (L./C.) D. Lowrey, M.M., 17th Bn., R. Fus. (Caulsdon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as battalion runner on the 28th/29th September, 1918, near Noyelles. On three occasions he took messages across a canal bridge which was being swept by close-range machine-gun fire. Next day he again crossed the canal bridge with his commanding officer, and was blown over by a shell, but though bruised, refused to leave the line. His pluck in carrying on when suffering badly from shock was of the highest order.

11713 Sjt. G. Lowry, 1st Bn., R. Innis. Fus. (Belfast).

For marked gallantry and good leadership near Driesch. On night of 19th/20th October, 1918, he commanded a platoon with orders to clear the east bank of the Lys and to capture a known hostile strong point on the banks of the canal to enable a bridge to be constructed in that vicinity. Under heavy machine-gun fire he led his platoon to a position from which he might be able to outflank the enemy strong point, and eventually succeeded in capturing the post, with eight prisoners and two machine guns. He rendered excellent service.

235817 Pte. H. Lowther, late 9th Bn., W. York. R., attd., 474th Agric. Coy. (Northalerton).

On 29th September, 1918, near Epinoz, his platoon was cut off by a large party of enemy with three machine guns. He volunteered to go back across the open for assistance. He got safely back through close-range rifle and machine-gun fire, explained the situation to an officer, and returned across the open to his platoon. In the rear-guard action he reorganised and took command of a section, getting them all safely back. The very high standard of courage and devotion to duty displayed by him inspired all ranks.

90014 Sjt. G. A. Lummus, 2nd Bn., Notts. & Derby. R. (Mansfield).

For most conspicuous gallantry and good work on 8th October, 1918, south of Brancourt. Single-handed he worked round the flank of three field guns, shot five men, and captured about seventeen others. The guns were brought into our lines the next morning. Throughout the operations he has shown himself to be a great leader of men, and has shown great coolness and daring in the face of the enemy.

202751 Cpl. M. Luter, 2nd Bn., R.W. Fus. (St. Georges, Salop).

For great courage and skill during the attack on the south-eastern outskirts of Englefontaine and the Foret de Mormal on the 4th November, 1918, as platoon serjeant. Several times during the operation he took posts of the enemy solely through his dash and initiative. When the platoon was held up by machine-gun fire, he led two sections round and succeeded in capturing two guns and sixteen prisoners. After his platoon officer had been wounded, he reorganised the platoon and commanded it with skill and determination throughout the remainder of the operations.

505223 Cpl. S. C. Macadie, M.M., 18th Bn., K.R.R.C., attd. 13th Bn., Lond. R. (Reigate).

During the attack north-west of Menin, on 14th October, 1918, he displayed gallantry of an exceptionally high standard. He kept his section well together the whole time, leading them well up to our barrage. On two occasions, on meeting enemy pill-boxes, he rushed ahead of the advance and took the pill-boxes by himself, compelling the enemy to surrender by his determination. He was also invaluable in helping to reorganise a party of men of different regiments and companies on the objective. His courage and dash were an example to all ranks.

39369 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) J. McArthur, 11th Bn., R. Scots (Cairneyhill).

On 16th October, 1918, whilst in command of a platoon after his officer had become a casualty, it was mainly due to his initiative, leadership and gallantry that an important position was carried, the machine guns taken and enemy garrison killed or captured, enabling his company to go forward. On the same date he rushed forward with another man under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, and reconnoitred down as far as the bridge-head near Harlebeke, bringing back most

valuable information regarding the dispositions of the enemy. Throughout his courage and leadership were conspicuous.

S/18557 Cpl. J. McArthur, 1st Bn., Cam'n Highrs. (Blantyre).

For very gallant and skilful handling of his Lewis gun whilst acting with a patrol. On 17th October, 1918, near La Vallee Mulatre, an enemy machine gun having been located in a hedge, he ran out into the open to within about 50 yards of the machine gun and silenced it. Continuing in the advance with the patrol, he brought his gun into action on the flank of the enemy position, and by his effective enfilade fire contributed very largely to the capture of the position, together with ten machine guns and about forty prisoners; he then went forward and inflicted losses on the retreating enemy.

47356 Rfn. P. McCabe, 2nd Bn., R. Ir. Rif. (Perth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as stretcher-bearer on 1st October, 1918, south of Dadizeele. For thirty-six hours he carried wounded unceasingly under very heavy machine-gun and shell fire, setting a very fine example to his comrades. He was slightly wounded, but continued carrying until he was wounded in the leg whilst carrying a wounded man. He, however, crawled in, bringing the wounded man to a place of safety.

13222 Rfn. E. McCarrol, 15th Bn., R. Ir. Rif. (Belfast).

For conspicuous gallantry during operations on the 20th October, 1918, north of Deerlyck. When the platoon was held up by machine-gun fire from a Farm House he walked forward firing his Lewis gun from his hip and killed the team, thus enabling the company to get forward. His fine action undoubtedly saved a large number of casualties, as this gun had already killed six men and wounded several others. His coolness and gallantry were a splendid example to the rest of the company.

12280 C./S./M. D. McClelland, 7th Bn., R. Ir. Regt. (Arbor Hill, Dublin).

For marked gallantry and devotion to duty on the 22nd October, 1918. During the attack on Bossuyt Chateau Wood, east of St. Genois, when the O.C. No. 1 Platoon was killed, he took command of the platoon, organised an attack on a machine-gun nest in a farmhouse, cleared it, and inflicted casualties on the enemy. He had his thumb shot off early in the afternoon, but continued to command the platoon until he was ordered to withdraw at dusk. He then reported at Battalion Headquarters, and gave a clear and precise statement of the position of his company and of the events of the day.

200345 Cpl. A. McCombie, 1/4th Bn., Gord. Highrs., T.F. (Aberdeen).

For marked courage and ability. During the enemy counter-attack on Famars on 28th October, 1918, he rallied the men of two front posts and remained with them covering the withdrawal of the remainder of the company. On the 27th, when the enemy again counter-attacked, he stopped out in

the open street to cover the left flank, which was exposed, and was thus able to check the advance for a considerable time. During our counter-attack which followed shortly, he again distinguished himself by rallying parties and helping to force the enemy clear of the village.

956139 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) K. McCubbin, 460th By., R.F.A., attd. 15th Bde., R.H.A. (Peckham).

On the night of the 7th/8th October, 1918, the battery wagon lines near Becalaere were heavily shelled. One shell burst in the tent where he was sleeping, killing four men and wounding him in two places. Nevertheless, he forthwith rendered first-aid to the survivors, and afterwards gave assistance to other wounded men. He next saw his sub-section horses safely away, and then was one of the foremost in a party extinguishing some burning ammunition wagons, after which he reported his wounds. He showed conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty.

S/43397 Pte. (L./Cpl.) J. McDougall, 1st Bn., R. Highrs. (Lochee).

On the 29th September, 1918, east of Pontruet, when the situation was obscure owing to fog and mist, he went forward on his own initiative with a small party to reconnoitre. When the mist cleared he found himself surrounded. He and his party were heavily attacked and suffered many casualties, but continued to fight until the leading wave of our advance relieved the situation. His very gallant action materially assisted the capture of the position.

316202 Sjt. C. A. McFarlane, 13th Bn., R. Highrs., T.F. (Fife).

For fine courage and devotion to duty. South of Le Cateau, on the 17th October, 1918, he commanded his platoon and displayed great coolness in leading his men during the operations. On the morning of the 18th he led a section of his platoon against two enemy machine guns holding the broken bridge in the railway triangle. He captured the machine guns and thereby enabled the advance to be continued. He was wounded, but remained at duty for twenty-four hours until he could be spared.

16639 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) R. McGill, 33rd Bn., M.G. Corps. (Jamestown).

For gallantry, initiative and untiring devotion to duty during the operations east of Montay on the 21st/27th October, 1918, whilst acting as transport serjeant in charge of the battalion transport. Under intense enemy bombardment he rendered valuable service by his coolness and power of control. During the advance under very heavy shell and machine-gun fire, he constantly reconnoitred routes for transport and pack animals, making it possible for guns to be got into action with a minimum delay. Throughout the whole of the operations he set a very fine example to his men.

304634 Sjt. A. McGregor, 15th Bn., Tank Corps (Milngarrie).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action during the attack on Fles-

quieres on 27th September, 1918. When nearly a complete crew, including the Tank commander, became casualties, he volunteered to take the Tank into action with a mixed crew, and fought his Tank with great determination. He greatly assisted the infantry on the first and second objectives, and finally brought his Tank to rallying point without a casualty. His gallantry and initiative largely contributed to the success of the operations.

202681 Sjt. F. McHardy, M.M., 1/4th Bn., Gord. Highrs., T.F. (Littlehampton).

For courage, initiative and able leadership after all the officers of his company had become casualties. On the 26th October, when a counter-attack drove in the outpost line at Famars he collected and reorganised his men on the right of the village, pushed forward, and established the former line. Next day, during a further counter-attack, he showed the utmost disregard for personal danger in the streets, swept by machine-gun and rifle fire at close range. He organised parties to fire from the windows of houses, thereby inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy.

2743 Sjt. J. McIlvaney, 15th Bn., H.L.I. (Lanark).

During the operations at Sequehart, on the 3rd October, 1918, he was in charge of two Lewis guns, and kept his guns in action against the attacking enemy, inflicting great loss on them. In spite of the very heavy enemy bombardment he moved about the trench encouraging the men, and set a splendid example. Later in the day, when ordered to retake the village, he led his section with great skill in the face of heavy machine-gun fire, himself killed the crew of an enemy machine gun, and was mainly responsible for the capture of 20 enemy. Throughout the operations his splendid courage was an inspiring example to his men.

S/25885 Pte. A. McIntosh, 8th Bn., R. Highrs. (Inverkeilor).

During the advance east from the Lys, on 20th October, 1918, when the position on the ridge to the right overlooking St. Louis had become untenable, he, along with another stretcher-bearer, went out in face of intense machine-gun fire and brought in a wounded man. His courageous action brought forth the admiration of all who saw it, and was of great moral value at such a time. Throughout the operations he set a very fine example to his comrades.

414029 Sjt. (A./C./S./M.) J. MacIntosh, 150th Fd. Coy., R.E. (Rutherglen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty under heavy shell and machine-gun fire during the bridging operations in the crossing of the Heulebeeke on the 14th October, 1918, and the Lys on the 19th October, 1918. The example of untiring zeal and disregard of danger displayed by him on both these occasions, and the help which he gave his officers in successfully carrying out the operations were admirable.

22637 Sjt. J. McKay, 15th Bn. H.L.I. (Desertmartin, Co. Derry).

On the 30th September, 1918, at Le Tronquoy, he, on his own initiative, led out his platoon on a daylight patrol to round up enemy machine-gun nests. Though exposed to heavy fire all the way, he captured two machine guns and forced one machine-gun team to retire. On the 2nd October he led a mere handful of men brilliantly to the attack of a farm on the north of Sequehart, which was strongly garrisoned by the enemy. He himself was badly wounded in the foot and shoulder by machine-gun bullets when only 50 yards from his objective, but, sitting up, he cheered on his men, who captured the farm with two machine guns and 20 prisoners. He showed fine courage and leadership.

S/16646 Pte. R. McKerlie, 5th Bn., Cam. Highrs. (Dailly).

For most conspicuous gallantry at Slyps Wood on 29th September, 1918. As No. 1 on a Lewis gun he brought his gun into action well in front of the line and gave covering fire. When a withdrawal was made to a selected position he remained in position, covering the withdrawal, though subjected to heavy fire from trench mortars, machine guns and rifles. He succeeded in bringing in his gun after dark after being out for over an hour, during the whole of which time he was being fired on.

18393 C./S./M. J. J. Mackey, 1st Bn., R. Ir Rif. (Hollywood, Co. Down).

During our attack on Gulleghem, on 14th October, 1918, he rendered invaluable assistance to his company commander by re-organising the platoons and getting them into their proper positions after officers had become casualties. On the 15th October, after the village had been captured, he collected stragglers and formed a platoon which he personally conducted and placed in position on the final objective, during which time he was under heavy enemy machine-gun fire. He exhibited great courage and coolness throughout the operations, and by his example gave the men confidence and urged them on.

S/10957 Sjt. A. McLean, 5th Bn., Cam. Highrs. (Pollokshaws).

On the 20th October, 1918, in the attack on St. Louis, when his company was held up by heavy machine-gun fire, he rushed forward alone with his Lewis gun, and, opening fire, he put the enemy gun out of action, killing two of the team, wounding one, and causing the remainder of the enemy to retire. The machine gun was captured. On the 25th and 26th October, near Ooteghem, he on three separate occasions made reconnaissances on his own initiative, and returned with valuable information of the enemy's dispositions. He showed splendid courage and did excellent work.

40313 Sjt. J. McManus, M.M., 1st Bn., R. Dub. Fus. (Dublin).

At St. Louis, in the Courtrai sector, during the operations on the 20th October, 1918. When the right flank of his company was being enfiladed by an enemy machine gun, he

led a party to the assault, putting the crew to flight, and thus enabling this part of the line to get forward. Afterwards, by skilful dispositions of his men, he displayed great initiative and resource in defending the right flank of the brigade under extremely heavy machine-gun and trench-mortar fire, thereby avoiding heavy casualties. He showed great gallantry and initiative throughout the day.

28267 Sjt. D. McPhee, 112th Hy. By, R.G.A. (Bridgeton).

On the 14th, 15th and 19th October, 1918, he displayed great gallantry and devotion to duty in establishing visual posts under heavy shell fire and machine-gun fire. He several times brought back most important messages from the F.O.O. under heavy fire. On the 19th he took part in a night attack on Harlebeke, entered a building occupied by twenty-one enemy, and single-handed disarmed them and handed them over to the infantry. Throughout he did most gallant work.

68357 L./C. J. Maguire, 11th Bn., R. Fus. (Liverpool).

On the morning of 23rd October, 1918, near Forest, he was in charge of two Lewis gun teams, and showed marked courage and capability in engaging targets. On 24th October, 1918, when his company was held up by two hostile machine guns, he at once pushed his guns forward to a position from which they could engage the enemy, freely exposing himself to very heavy fire. Although he was himself seriously wounded, his teams succeeded in putting both hostile guns out of action. He did fine work.

G/2933 Sjt. T. Maloney, 13th Bn., R. Fus (Wavetree).

For marked gallantry in command of a section south of Lesdain on 8th October, 1918. The enemy held up a Red Cross flag, but when his section was within 50 yards of the trench a machine-gun opened fire on them, killing or wounding all the section, including Sjt. Maloney. In spite of his wounds, he personally mounted and fired the Lewis gun, knocking out the enemy machine gun and killing the crew. He afterwards went forward and took six prisoners single-handed. Although wounded, he continued at duty until the evening, when he was ordered to go down by his company commander. He showed great courage and devotion to duty.

18681 L./C. J. Malyon, 10th Bn., R.W. Kent R. (Moddesdon).

He made a splendid fight with his Lewis gun section before Houthem on 29th September, 1918. Though wounded, he remained at his post cheering his men until he was wounded a second time. He then rallied his men and kept them in action until forced to withdraw, when he got all his men back to battalion headquarters and also his gun, although hard pressed. He showed fine courage and devotion to duty.

8594 C./Q./M./S. H. Mann, M.M., 11th Bn., Suff. R. (Edwardstone).

For conspicuous gallantry and good work. He was acting as a C.S.M. in an attack near Vendegies on 24th October, 1918. When

all the officers of his company had become casualties, he assumed command, and with what remained of his company succeeded in overpowering the stubborn resistance of three machine guns and their teams, capturing a number of prisoners and taking his company objectives. Throughout the operation he showed great courage and determination and fine powers of leadership.

G/14813 Pte. (L./C.) S. R. Manthorpe, 2nd Bn., R. Suss. R. (Norwich).

For most marked gallantry and good work in the attack on Pontru on 18th September, 1918. When the platoon came under a very heavy machine-gun fire, he dashed forward through a gap in the wire, called upon his section to follow, and jumped the trench and forced several enemy to surrender. When the enemy attempted to rush the trench from the rear, he told off some men to deal with these, and himself bombed his way up the trench, capturing three machine guns and over twenty enemy. He showed splendid courage and determination.

569 Pte. (L./C.) G. T. Mapston, M.M., 8th Bn., E. Surr. R. (Sutton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the operations round Bousies on the 23rd/24th October, 1918. When the advance of his company was held up by very heavy enfilade machine-gun fire, he volunteered to go out with a small patrol to the unit of the flank and direct their attack on to the rest of the machine guns which were the cause of the trouble. He brought back valuable information concerning the dispositions of the enemy. Again, on the night of the 24th October, he set forward with a patrol and established a post, being attacked by parties of the enemy with machine guns. He was hit three times in the leg by their fire, but, notwithstanding, he crawled back with his sections and gave a clear and concise report of the situation. Throughout the operations he showed marked determination and fearlessness.

29165 Pte. S. Marlor, 1/6th Bn., Manch. R., T.F. (Oldham).

For conspicuous gallantry and good work at Marou on 20th October, 1918. Previous to a night attack he went out under heavy fire towards the enemy lines and brought back most accurate and valuable information about their dispositions, which greatly helped in the success of the operation. During the attack he led a small party against an enemy strong point with great gallantry, killing ten of the enemy and capturing the position. He displayed marked courage and coolness all the time.

36082 Pte. J. W. Marshall, 2nd Bn. Y. & L. Regt. (Monk Bretton).

For marked gallantry, daring and devotion to duty as a stretcher-bearer near Fresnoy on the 18th September, 1918. Throughout the day he showed an utter disregard of danger, tending wounded under shell and machine-gun fire, and on one occasion under a bomb attack in front of the forward line. He set a very fine example by his coolness under fire to those with him.

S/27088 C./S./M. W. D. Martin, 13th Bn., Rif. Bde. (Poplar).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 4th November, 1918, near Louvignies. He, finding that all his commanding officers had been wounded, took charge of the company and led them to the final objective, and consolidated. Earlier in the day, he, together with three other riflemen, showed great gallantry in the capture of an enemy trench mortar which had been firing at close range on the advancing troops. Throughout the whole operation he set a fine example of courage and leadership.

10198 Cpl. J. C. Masters, 8th Bn., R. Berk. R. (Battersea, S.W.).

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On 19th September, 1918, at Lempire, in the face of heavy machine-gun fire, he organised a bombing party, bombed up a trench towards the machine guns, and finally rushed the post, capturing two machine guns and nine prisoners. Throughout the fighting he showed great determination and disregard of personal danger, and displayed great skill in handling his section.

2300 Sjt. A. Massey, 18th Bn., Manch. R. (Manchester).

On 12th October, 1918, at Neuville, he found himself in command of a company and led them with great dash. On reaching the objective, he reorganised the company and handed over extremely good dispositions to an officer, and later, when this officer became a casualty he took command again, reforming after the counter-attack and forming a defensive position under very heavy fire. Throughout the day his coolness, courage and able leadership were most marked.

13867 Sjt. F. Massey, 7th Bn., Wilts R. (Haversham).

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership during operations near Gouy from 4th/6th October, 1918. He led his platoon with great skill, repelling an enemy counter-attack. This counter-thrust resulted in the capture of numerous prisoners and the capture of machine-gun nests which had been holding up the advance of the battalion on the left. He was subsequently very severely wounded. He showed throughout marked courage, skill and judgment.

24892 Pte. W. I. Matthews, 16th Bn., R. War. R. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and tenacity as stretcher-bearer during the operations southwest of Cambrai 27th/29th September, 1918. On the night 27th/28th, he worked for twelve hours bringing in wounded, going in some cases through the enemy outpost line. He had previously been fighting for ten hours as an ordinary rifleman. Again, on 29th, he did fine work under very heavy fire, dressing and carrying wounded in the open for several hours. His grit and devotion to duty were admirable.

204513 C./S./M. P. Y. P. May, M.M., 2nd Bn., Y. & L. Regt. (Alexandria, Egypt).

For most conspicuous gallantry during an attack on 8th October, 1918, near Mericourt. He went forward and shot down with a

revolver an enemy gunner who was firing a field gun at point-blank range at our advancing troops. This fine action was the saving of a great many lives. Later, he went out with a few men to locate an enemy machine gun which was firing from a house in Fresnoy-le-Grand. They located the gun, and put the team out of action. During the whole of the operations he displayed marked courage and devotion to duty.

266727 Pte. N. Mayo, 1/5th Bn., Notts. & Derby. R., T.F. (Nottingham).

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during our attack near Regnicourt on 17th October, 1918. He took command of his Lewis-gun section when the section commander became a casualty, and although wounded in the arm himself, he continued to fire. He was again wounded in the back, but continued to control the section. His gallantry and devotion to duty kept down the enemy's machine-gun fire and enabled supports to reach him.

41343 Pte. E. Mead, 6th Bn., North'n R. (New Sawley).

For gallantry and devotion to duty in operations on 21st September, 1918, near Ronssoy. He showed most conspicuous courage, and was, with his captain, responsible for capturing twenty prisoners and enabling his company to move forward and occupy their positions with only three casualties. He, with his captain, crawled up and jumped into the enemy trench, and while the enemy garrison were holding their hands up, the company was able to occupy the trench.

10339 C./S./M. F. Mead, 1st Bn., Bedf. R. (Dunstable).

During the operations in the neighbourhood of Beaurain, north of Le Cateau, on 23rd October, 1918. For consistent coolness and devotion to duty whilst under heavy barrage, and later in rallying and leading forward men against strong enemy opposition. He was solely responsible for putting out of action an enemy machine gun which was sweeping the whole of our front. Later, he made numerous patrols, sending back valuable information, which enabled our attack to develop much quicker, and more effectively. He was a splendid example to all.

800440 Cpl. P. Mee, C/230th (N. Mid.) Bde., R.F.A., T.F. (Louth, Lincs.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On 18th September, 1918, near Ronssoy, he was in charge of the Battery Signals, and maintained two O.P. lines under very heavy shell fire, frequently going out alone to do so. During the attack on Bellenglise on 29th September, the wire to the O.P. was kept up with a minimum of interruption, and it was chiefly through this wire that valuable information was sent back.

240088 Sjt. H. S. Merriman, M.M., 5th Bn., W. Rid. R., T.F. (Battleyford).

For marked gallantry and good leadership during the attack on the village of St. Python and the strongly fortified position

of Pigeon Blanc Farm. On 20th October, 1918, when his platoon was heavily fired on by a strong enemy machine gun post to the north-east of the village, he at once organised an attack, and under cover of his Lewis gun, himself led the rush on the post, capturing over twenty of the enemy and two machine guns. In the attack on the farm he showed the greatest resource, and the capture of that strong position in fifteen minutes with over twenty prisoners and two machine guns was largely due to his inspiring example and cool-headed leadership.

200961 Pte. J. F. Metcalfe, 8th Bn., W. York. R., T.F. (Dishforth).

For most conspicuous gallantry and dash near Marcoing during the attack on the morning of 27th September, 1918. The company to which he was attached being engaged by heavy machine-gun fire from the flank, and his serjeant being killed, he immediately got his Stokes gun into action under very heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, and by killing a number of the enemy, enabled the infantry to round up and capture the remainder—about sixty. He did splendid work, and undoubtedly saved many casualties.

48192 Pte. A. Miller, 12th Bn., Manch. R. (Oldham).

For most conspicuous courage and promptitude. On 4th November, 1918, during the attack through the Forest of Mormal, he on his own initiative rushed a hostile machine gun which was holding up a portion of the attack, and by his action again set the attack in motion at a critical moment when hesitation would have been fatal. A few minutes afterwards he repeated his deed, and throughout the day he, by his personal courage, kept the troops going when the officers and N.C.O.'s had become casualties. He did splendid work.

5/13962 Pte. A. Mills, 5th Bn., R. Innis. Fus. (Littleborough).

During the operations on 8th October, 1918, while clearing the enemy trenches north of Hamage Farm, west of Serain, his section came under fire from an enemy machine gun, and was checked. Acting entirely on his own initiative, this man crawled out until close to the enemy gun, when he rushed it, killing two of the team and making the remaining four prisoners. He showed splendid courage and determination.

52418 Pte. C. Mills, 1st Bn., Middx. R. (Walsall).

For fine courage and leadership. On the 23rd October, 1918, during the attack on Forest, all the N.C.Os. were killed. He took command of his platoon, reorganised it, and successfully led it to the attack. On reaching the village he personally captured fifteen prisoners and an enemy machine gun. On many previous occasions he has displayed the most conspicuous gallantry, determination and leadership, inspiring all ranks with the utmost enthusiasm.

5756 Sjt. H. Mills, M.M., 12th Bn., E. Surr. R. (Isleworth).

During recent operations near Menin he acted as C.S.M. On the 14th October, 1918, he showed great initiative and leadership. He kept organising under extremely difficult circumstances parties of men, and pushing forward, rounding up the enemy before they had time to recover from our artillery barrage. In conjunction with Pte. Saddler he captured an enemy pill-box with twenty prisoners, two machine guns, and an anti-tank gun, showing splendid courage. His fine spirit and disregard for personal danger set a brilliant example to the men.

8652 Sjt. W. J. Milton, M.M., 1st Bn. S.W. Bord. (Blackwood).

During the action near Wassigny on the 18th October, 1918, he pushed forward with a few men under heavy machine-gun fire, and working round a large party of the enemy, captured six and drove the remainder towards a Lewis gun section, which he knew were operating on his right, with the result that they surrendered. On the 19th October, when the company was temporarily held up, he at once reconnoitred the position, organised parties, and dealt with it. His fearless and able leadership had a marked influence on the success of the operations on both occasions.

206128 Pte. A. Mitchell, 6th Bn., E. Kent R. (Chester-le-Street).

He was company runner during operation near Vendhuile on 30th September, 1918 and 1st October. Whilst on his way to deliver a message he came upon a concreted enemy machine-gun. He promptly rushed the gun and killed two men, and the remainder of the garrison, three men, surrendered to him. Later on, when delivering another message to a flank company, he had to bomb his way down a trench, which he succeeded in doing, and thereby established communication at a very critical period. He showed the greatest gallantry, and did splendid work.

200155 Sjt. J. Mitchell, 1/6th Bn., N. Staffs. R., T.F. (Newcastle).

During our advance over the St. Quentin Canal, near Bellenglise, on the 29th September, 1918, he showed splendid dash and gallantry when at close quarters with the enemy. On one occasion, when we were held up by an enemy machine gun, he and Pte. Bloor rushed forward, killed the gunners and captured the gun, enabling the advance to be resumed. Throughout the whole attack he set the highest example.

S/2916 C./S./M. A. Moir, M.M., 8th Bn., R. Highrs. (Montrose).

In the advance east of Slypscaelle, on 1st October, 1918, his courage and fine leadership of his platoon were most marked, and he personally accounted for a number of the enemy with the bayonet. When the enemy counter-attacked heavily later in the morning, he and another N.C.O. held on to one isolated post near the railway with a Lewis gun, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy and repelling their attempts to

cut them off. This very determined action enabled the original line gained at this part to be completely restored. Throughout the operations he set a splendid example to those under him.

154490 Cpl. E. Moore, 16th Bn., M. Corps (Belfast).

Near St. Maur, on the night 1st/2nd November 1918, he showed marked gallantry and great devotion to duty in carrying an urgent message to a forward gun position under heavy shell fire. Though wounded in two places he persevered and carried out his task successfully.

27523 Sjt. J. G. Moore, M.M., 211th Sigs. By., R.G.A. (Tilby).

For conspicuous gallantry and outstanding devotion to duty during an attack east of Roisel on the 18th September, 1918. His battery was being heavily shelled, and a shell burst just behind his gun, putting it out of action, severely wounding two men, and setting light to some boxes of cartridges. He and another N.C.O. remained at the guns, dressed the two wounded, and then carried them to shelter. While doing so four other gunners were buried in a shelter close by. These two N.C.O.'s went out at once, organised a digging party, and were the means of saving the four men.

355627 L./C. A. E. Morgan, 14th Bn., R.W. Fus. (Swansea).

For most conspicuous gallantry and initiative. In the attack near Montay, on the 20th October, 1918 he was in charge of a section and his platoon was held up by a machine gun on the railway embankment, his officer being killed. He rushed the gun with his bayonet from a flank, killing one of the enemy and putting the rest to flight. He then took command of the platoon and led his men with great gallantry and skill to their final objective, showing great coolness and inspiring all by his courage and example.

27338 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) D. Morgan, 2nd Bn., S.W. Bord. (Rhymney).

At Heule Wood, on 15th October, 1918, for conspicuous courage and good service under fire. Whilst attacking the enemy in Helue Wood, both Nos. 1 and 2 of his Lewis-gun section were hit, hostile fire was very heavy, and it looked as if the advance was held up. He took the Lewis gun and rushed forward though heavily fired at, and getting on to the flank, completely silenced the enemy machine gun, enabling the platoon to advance.

23760. Pte. G. Morgan 15th Bn., Welsh R. (Rhymney).

For most conspicuous gallantry and initiative during the action on 20th October, 1918, across the River Selle, near Montay. His company was ordered to mop up the railway embankment which was very strongly held with enemy machine guns. On one occasion he rushed forward alone, bombed an enemy post, killing three and wounding one of the enemy. He then ran on shooting into the enemy with his rifle, and eventually returned with 20 prisoners and a machine

gun. Throughout he set a splendid example of courage to all.

30362 Cpl. J. Morgan, 15th Bn., H.L.I. (Castle Nellan, Co. Down).

For most conspicuous gallantry and good work. On the 2nd October, 1918, in the vicinity of Sequehart, he led six separate bombing attacks on an enemy machine-gun nest, eventually killing the entire garrison of eight and capturing two machine guns. He also shot eight enemy who were trying to outflank his party. On the following day he displayed marked courage and coolness during the heavy enemy preparatory bombardment, and was an inspiring example of cheerfulness and soldierly bearing.

240197 Sjt. J. Morris, M.M., 1/6th Bn., S. Staffs. R. T.F. (Bilston).

During the operations at Bellenglise, on 29th September, 1918, for marked gallantry and skill under difficult conditions. He led his platoon in the assault on the village in a heavy fog, and was instrumental in killing and capturing a considerable number of the enemy. He showed great dash and promptness, and inspired the men he led with a splendid fighting spirit.

37348 Pte. J. Morrison, 41st Bn., M.G. Corps (Belfast).

For great gallantry on the 25th October, 1918, near Ooteghem. He was in charge of a gun; he found the infantry checked by a strong point, and he immediately volunteered to go out and deal with it. He worked his way forward under very heavy fire, during which he lost four of his team. He then carried his gun himself and got it into action, with the result that the enemy were forced to surrender. He showed a fine example of courage and devotion to duty.

9500 Pte. P. Morrison, 1st Bn., I. Gds. (Castlebar).

For marked courage and devotion to duty during the attack on the high ground west of Vertain on 20th October, 1918. Two men of his company were wounded, and the shell fire was so intense that it was impossible to take a stretcher out to carry them in. On his own initiative he rushed out and dressed the wounds of both men under heavy concentrated shell fire. Having dressed their wounds, he placed one in a shell hole and carried the other back to a place of safety. He then returned and brought in the other man. His conduct was a splendid example of self-sacrifice and devotion to duty.

27822 Pte. H. G. Muddle, 8th Bn., Som. L.I. (Pewsey).

During the attack on the high ground east of Briastre, on the 12th October, 1918, when his section met with heavy machine-gun fire, he led his men on and rushed the machine gun which was causing the trouble, and turned it on the gun team who were running away, causing several casualties. By his personal courage and determined advance he forced the enemy to vacate their position. He did fine work.

14083 Cpl. H. Munday, 1/4th Bn., Leic. R., T.F. (Chesterfield).

For most conspicuous gallantry and dash. During the attack on enemy positions on the 29th September, 1918, near Bellenglise, he was the first in his platoon to enter the enemy's position. He rushed forward and put a machine-gun out of action, and then called upon several men to follow him bombing up the trench. In this manner he captured forty-five prisoners and disabled several machine guns. He did splendid work.

52775 Sjt. H. G. T. Munson, M.M., 140th Fd. Amb., R.A.M.C. (Hither Green).

He showed great gallantry and initiative while in charge of stretcher-bearers in the operations near Hollebeke, 29th September, to 2nd October, 1918. Near Houthem he organised an aid post, and superintended the dressing of cases under heavy fire. On two occasions he led stretcher parties into heavily shelled areas in order to collect cases. He set a splendid example of endurance and devotion to duty to his men.

10818 L./C. J. Murphy, M.M., 1st Bn., Essex R. (Barking).

At Caudry, on 9th October, 1918, he displayed marked courage and powers of leadership in establishing an important post north of the railway in face of extremely heavy and sustained machine-gun and shell fire. After personal reconnaissance he placed his men in such a position that their fire was able to counteract further enemy action, and thus allowed the operations his company were engaged in to continue. Thanks to his initiative many casualties were avoided.

66333 Pte. J. Murphy, 2/6th Bn., Dur. L.I., T.F. (Birchington-on-Sea).

On 5th November, 1918, during the recent operations on the River Scheldt, near Esquelmes, he heard that two men had been severely wounded whilst out on patrol, and that another two had been wounded when trying to rescue them. Immediately it was dusk he went out over 500 yards of ground which was being heavily swept by enemy machine-gun fire, and succeeded in dragging in one of the wounded men. He made his way back to company headquarters, returned with another rescue party, and got the other wounded man in, although absolutely worn out by fatigue himself. He showed marked gallantry, and prevented the enemy from obtaining identifications.

31745 Sjt. M. Murphy, 19th Bn., Welsh R. (Penydarren).

For most conspicuous gallantry while in command of a section of pioneers, 19th/20th October, 1918, north-east of Le Cateau. He voluntarily joined the attack and accompanied the infantry to the final objective. While engaged in work of consolidating the position won, he observed an enemy strong point at short range, which he attacked alone, killing three of the garrison, and taking the remaining fifteen prisoners. He did splendid work.

63330 Cpl. A. S. Murton, M.M., 32nd Bn., M.G. Corps (Warsash, Hants.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 1st October, 1918. When his section officer went out to reconnoitre positions and objectives near Joncourt, he was left in charge, with orders to move forward into position. By skilful handling he got the whole section through a very heavy enemy barrage without casualties, and arrived in time to get direct fire on to the enemy. On the 2nd, when his section were firing a barrage, he kept his guns in action the whole time under very heavy shell fire, setting a splendid example of coolness and devotion to duty.

47004 Pte. T. Neale, 9th Bn., R. Innis. Fus. (Warwick).

In the Heule Sector, 14th/15th October, 1918, as company scout he was invaluable, and the information he obtained was of great assistance to his company. When the company was held up on the right of the village, he took up an exposed position under heavy machine-gun fire, and remained there until he obtained correct information as to the enemy's disposition, which afterwards enabled the artillery to put a barrage down on top and clear them out, and enabling the battalion on the right to advance. Throughout the operations he showed great gallantry and zeal.

320252 Pte. J. O. Nicholas, 24th Bn., Welsh R. (Coughton, near Ross).

For most conspicuous courage and initiative during the operations east of Ronssoy on 18th September, 1918. Together with an officer he forced an enemy post with two machine guns which were harassing his battalion's left flank, to surrender. Later, he again, with the same officer, succeeded in capturing another post with two machine guns. During these two operations the total captures made by this officer and himself were four machine guns and over 50 prisoners. These acts undoubtedly saved many casualties. He did magnificent work.

15868 Cpl. W. J. Nicholl, M.M., 1st Bn., R. Fus. (Battersea).

Early in the attack east of Rieux on 11th October, 1918, he assumed command of a platoon after the officer had become a casualty, and handled his men with great gallantry, coolness and initiative under very heavy enemy machine-gun fire. By his able leadership he facilitated the advance of another unit which had been held up on the flank. Although his platoon suffered heavy casualties he held his ground and managed to establish a post which was of great assistance to the general advance.

64082 Cpl. P. Nicholls, 121st Fd. Coy., R.E. (Bangor).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty under heavy fire during the bridging of the River Lys on 19th October, 1918, south of Oyghem. He crossed the river to the enemy side with a party of five men, and by means of a rope and two pontoons assisted in ferrying across two advance attacking companies with machine gunners under heavy machine-gun fire. He then recrossed, and assisted in

building a pontoon bridge under heavy shell fire until he was severely wounded in the shoulder.

7055 C./S./M. W. de C. Nicholls, M.M., IX Corps Cyc. Bn., A.C.C. (Stoke Newington).

He took charge of and directed the advance of the left flank of the company during the operations near Montbrehain on 5th October, 1918. In face of strong opposition and heavy enemy machine-gun fire he maintained touch with neighbouring troops, and although sustaining heavy casualties and being himself wounded, saved those on his right from being cut off by consolidating his position. He showed conspicuous gallantry and able leadership.

570968 Sjt. H. Noe, 2/17th Bn., Lond. R. (Bow, E.).

For most conspicuous gallantry. On the night of the 24th/25th October, 1918, near Helchin, he was in command of his platoon forming part of a fighting patrol. When fired on by a machine gun at close range he led a party which rushed it, capturing the gun and three prisoners. Later, when patrol was counter-attacked he showed great disregard of danger, and by his ability and leadership enabled his men to withdraw without losing a single man.

R/13596 Pte. W. Oakes, K.R.R.C. (late 2/15th Bn., Lond. R. (Oldham)).

For most conspicuous gallantry on 14th October, 1918, during the attack on enemy positions west of the River Lys, near Bousbecque. He, single-handed, rushed an enemy pill-box, and with bomb and rifle killed and wounded 14 of the enemy and took 10 prisoners. He afterwards saw a sniper in a house and immediately dashed forward and killed him. He showed great courage all through the action, and set a splendid example to all.

21417 Pte. H. Oakley, 2nd Bn., North'd Fus. (Featherstone).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations near Gouy from 4th to 6th October, 1918. As battalion runner he repeatedly carried messages across difficult country under very heavy machine-gun and shell fire during three days' continuous fighting. His complete disregard of danger was an inspiration to all near him, and by promptly bringing back the most valuable information he assisted greatly in the success of most important operations.

C/174 C./S./M. W. Oakley, M.M., 16th Bn., K.R.R.C. (Bolton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations from River Selle to Engle-Fontaine, 22nd-26th October, 1918. Throughout these operations he showed the greatest dash and courage at a period when his company had lost all but one officer he helped greatly in reorganising his company under fire and in the dark. After this he took his platoon and attacked an enemy post, himself rushing and capturing two machine guns and killing the crew.

20155 Sjt. D. O'Brien, 6th Bn., R. Dub. Fus. (Carrigtwohill, Co. Cork).

At Le Cateau on 17th October, 1918, he displayed marked gallantry and largely contributed in keeping the enemy at bay when he with his company commander and three O.Rs. were cut off for a period of three hours. On the same evening, after dark, he took over the duties of C.S.M. on the latter being wounded, and took to battalion headquarters a very important message under heavy shell and machine-gun fire. He was sent back with reinforcements of one platoon and two Vickers guns, of which only three unwounded reached their destination. He again returned to battalion headquarters and took up two other Vickers guns to a forward post. On the morning of the 18th he volunteered to go down to the Selle and repair a bridge which had been destroyed, and this he did successfully under heavy fire. He did fine work.

L/14100 C./S./M. C. E. O'Connor, 2nd Bn., R. Fus. (Putney, S.W.).

During the attack at Ledeghem in the Ypres sector on the morning of 14th October, 1918, he took one man and crept forward and rushed a post containing one officer and his servant. Taking three more men he went forward again to another suspected post, rushed it, and brought back four prisoners and a machine gun. By collecting stragglers from different companies who had lost their way in the mist and smoke, and organising them into an effective fighting unit, he was able to surround and capture another post further ahead, bringing back five more prisoners. He showed marked courage and initiative.

350126 C./S./M. J. Ogden, 4th Bn., L'pool R. (Wisbech).

During operations between Montay and Englefontaine on 23rd/26th October, 1918, he showed fine courage and resolution. On the morning of the 23rd, while in the assembly position, no stretcher-bearers were available, and, though wounded, he remained at duty and assisted in dressing the wounded. Later on he went forward to get in touch with the front line companies, and, coming on an enemy party on the way, he shot several with his revolver and bombed their dug-outs, capturing twenty-eight prisoners. He was again wounded in the left leg, but still remained at duty.

14875 L./C. J. O'Hara, 12th Bn., Manch. R. (Oldham).

He was in charge of a party detailed to deal with enemy machine guns in the copse north-west of the village of Neuville on 12th October, 1918. He plunged into the river and led his men across under very heavy machine-gun fire. On reaching the opposite bank he led the attack on a machine-gun post, rushing and capturing the crew. After destroying a second gun he attacked a third gun single-handed, shot No. 1, and captured the gun. During the enemy counter-attack he was invaluable in organising and collecting men to stem the advance. Throughout the day his conduct was magnificent, and he showed splendid courage and determination.

97483 Spr. (A./L./Cpl.) F. Openshaw, 466th (N. Mid.) Fd. Coy., R.E., T.F. (Bury).

For marked courage and devotion to duty on 29th September, 1918. He accompanied the first wave of attacking infantry, and was one of the first to reach the St. Quentin Canal. He succeeded in killing two enemy on one of the footbridges, and then, running across to the eastern bank, he rushed an enemy machine-gun post and silenced it, thereby facilitating the passage of the infantry. By his courage, determination, and prompt action he rendered yeoman service.

489930 Sjt. J. H. D. Orchard, M.M., 46th (N. Mid.) Div. Sig. Coy., R.E., T.F., att'd. 230th (N. Mid.) Bde., R.F.A., T.F. (Derby).

On 19th September, 1918, at Ronsoy, during the attack on the Hindenburg Line with 74th Division, he went out with linesmen many times during the attack and repaired broken cables under very heavy shell fire, and communication with batteries and infantry was maintained and information obtained from the line, whilst the situation otherwise was obscure from infantry reports. On 4th October, 1918, he took a small party of men right through intense enemy barrage, repairing breaks, and communication was successfully maintained right up to zero and during the attack. He behaved splendidly throughout these operations.

9489 R./S./M. W. T. Ottaway, 2nd Bn., Y. & L. Regt. (S. Shields).

For conspicuous courage and devotion to duty near Gricourt on 24/25th September, 1918. Throughout he worked splendidly, marshalling wounded and prisoners in the valley by Trout Copse, which was subjected to heavy and continuous shelling; he also created a forward dump of bombs and ammunition, having to pass in doing so a ridge swept by heavy machine-gun and shell fire. His coolness and courage were a fine example to all ranks.

3/10420 Sjt. C. Owen, M.M., 1st Bn., North'n R. (Loir Weedon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack on enemy trenches on 24th September, 1918, south of Pontruet. Whilst in charge of a platoon he set a fine example of courage and leadership. When held up by an enemy machine gun, he worked his men round the flanks, and finally led them in a rush which captured the gun and killed the gunners. His dash and daring has always been of immense value to his company.

61016 Cpl. A. Palmer, 11th Bn., R. Fus. (Flitwick).

On the morning of 23rd October, 1918, near Forest, he was in charge of the right platoon of the line. When the right flank came under heavy machine-gun fire, he pushed forward with two men, and succeeded in rushing the machine gun, capturing two of the team and killing one, and enabling the rest of the platoon to move forward. He then took out a patrol, and under heavy fire succeeded in getting touch with the battalion on the right. He showed most conspicuous gallantry.

44424 A./Sjt. J. Palmer, 1st Bn., R. Innis. Fus. (Claughey).

For conspicuous gallantry in action. Near Dadizeelhoeck, on the 14th October, 1918, he was in charge of the right section of his company in the attack. After advancing about 300 yards his section encountered resistance from an enemy pill-box, which it immediately charged, capturing three machine guns and twenty-two prisoners. Advancing again, this section rushed a farm and took a machine gun with two prisoners, and a third time rushed another building, taking two more machine guns and twenty prisoners, making a total of six machine guns and forty-four prisoners taken by this section. He set a splendid example of courage and determination to all.

201206 Sjt. F. Parker, 1/5th Bn., Notts. & Derby. R., T.F. (Derby).

At Regnicourt, on 17th October, 1918, when the final objective had been reached in parts, he observed a nest of enemy machine guns enfilading the line and causing many casualties. He immediately organised a party of men, and, working round to a flank, charged the post, capturing two machine guns and killing or wounding the teams. His fine courage and initiative prevented many casualties, and enabled the remainder of the objective to be taken.

40946 L./Sjt. W. C. Parry, M.M., 1/1st Bn., Cambs. R., T.F. (Bramfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On 14th October, 1918, on the occasion of the attack on Auby, he led half the company. He mopped up the right half of the company sector under very heavy fire, and from one house alone captured twenty prisoners and killed or wounded nearly a dozen of the enemy. His initiative and resource materially contributed to the success of the day's operations.

S/7543 Pte. W. Paterson, 8th Bn., R. Highrs. (Hill o' Beath).

During the advance east from the Lys on 20th October, 1918, when the position on the ridge to the right overlooking St. Louis had become untenable, he, along with another stretcher-bearer, went out in face of intense machine-gun fire and brought in a wounded man. His courageous action brought forth the admiration of all who saw it, and was of great moral value at such a time. Throughout the operations he set a very fine example to his comrades.

20727 Pte. (L./C.) W. C. Paxton, M.M., 1st Bn., K.O.S.B. (Chirnside).

For marked gallantry and devotion to duty. On 3rd October, 1918, near Gheluwe, he was in charge of his company stretcher-bearers, and under close range machine-gun fire and accurate sniping fire succeeded in bringing in three men; and though he was wounded in doing so, he refused to leave the line until his company was relieved. Throughout the whole action his courage saved the lives of many of his comrades.

305067 Sjt. (A./C./S./M.) J. L. Peach, 1/8th Bn., Notts. & Derby. R. T.F. (Mansfield).

At Bellenglise, on 29th September, 1918, during the attack on the Hindenburg Line. When the company commander had become a casualty he exercised splendid control over a party of men who had got out of touch. He formed them and organised an attack on a nest of machine guns which had held up the company. He personally killed three of the enemy post, and was instrumental in putting the remainder of the garrison out of action. He showed fine courage and leadership.

3/3934 Sjt. N. McN. Peacock, 8th Bn., R. Highrs. (Cowdenbeath).

During the advance east of Ypres, from 28th September to 1st October, 1918, he showed conspicuous gallantry and leadership in command of a platoon whose officer and senior N.C.O.'s had become casualties. During the enemy counter-attack on 1st October he held his platoon on the line taken up under very heavy machine-gun fire, and contributed greatly to the successful withdrawal of troops from an exposed position and the holding of the enemy attack. He inflicted considerable losses on the enemy.

12505 Sjt. H. E. Pearson, 9th Bn., Devon. R. (Barry).

For distinguished conduct in action. During the attack on Ponchaux on 8th October, 1918, all his officers having been wounded, he rallied and assumed command of his company, and displayed great coolness, courage, and leadership in carrying on the attack. He successfully led his company to their final objective, dealing in a skilful manner with all opposition on the way. His courage and resourcefulness contributed largely to the success which attended the operation.

200214 C./S./M. P. Pearson, M.M., 1/5th Bn., Notts. & Derby. R. (Swadlincote).

For marked gallantry and initiative. When his company reached their final objective near Montbrehain, on 3rd October, 1918, he noticed that their right flank was open. He immediately organised a strong point, which during the ensuing counter-attack inflicted heavy losses on the enemy. When ammunition was running short he organised a party under heavy fire and got ammunition to the firing line. It was owing to this fine action that the company was eventually able to repel the attack.

201300 Pte. M. Peel, 1st Bn., Sco. Rif. (Belfast).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the attack on the village of Troisvillers, near Le Cateau, on 9th October, 1918, the company were held up by machine-gun fire from a house, and all the officers became casualties. Pte. Peel, with another man, decided to attack the house, which was occupied by a strong party of the enemy. This they did successfully, first with rifle fire, and finally charging with the bayonet, driving out about thirty of the enemy, and capturing two prisoners and a machine gun. He displayed the highest form of courage

and gallantry, and their initiative and skill enabled the advance to continue.

13599 Pte. C. C. Penny, 7th Bn., Wilts. R. (Aldbourne).

For marked gallantry and good work during the attack on 4th November, 1918, on the Foret de Mormal; especially on one occasion when the company was held up by machine-gun fire, he gallantly advanced towards the enemy firing his Lewis gun from the hip, and succeeded in keeping the enemy gunners down, thereby enabling the company to get forward, capturing the machine gun and sixteen prisoners. He displayed great coolness in the handling of his gun during the whole of the operations, and his example was a great incentive to his comrades.

9266 Sjt. H. Perrott, 1st Bn., R. Dub. Fus. (Poplar, E.).

At St. Louis, in the Courtrai Sector, on the night of 20th/21st October, 1918, he was in command of a platoon advancing through St. Louis. The platoon came under heavy artillery fire. With most of his men casualties he rallied the remainder and maintained an advanced position during the entire night, and although under intense shelling, succeeded in evacuating all the wounded men. He displayed marked gallantry and able leadership during the whole attack.

17459 A./C./S./M. H. Perry, 20th Bn., Manch. R. (Ashton-under-Lyne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On 4th October, 1918, when his company was attacking Ponchaux, all his officers becoming casualties, he took charge and carried on, constantly patrolling his line under heavy machine-gun fire and sniping, ensuring that his company kept in touch with its flanks, and inspiring his men, who were lying in a very exposed position, to maintain their line.

24446 Cpl. T. Phelps, 9th Bn., Devon. R. (Winsham, Som.).

For distinguished conduct in action. During the operations on 8th October, 1918, near Beaufevor, he displayed exceptional qualities as leader, rallying his company and commanding them throughout the day with skill and coolness under heavy fire. Under his leadership the company captured the final objective allotted to it, dealing skilfully with considerable opposition from the enemy.

10568 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) W. Phillipe, 1st Bn., Dorset. R. (Tooting).

For conspicuous gallantry and resource on 30th September, 1918, during the attack on Levergies. His company was held up by enemy machine-gun fire, but he at once rushed the gun and captured it and its crew of four men, being severely wounded in the stomach by machine-gun fire in doing so. His fine courage and initiative undoubtedly saved many casualties, and enabled the advance to continue.

26620 C./S./M. P. Phillips, 7th Bn., R. Ir. Regt. (Dublin).

At Wervicq, on 14th October, 1918, he showed most conspicuous gallantry and devo-

tion to duty. He reorganised a platoon which had lost its officer and serjeant, and brought them forward again. On one occasion he gathered a few men together and rushed an enemy trench-mortar position under very heavy fire, capturing the gun and crew. Later, he worked around a machine-gun position which had been giving a considerable amount of trouble, and, single-handed, rushed the gun, capturing it and its crew. He set a splendid example of courage and determination to all ranks.

200049 Col. Sjt. (A./C./S./M.) G. Pierce, 1/4th Bn., Ches. R., T.F. (Seacombe).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the morning of 14th October, 1918, near Menin, he was slightly gassed but remained at duty owing to the shortage of N.C.Os. During the period 14th/16th October, although the company was very much scattered, all orders, rations and water were promptly conveyed to the platoons under bursts of shelling, rifle and machine-gun fire. His example had a most marked effect on the company.

13391 C./S./M. J. Pikeman, M.M., 12th Bn., R. Ir. Rif. (London, N.E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations around Hierweg on 25th October, 1918. When his company commander was wounded, he took command, rallied the whole company, and pressed forward with the attack, finally clearing up the situation on the flank and enabling the whole battalion to get forward. This was done under the heaviest machine-gun and shell fire, and throughout the operations his great personal courage and example were an inspiration to all.

265396 Sjt. A. E. Pilcher, 10th Bn., R.W. Kent R. (Cricklewood).

Near Comines, 29th September, 1918, for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the advance, when all the officers commanding two platoons had become casualties, he showed great courage in rallying the men under heavy fire and leading them against a counter-attack. On 1st October, 1918, near Gheluwe, he again rendered most valuable services in rallying retiring troops and leading them into action under very heavy machine-gun fire.

15/44407 Rfn. R. Platt, 15th Bn., R. Ir. Rif. (New Southgate).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the attack in the Moorseele Sector on the 14th October, 1918. While his company were advancing through Moorseele three enemy machine guns came into action on his platoon. He at once got his Lewis gun into action under very heavy fire, and put each gun out of action in turn. His work throughout was excellent.

L/9405 C./S./M. J. T. Poole, M.M., 1st Bn., E. Kent R. (Ramsgate).

Near Beaugard, on the 8th October, 1918, he did extraordinary fine work in collecting together small parties of men and reorganising them into platoons at great personal risk under heavy enemy artillery and machine-gun fire. Throughout the whole of

the attack he showed absolute disregard of danger.

55877 L./Sjt. E. E. Pope, 14th Bn., R.W. Fus. (Lowestoft).

During the attack near Northo Wood, near Villers Guislain, on the 8th October, 1918, he, finding the left flank of his company held up by a hostile machine gun, crawled up to the wire which surrounded the post and captured the crew of four men, the light machine gun, and an anti-tank rifle. His most gallant action enabled his company to continue the advance. He displayed great courage throughout the attack. He was afterwards killed on 13th October, 1918.

49516 L./Cpl. J. Potter, 1st Bn., R. Innis. Fus. (Frizington, Cumberland).

For most conspicuous gallantry and tenacity in the attack near Ingoyghem on 25th October, 1918. He handled his Lewis-gun section with the utmost skill under intense machine-gun fire, when he was wounded in the right arm. When an enemy machine-gun succeeded in holding up the line, he worked forward with his gun until within striking distance of the enemy position, when he was wounded in the left leg. He pluckily rushed forward and succeeded in capturing the gun and entire crew single-handed. His conduct was an inspiration to all ranks.

25389 Pte. B. Povey, M.M., 1/5th Bn., S. Staffs. R., T.F. (West Bromwich).

For marked gallantry and devotion to duty. In the operations on the St. Quentin Canal, 28/29th September, 1918, north of Bellenglise, he did splendid work in tending wounded. He worked without rest for forty-eight hours, fetching in and dressing wounded, and on three occasions went out in front of our lines and brought in badly wounded men on his back in front of intense machine-gun fire.

305528 Cpl. S. E. Powell, 8th Bn., Tank Corps (Farnham).

During the action against Nauroy on the 29th September, 1918, he assumed command of his tank after his officer had been wounded, and under difficult conditions successfully fought the enemy, rendering great assistance to the infantry. When returning to the rallying point the tank received a direct hit, which set it on fire. He entered the burning tank and made a very determined but unsuccessful attempt to extinguish the flames and save the tank. By his courage and devotion to duty he set a splendid example to the remainder of the crew.

26279 L./Sjt. F. Poynton, 1st Bn., Shrops. L.I. (Macclesfield).

For fine courage and initiative. In the attack on 24th Sept. 1918, at Fresnoy, seeing that the troops on his left were held up by very heavy machine-gun fire and bombing, he called on four men to follow him and rushed the position, causing heavy casualties to the enemy and capturing one officer, twenty-four men and two machine guns. Throughout the day he displayed the most conspicuous gallantry, devotion to duty and disregard of personal danger.

241116 Pte. P. Poyser, 1/6th Bn., Notts. & Derby. R., T.F. (Mayfield, Staffs.).

For conspicuous gallantry, initiative and devotion to duty near Ramicourt on 3rd October, 1918. When a platoon became disorganised, this man rallied the men, assumed command, and led them personally to their objective. During the action he assisted a Lewis gun team by filling magazines, and on one occasion, when the team was wiped out, he fired the gun himself, accounting for an enemy machine gun which was causing numerous casualties and holding up the advance. When his officer and the N.C.Os. of his platoon were all casualties, he took command of the platoon and brought them most ably out of action.

6458 C./S./M. B. Pratten, M.M., 3rd Bn., S.W. Bord. (Marlborough).

During the operations near Wassigny on 18th October, 1918, he displayed marked courage and initiative in leading the attack after the officer commanding the attacking troops had become a casualty. When the line was temporarily held up by heavy machine-gun fire, he urged on the men, and led them to the objective. It was largely due to his personal example and exemplary conduct that the attack was carried out with complete success.

46427 Sjt. H. Presland, R.F.A., attd. Y/37th T.M. By. (Bradford).

For marked gallantry and determination near Ghissignies on the 31st October, 1918. He was in charge of a 6-inch trench mortar which was placed in action to support an infantry raiding party. As soon as our artillery opened, the enemy at once put down a heavy barrage right on the trench mortar position. The mortar was put out of action by a 150-mm. shell, and one man wounded. He at once procured a new piece, and, working under continuous and severe shell fire, succeeded in bringing it into action in time to carry out its task in the protective barrage.

28199 Sjt. G. W. Prince, 14th Bn., R.W. Fus. (City Road, London).

In the attack near Montay on the 20th October, 1918, he found two platoons without an officer, and disorganised. Quickly collecting the two platoons under very heavy fire, he reorganised them and led them forward to their final objective, capturing a machine gun, killing two of the team, and taking the remainder prisoners. At the final objective he disposed the two platoons in depth so as to conform to the companies on his flanks. By his great courage and fine example he inspired the men with confidence, and showed a splendid spirit whilst supervising consolidation.

10500 L./Sjt. J. Purcell, M.M., 1st Bn., Shrops. L.I. (Shrewsbury).

Near Fayet during an attack, on the morning of 24th September, 1918, after his platoon commander had been killed, he took command and led his platoon with most conspicuous gallantry and dash. On reaching the objective he found a number of enemy posts still holding out. He organised bombing parties and stormed these posts. Getting

ahead of his men, he jumped on to the parapet and single handed bombed the enemy, using enemy bombs when his own supply failed. He continued this work, all the time exposing himself to machine-gun and snipers fire, until he was eventually wounded. He behaved splendidly.

42989 Sjt. T. L. Purkis, 1st Bn., Leic. R. (Crowborough).

Near Basuel, on the 23rd October, 1918, during an attack, when the advance of his company was impeded by a hostile machine gun, he with another N.C.O. immediately rushed forward and killed the crew, enabling the advance to continue. Although badly gassed he refused to leave his platoon until it had reached its objective, when he was ordered to the rear by his platoon commander. His courage and example was of the highest order.

4339 Cpl. T. F. Quine, 12th Bn., Manch. R. (Ramsey).

On 12th October, 1918, during the attack near Neuville, after his officer became a casualty, he led his platoon with great gallantry to their final objective, reorganising under very heavy fire. Later, when officers and senior N.C.Os. had become casualties, he took command of the company, keeping them together during the enemy counter-attack and reorganising them on their defensive position. Throughout the day he showed marked courage, energy, and ability to command.

153848 Pte. J. Quinlan, 14th Bn., M.G. Corps (New Zealand).

Near St. Eloi, on the 28th September, 1918. As No. 1 of a gun he displayed marked gallantry and initiative. When the infantry were held up, he pushed forward and mounted his gun at the final objective, from which the enemy had retired. A party of the enemy attempted to return, but were prevented from doing so by this gun, which inflicted many casualties. Seeing that a party of infantry were held up by an officer and two snipers in a pill-box, he returned with another man and cleared the pill-box, killing the three enemy with his revolver, and enabled the infantry to advance. He did fine work.

308429 Pte. F. Quinn, 6th Bn., Tank Corps (Duntocher).

In action near Fraicourt Wood on the 8th October, 1918, with Captain Allen, he succeeded in effectively silencing a nest of machine guns which were holding up the advance. He then put out of action an anti-tank gun, and finally came upon a battery of field guns, the crews of which attempted to turn two guns on the tank, but these were knocked out. The tank then received a direct hit, but though wounded he took it in turns with his Commander, who was also wounded, to keep a gun in action with his remaining sound arm. He showed great courage and determination.

14954 C./S./M. H. M. Quinton, M.M., 9th Bn., Norf. R. (Gt. Yarmouth).

Near Brancourt, on 8th October, 1918. He showed great gallantry and initiative.

When the Company Commander and other officers were all casualties, he assumed command and led the company forward in the face of considerable opposition successfully to their objective. Again, near Vaux-Auchigny, on 11th October, he showed coolness and courage under heavy machine-gun fire. Throughout the whole operations from 8th to 11th October he set a very fine example to those with him.

37509 Pte. E. Radmall, 10th Bn., R. War. R., T.F. (Rugby).

During the recent operations he has displayed marked courage and devotion to duty. During the attack east of Malplaquet, on 8th November, 1918, two officers were severely wounded on the forward slope of the hill. Enemy machine-gun fire was so heavy that the troops were unable to advance beyond the crest, and one of the officers was killed. This man crawled forward, and after bandaging the other officer, picked him up and succeeded in carrying him to the cellar of a house close by. In doing so he was severely wounded.

5756 C./S./M. E. S. Ralfs, 1st Bn., Hamps. R. (Northwood).

For marked gallantry, initiative and skilful leadership. At Monchaux on 24th October, 1918, he was among the first to reach the river; here under heavy machine-gun fire he assisted in the attempt to bridge the river. When this proved unsuccessful, he collected a party, and running down the bank, came across an old bridge wired up. He rushed across, followed by his men, knocked out a machine-gun post, and formed a bridgehead which enabled the remainder of his company to cross. He did fine work.

290834 Sjt. C. Ramage, M.M., 1/8th Bn., Sco. Rif., T.F. (Glasgow).

On 14th October, 1918, during an attack on Gheluwe, he became detached from his company and found himself with two other men with another company. In attacking Uniform Farm, which was strongly held with machine guns, trench mortars, and field guns, he showed great skill and daring in working forward with a Lewis gun and opening on the battery and thereby enabling the company to advance and capture the farm and guns complete. On 16th October he went out in front under heavy fire and helped back a badly wounded man to safety. He set a fine example of courage and devotion to duty.

325319 L./Cpl. L. Ramage, 12th Bn., R. Scots (Cramond Bridge).

For outstanding gallantry and devotion to duty at Cuerne on 17th October, 1918. During an enemy counter-attack, when most of his section had become casualties, he worked the Lewis gun himself till it was destroyed by a shell. He then immediately got a captured enemy machine gun into action and worked it himself till the attack had been driven off. Later, when his company Commander had been wounded, he, unaided, succeeded in carrying him back to safety through very heavy enemy fire and across a half-submerged pontoon bridge which was being shelled.

12026 Pte. M. Ramage, 2nd Bn., S. Gds. (Tranent).

For most conspicuous gallantry and dash near Haussy on 20th October, 1918. Hostile machine-gun fire and two trench mortars were delaying the advance. A platoon attacked from a flank supported by the Lewis gun of the platoon, which was handled by him. So as to get decisive fire, he carried forward his gun over most exposed ground at very short range; though severely wounded he got into the required position and opened fire, enabling his platoon to rush the objective. The whole enemy party were killed or captured, and a machine gun and two trench mortars were taken.

305007 C./S./M. J. F. Rawding, 1/8th Bn., Notts. & Derby. R., T.F. (Newark).

On the 29th September, 1918, at Bellenlise, he showed the greatest gallantry and devotion to duty. He reorganised the company after a difficult advance through a thick fog. Before the final assault he fearlessly exposed himself to heavy machine-gun fire in his efforts to control the company more efficiently, and whilst so employed he was severely wounded. He set a fine example throughout.

325705 Sjt. F. C. Read, 1/1st Cambs. R., T.F. (Huntingdon).

For most conspicuous gallantry. On the 22nd August, 1918, during operations south of Meaulte, he alone and on his own initiative rushed and put out of action an enemy machine gun which was holding up the advance, capturing two of the crew, thus enabling his platoon to go forward. During the whole operation he set a splendid example to his men of courage and initiative.

113722 Cpl. E. Reece, M.M., 202nd Fd. Coy., R.E. (Shrewsbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the night of the 17th October, 1918, at Wervicq he was constructing a foot-bridge over the Lays under heavy shell fire, and was forced to leave the work with 50 per cent. of his men casualties. He returned and completed the work in spite of the fact that the enemy was gas shelling during the whole period.

G/1147 C./S./M. W. N. Reed, M.M., 7th Bn., E. Kent R. (Carmarthen).

For conspicuously gallant conduct and devotion to duty during operations, 18th-25th September, 1918, near Ronssoy. He was buried by shell fire, and though badly shaken continued to carry on. On the 19th September he greatly assisted his company commander in reorganising the company, and later in the day voluntarily led forward a patrol towards the enemy positions, and was successful in finding out much valuable information, which he reported. His unflinching cheerfulness and courage throughout was of the highest value.

13521 Sjt. (A./C./S./M.) A. Renton, M.M., 12th Bn., R. Scots (Tranent).

During the attack on Ledeghem on the 1st October, 1918, he distinguished himself by his conduct during a very critical time. In the attack itself he showed a splendid example

to the men by his personal gallantry, and later on, when the situation became difficult, he worked with the greatest coolness in re-organising men whose officers had become casualties, and showed a supreme disregard for personal safety.

17454 Sjt. C. H. Reynolds, M.M., 2nd Bn., Bedf. R. (Dunstable).

On the morning of 18th September, 1918, during the attack on Ronssoy, whilst commanding a platoon, he showed the greatest courage and determination throughout the attack. His platoon was held up at the cross roads in the centre of the village by fire from a strong machine-gun post. He personally led a bombing party against this position, which he successfully bombed, being severely wounded in doing so. Although wounded and unable to move he carried on, issuing orders and encouraging his men.

H/14606 Cpl. H. B. Reynolds, 15th Hrs. (Clapham).

On the 10th November, 1918, he acted as scout to his troop in a mounted attack on some buildings near Ath which were being held by enemy machine guns. He assisted in reorganising the defence of the buildings after they had been captured, and after twice endeavouring to reach his troop leader, who was lying unconscious, he managed to get back to his squadron by crawling for 400 yards under heavy machine-gun fire. He successfully reached and brought back his whole troop as soon as it was dark. His work throughout the day showed great courage and determination.

810079 S./Smith V. A. Reynolds, A/232nd (N. Mid.) Bde., R.F.A., T.F. (Worcester).

On the 29th September, 1918, near Bellenlise, where the battery was in action, he was discovered in the position; he had ridden up to replace casualties, and showed cool courage and devotion to duty. A serjeant and one gun detachment were knocked out, and, in spite of heavy fire, he assisted in getting the gun into action and afterwards in manning the gun. In the face of continued fire and further casualties the section carried on with increased energy, encouraged by the determination of this shoeing smith.

201233 Pte. C. Ribbans, 6th Bn., Tank Corps (Addlestone).

For most conspicuous gallantry on the 8th August, 1918, near Harbonnieres. This man, with his officer and driver, fought his Tank far into the retreating enemy, and continued pursuit for many hours when entirely isolated. He obtained many targets and did great execution. The Tank was fought practically to a standstill, set on fire by hostile machine guns, the driver being killed and Pte. Ribbans and his officer badly burned. Throughout the action he displayed great courage and marked ability. The Tank was found on August 9 with 20-30 of the enemy dead round it.

55855 Sjt. S. J. Rich, 15th Bn., Essex R., T.F. (Battersea).

For marked courage and determination. On 2nd November, 1918, on the River Scheldt, near Mont St. Aubert, he was in charge of a daylight patrol of five men which

crossed the river to obtain information as to an enemy withdrawal. After proceeding about 800 yards the patrol was cut off by a party of the enemy about 12 strong with two machine guns. Although wounded himself three times, and having two of his men killed and one wounded, he kept up sniping fire on the enemy, and finally got back with two remaining men. The bodies of the others were shortly afterwards recovered.

11808 Pte. T. Richardson, 1st Bn. (now Dépôt), Bord. R. (Wigan).

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the advance on the morning of the 28th September, 1918, at Hooge he accompanied C.S.M. Cockerill and rushed an enemy pill-box which was holding out, and captured nine prisoners and one machine gun. On the 30th he carried messages under a very heavy machine-gun fire, all of which were safely delivered. He showed absolute contempt of the enemy's fire, and his courage won the admiration of all ranks.

13822 Sgt. W. J. Richardson, 7th Bn., Wilts. R. (Stantonbury).

For most conspicuous gallantry and good leadership during operations near Gouy from 4th-6th October, 1918. As platoon commander he led his platoon with magnificent dash, and by skilful organisation succeeded in capturing, with several prisoners, a machine gun whose fire was holding up the advance of the company on the flank. His skill and coolness under heavy fire were a fine example to his men.

50479 Pte. A. A. Ridgwell, 1st Bn., Rif Bde. (Greenwich).

For marked gallantry and devotion at the crossing of the River Ecaillon, near Monchaux, on 24th October, 1918. He was one of a party detailed to carry and place in position a footbridge by which the assaulting troops could cross the river. He assisted in launching the bridge, which was then found to be too short to span the river. Under heavy machine-gun fire he jumped into the river, and, with the water up to his armpits, held up the bridge while many of the assaulting troops crossed.

90578 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) R. W. Ripley, 19th By., 9th Bde., R.F.A. (Southsea)

On the night of 15th/16th October, 1918 at Saubert, he and another N.C.O. displayed very gallant conduct. The enemy had concentrated the fire of two or three batteries on his battery. Eventually No. 4 gunpit was hit and four men mortally wounded. He and the other serjeant promptly went out under the heavy fire to the assistance of the other men, and carried the two who were still alive back to their own trench. He has done sterling work, and shown an absolute disregard of danger during the whole of the recent advance.

821 Cpl. R. Ritchie, 1st Bn., R. Highrs. (Dunfermline).

On 29th September, 1918, east of Poncruet, he carried out valuable reconnaissance work, and showed marked ability in leading his section. Chiefly due to his own personal courage and initiative his section reached

their objectives second to none, and rendered valuable support to others by killing and capturing the enemy and bringing fire to bear on those of the enemy who were delaying the advance. He was severely burnt by a phosphorus bomb during the capture of the first objective, but remained at duty until his task was accomplished and the whole line firmly established.

40406 Cpl. G. Rivers, M.M., 2nd Bn., Tank Corps (S. Molton).

For marked courage and determination as first driver of a Tank near Lempire on the 21st September, 1918. He was of invaluable assistance to his Tank commander his skill proving greatly instrumental in repairing his Tank under heavy fire, and eventually being able to continue again in action. When the Tank had been hit a second time he remained inside and kept up a most successful covering fire, under which part of his crew were able to leave the Tank and the infantry to advance still further.

20471 Pte. J. Robertson, 1st Bn., K.O.S.B. (Sanquhar).

During the attack on the enemy position between St. Louis and Ooteghem, on 22nd October, 1918, with marked gallantry he dashed across some 200 yards of open ground swept by machine-gun fire to get to a platoon isolated from the remainder of the company. Finding they had no officer or N.C.O.'s left, he took command, handling his men with great skill and coolness. Throughout the whole day he showed the utmost disregard for personal danger.

13672 Sgt. J. R. Robertson, M.M., 19th Bn., Durh. L.I. (Trindon Colliery).

On 14th October, 1918, for most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action west of Courtrai. The company had been held up some 200 yards from its final objective by machine-gun fire and snipers. He took a party of ten men and attacked the post from a flank, capturing the machine gun and three prisoners, though he had only two men with him at the time and putting the remainder to flight. He has shown marked courage on many occasions, and set a very fine example to all ranks.

14854 Sgt. J. R. F. Robertson, M.M., 2nd Bn., Bedf. R. (Peckham).

On 4th November, 1918, during the attack on Preux au Bois, he displayed marked gallantry and initiative in handling his platoon. He outflanked enemy machine guns with great skill, and his persistence in pushing forward was of the greatest value to the troops on his flank. On one occasion, when an enemy machine gun had to be attacked frontally, and the No. 1 of the Lewis gun was killed, he seized the gun, moved forward to a commanding position, and forced the enemy gun crew to retire, thus enabling his company to enter the village. His fine action contributed largely to the success of his company.

133616 Cpl. F. Robinson, 41st Bn., M.G. Corps (Wealdstone).

West of Gheluwe on the 1st October, 1918, during the attack on Gheluwe Village, he displayed conspicuous gallantry and devo-

tion whilst commanding a sub-section of machine guns. In the face of heavy hostile machine-gun and artillery fire he led his guns forward in support of the infantry and brought them into action with good effect, doing much to assist the infantry in their advance. Later, when the right flank of the infantry were suffering from machine-gun and rifle fire, he skilfully brought a gun into action, protecting the exposed flank and reducing the hostile fire to a minimum. Throughout the operation he did much to inspire the men of his gun teams.

235433 Cpl. J. T. Robinson, 14th Bn., R.W. Fus. (Milnthorpe).

In the attack near Montay, on the 20th October, 1918, he was in command of a platoon working up the right of the ravine, and was isolated from the rest of his company. He showed marked courage and initiative in leading his men. When barbed wire was encountered he found the gaps before leading his men forward. He bombed a machine-gun nest, and, urging his men by his example, killed five of the enemy, captured two machine guns and took the remainder of the enemy post prisoners. His most gallant and able leadership was mainly responsible for the capture of the strongly defended ravine.

12311 Pte. R. Robinson, 7th Bn., Bord. R. (Sunderland).

During the advance on Montigny, on the 9th October, 1918, a gap existed between his platoon and the division on its left, with the result that the village of Ligny was not mopped up, and considerable difficulty was experienced from enemy snipers. He volunteered to get into the village and silence the snipers; a feat which he successfully accomplished, bringing back 14 prisoners. He set a splendid example of keenness, courage and devotion to duty to all.

21372 Sjt. C. W. Roe, M.M., 1st Bn., R. Innis. Fus. (Carlton, Lowestoft).

When his platoon officer became a casualty in the early stages of an attack near Ledeghem, on the 14th October, 1918, he assumed command and led his men most gallantly forward through the hostile barrage under heavy machine-gun fire to their objective, capturing prisoners and several machine guns. On the night 20th/21st October, during an attack on Straate, his company commander and remaining platoon officer both became casualties. He assumed command of his company and completed the capture of the village. He consolidated under heavy fire and beat off a counter-attack before dawn. He did fine work.

307445 L./C. V. Rose, 10th Bn., Notts. & Derby. R. (Castleton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in the Forêt de Mormal, on 4th November, 1918. He and his companion were at the time privates, and were linesmen. The wire was laid through the outskirts of Futoy, which was being heavily shelled, but these two men remained working on the line for forty-eight hours without rest. The wire was broken every ten minutes, but

it was at once mended by these two very gallant men, and it was owing to their fine spirit and untiring energy that communication was kept up with the brigade throughout the operations.

316782 Sjt. R. A. Ross, 13th Bn., R. Highrs., T.F. (Elgin).

For consistent gallantry and skilful leadership on 17th October, 1918, near Le Cateau. When his company had been held up in Chapel Mills by enemy machine-gun fire, he showed great gallantry in leading the men of his company, which he was commanding at the time under very difficult circumstances. His company was ordered to rush and take the hill on the east side of the station. It was largely due to his brilliant leadership that the attack was successful, and the hill taken and held. Previously during the day he led a bombing party down a trench from Chapel Mills, and succeeded in rounding up and capturing an enemy machine gun and team. During this action he was wounded in the arm by enemy machine-gun fire, but continued at duty until the operation was a complete success.

42093 Pte. W. F. Rowe, 24th (G.) Bn., Lan. Fus., T.F. (Pontypridd).

For conspicuous gallantry and good work in operations west of Tournai, on the night 20th/ 1st October, 1918. The left of his company had been held up by an enemy strong point round a farm. He made several attempts with his section to outflank this, but the machine-gun and rifle fire was too heavy. During the night he led a patrol and ascertained that the enemy were occupying a machine-gun post camouflaged as a haystack. As he could not attack it he set fire to it, inflicting casualties on the withdrawing force, which was about two officers and fifty O.Rs. strong. His action enabled a unit on the flank to advance its line and gain touch with ours.

201798 Pte. (L./C.) J. H. Rush, 1st Bn., K.O.S.B. (Wolverston).

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, on 28th September, 1918, near Veldhoek, as platoon commander. By his able leadership he materially assisted the advance of his company. When his platoon was held up by heavy machine-gun fire, he personally led the assault on the pill-box, capturing it, together with the gun and team. Throughout the whole action he showed great courage, and set a splendid example to his comrades.

L/11947 C./S./M. G. F. Russell, 2nd Bn., R. Fus. (Wroxall, I./W.).

On the morning of 14th October, 1918, when attacking through Ledeghem, he showed extraordinary coolness and gallantry while his company was held up by machine-gun fire. Several men had become casualties from this enemy machine gun, so he crawled along a slight hedge towards the emplacement, and then suddenly rushed on the team. Heavy fire was quickly directed against him, but in spite of it he reached the team and killed all four of them. The company was then able to proceed:

275875 Sjt. J. Ruthven, 5/6th Bn., R. Scots, T.F. (Edinburgh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in organising and leading parties forward against machine-gun nests during attacks on Sequehart, on 1st, 2nd and 3rd October, 1918. On 2nd October he attacked a machine gun himself, killing the crew and capturing the gun. His work throughout the operations was of a most inspiring nature. The fine example of courage and endurance under heavy fire he set was most admirable.

156055 Spr. T. Ryan, 251st Tun. Coy., R.E. (Bradford).

On 8th November, 1918, at Tournai, he was engaged in removing booby traps from the roads. On the enemy commencing to shell the approaches to the town, he continued to work, and succeeded in removing forty traps before being severely wounded by shell fire. His courage and devotion to duty set a good example to his comrades, and resulted in the rapid clearing of all roads in the town, and permitted transport, urgently required, to move forward.

805582 Dvr. (L./Bdr.) J. Ryder, M.M., C/231st (N. Mid.) Bde., R.F.A., T.F. (Tunstall).

Near Bellenglise, on 29th September, 1918, he displayed conspicuous courage when telephonist with F.O.Os' party. He went alone into an enemy dug-out where occupants had declined to come out, and emerged with thirty-three prisoners. He did splendid work.

G/87330 Pte. D. B. Sale, 11th Bn., R. Fus. (Bethnal Green).

For marked gallantry and devotion to duty, on 4th November, 1918, near Robersart. His company being held up by heavy machine-gun fire, he promptly pushed forward alone with his Lewis gun, and although under heavy fire the whole time got his gun into action and succeeded in silencing several enemy machine guns. His courage and determination undoubtedly ended a bad hold-up, and prevented the loss of many lives.

34195 Sjt. J. W. Sandercock, 1st Bn., Dorset. R. (Trewarmen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On 3rd October, 1918, during the attack on Sequehart, his platoon was held up by machine-gun fire. He immediately rushed the gun crew and killed them, thus enabling his men to advance. Later, when the battalion was counter-attacked, he reorganised his platoon and turned a captured machine gun on to the advancing enemy, causing him heavy casualties. While consolidating the captured position he was severely wounded in the right knee by shell fire. His gallantry throughout the operations was an example to all.

132658 Cpl. G. C. Saunders, 2nd Bn., M.G. Corps (Bristol).

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the 29th September, 1918, near Rumilly. He went forward to reconnoitre a position for his machine gun to a farm, the orchard of which was occupied by the enemy. He captured a prisoner, after

which he took his gun into the attic and fired down on the enemy in the orchard, forcing them to retire. Later, during an enemy counter-attack, in spite of heavy shell fire on the building, he continued to fire his gun from this commanding and exposed position until all his ammunition was exhausted.

18820 C./S./M. F. A. Savage, 8th Bn., Glouc. R. (Stroud).

During the operations south-west of Bermerain, on 23rd October, 1918, he displayed personal gallantry and determination of the highest order. When two hostile machine guns were enfilading the company front, causing casualties and preventing consolidation, he collected some men of company headquarters in rear, seized a Lewis gun, and rushed forward. Under cover of this fire the two posts were rushed, the occupants killed, and the two guns captured.

14481 C./S./M. S. Scaife, M.M., 10th Bn., Notts. & Derby. R. (Creweton).

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Neuville, 13th October, 1918, in discovering the enemy's machine guns and snipers in the village, and bringing in a Lewis gun when its team had all been killed or wounded. He also went and found two missing patrols in daylight under machine-gun fire, thereby obtaining valuable information from the patrols, who had all become casualties and unable to return. He afterwards took out stretcher-bearers, and succeeded in bringing in all the wounded and killed. He did fine work.

S/6446 Pte. W. Scott, 11th Bn. (attd., 2nd Bn.), Arg. & Suth'd Highrs. (Falkirk).

For conspicuous gallantry and good work. On 23rd October, 1918, near Forest, he was one of a patrol of one N.C.O. and three other ranks who, as his company was held up by machine-gun fire, was sent out to push forward as much as possible. Shortly after the patrol had set out the N.C.O. was killed, but he at once assumed command of the patrol and passed through the enemy's line of posts, penetrating nearly half a mile. He then sent back accurate information to his company commander, and also to the battalion on his left, by which means all were able to advance with few casualties, capturing many prisoners and machine guns.

6345 Sjt. W. Seale, 1st Bn., Worc. R. (Birmingham).

For most conspicuous gallantry and good work. On the 7th October, 1918, south of Oppy, as soon as our attack started the platoon officer and serjeant of one of the attacking platoons became casualties. He rushed forward and took charge of the platoon, and, both by his work and excellent example under heavy machine-gun fire and bombing, undoubtedly enabled the resistance to be overcome and the very strongly fortified line to be entered. He killed, both by rifle fire and bombing, many of the enemy.

201783 Pte. (A./Cpl.) J. Seddon, 1/10th Bn., Manch. R., T.F. (Preston).

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the operations on the

27th/28th September, 1918, east of Trescault. He overcame the opposition of two enemy machine-gun posts, he himself killing or taking prisoners the entire garrisons, and thus saving his company many casualties. Later, he went to the rescue of a comrade and bayoneted the enemy, and then knocked down and killed another. He subsequently took several men prisoners from a dugout. He set a splendid example of courage and determination to all.

33393 Cpl. C. M. Selley, 1st Bn., W. York. R. (Harrogate).

At Selency, on 24th September, 1918, when his platoon officer had been killed early in the fight, he assumed command and was successful in getting his platoon into the enemy trench in face of very heavy machine-gun and shell fire. Here he was able to establish his men, and by his fine example of coolness and courage, the enemy in another part of the trench were kept down and prevented from attacking our right flank. He kept his company commander well informed of the situation by his intelligent messages, and it was entirely owing to his splendid example that his men did so well in a very tight corner.

L/26350 Bomdr. G. H. Shain, A/173rd Bde., R.F.A. (Walthamstow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Moorseele on 15th October, 1918. A shell burst near his gun while firing a barrage, knocking out the whole detachment and wounding him in two places. He refused, however, to leave his gun, and carried on under heavy shell fire with a detachment of spare men and signallers until the barrage was completed, when he was admitted into hospital and evacuated.

200239 Sjt. E. Shaw, 1/5th Bn., Notts. & Derby. R., T.F. (Derby).

At Regnicourt, on 17th October, 1918, he showed marked gallantry and powers of leadership while in command of his platoon. He carried his men forward under heavy machine-gun fire until held up by wire, when he at once organised rifle and Lewis-gun fire, and with a few men worked to a flank, where he found a gap. Rushing forward, he charged the enemy post, capturing two machine guns and several prisoners. He did splendid work.

265879 Sjt. J. Shaw, 1/6th Bn., R. Highrs., T.F. (Chester).

On 26th October, 1918, near Famars, where the advance was held up by an enemy machine gun firing from a flank, he with two men rushed the machine gun, killed the team of three enemy and took the gun. His bold action enabled the advance to continue. He showed throughout the operations most marked gallantry, and set a splendid example to all in his vicinity.

50202 Sjt. T. Shearer, 15th Bn., H.L.I. (Kerkmuirhill).

On the 29th September, 1918, during the attack on the village of Le Tronquoy, he led his section with marked courage and skill. He entered several of the enemy dugouts, killed many with bombs and cap-

TURED about eighty prisoners. Afterwards he kept up heavy harassing fire on the retreating enemy. Throughout the operations, during the ensuing few days, he led his section with splendid dash, and frequently volunteered to carry out difficult and dangerous patrols. During these patrols he generally returned with a few prisoners, and always brought back accurate and valuable information.

1009 Sjt. W. Shields, 15th Bn., H.L.I. (Glasgow).

On 2nd October, 1918, during the second attack on Sequehart, he had command of two companies, and carried out his duties under very heavy shell and machine-gun fire in a most gallant and efficient manner. He was later ordered to occupy a position to protect the right flank. He led his men with cool courage, he himself going on ahead alone, and afterwards leading forward his men and placing them in position in spite of heavy machine-gun fire. Throughout the operations he did fine work.

38112 Sjt. A. Shollar, 88th Bn., 14th Bde., R.F.A. (Barnsley).

Near Bellenglise, on 29th September, 1918, while firing a barrage, the battery was heavily and continuously shelled with gas and high explosive shell. All the officers had become casualties through wounds and had to leave the battery. He took command, organised the replacement of casualties, and carried on the barrage, completing it entirely. He set a very high example of courage, initiative and endurance under most difficult circumstances.

265124 Pte. C. Simmons, 1/5th Bn., Notts. & Derby. R., T.F. (Nottingham).

At Berthaucourt, on 24th September, 1918, during an attack on the enemy trenches, he showed great courage and contempt for danger. When the right flank was held up by machine-gun fire he got out on the top with another man under very heavy machine-gun fire, and endeavoured to work round the post. His comrade was killed, but without the slightest hesitation he pushed on, located the post, and started to bomb it. Through his fine action the gun was captured and the remainder of the team taken prisoners.

240121 Pte. A. Simpson, 1st Bn., Lan. Fus. (Rochdale).

On 1st October, 1918, near Gheluwe, he went out alone to reconnoitre the position of an enemy machine gun which was firing at his platoon. He worked forward over ground traversed by machine-gun fire, shot two sentries, thoroughly reconnoitred the enemy position, and on his way back shot a sniper who had been harassing his platoon. He showed great courage and initiative, and rendered excellent service.

17256 Sjt. E. Simpson, M.M., 6th Bn., K.O.S.B. (Durham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Cuerne on 16th/17th October, 1918. He rendered most valuable service in steadying and encouraging the men after the officers had become casualties. During

an enemy counter-attack he went from platoon to platoon under intense machine-gun fire, and by sheer force of his example prevented any tendency to panic. His cool courage and resource were of the greatest value to his company.

30335 L./C. H. W. Simpson, 1st Bn., Som. L.I. (Bangor).

For great courage and determination near Verchain on 24th October, 1918. While the river was being bridged there was a great deal of crowding at the bridges and considerable enemy fire. He swam across the river, collected a few men who had already crossed, and attacked the nearest enemy position, thereby diverting the enemy fire from the bridges, and enabling the crossing to be proceeded with. Throughout the day he showed a very fine example of dash and courage.

L/10320 Cpl. W. A. Singer, 12th Lrs. (Reading).

For conspicuous gallantry and valuable service at Hestrud on 10th November, 1918, in command of the leading section of the advanced troop. Having been stopped by heavy machine-gun fire, he got his horses under cover and took up a very exposed forward position, whence he observed and sent back most excellent reports as to the enemy's dispositions. Meanwhile the enemy put down a very heavy artillery and machine-gun barrage between his post and the infantry. Having located two machine guns, he personally took the information back, and successfully gave his information to the leading company commander.

64986 Spr. (A./2nd/Cpl.) M. Slattery, 19th Div. Sig. Coy., R.E. (Clapham, S.W.).

For great courage and devotion to duty during the operations north of Bavai from 3rd November to 10th November, 1918. He was in charge of the signalling office at the advanced divisional report centre, which was twice heavily shelled, causing casualties among the personnel. He continued to operate both exchange and sounder on each occasion. In addition, he volunteered for duty in laying lines outside, and, although wounded, he remained at work until the division was relieved two days later. Throughout the whole operation he did excellent work.

18483 Sjt. A. Sledge, M.M., 13th Bn., Durh. L.I. (Richmond, Yorks.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the advance on St. Benin on the 10th October, 1918. Throughout the operations he set a very fine example of courage and cheerfulness. When his company commander was killed he took command of the company and led them to their objective under great difficulties. Although wounded several times he refused to leave the line, and, after having his wounds dressed, again took command.

8214 Sjt. A. Smith, M.M., 2nd Bn., O. & B.L.I. (Sittingbourne).

During the operations about Rumilly on 1st October, 1918, he located a machine gun in a house, which was doing considerable

damage. He collected several men, organised an attack, and rushed the post under very heavy machine-gun fire, capturing the gun and crew of six men. During the whole operations he showed marked disregard for his own safety, and set the finest example to all around him.

201029 Sjt. A. Smith, 5th Bn., Tank C. (Walthamstow).

He accompanied and assisted an officer in the attack on Ramicourt on 3rd October, 1918. When their tank had been set on fire by hostile guns he brought in two wounded comrades and the body of a third. He then went into Ramicourt, which was being attacked by the infantry, and, single-handed, captured 20 of the enemy by routing them out of their dug-outs with his revolver. These he handed over to an infantry battalion. He showed fine courage and marked ability throughout the action.

8955 Sjt. H. Smith, M.M., 4th Bn., Worc. R. (Stratford-on-Avon).

For most conspicuous gallantry during the attack east of Courtrai on the 20th October, 1918, when out on liaison patrol alone. He carried important messages to headquarters from a company that was separated from the battalion by the Courtrai-Bossuyt Canal by having the messages thrown over to him under machine-gun and trench-mortar fire. On returning he met a serjeant of another unit, and together they went forward to get touch with the enemy. After silencing a machine gun they rushed the village of Essher, and put the enemy occupying it to flight, causing considerable casualties to them as they ran.

60756 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) H. S. Smith, 19th By., 9th Bde., R.F.A. (Upper Holloway).

On the night 15/16th October, 1918, at Saubert, he and another non-commissioned officer displayed very gallant conduct. The enemy had concentrated the fire of two or three batteries on his battery. Eventually No. 4 gun-pit was hit, and four men mortally wounded. He and the other serjeant promptly went out under the heavy fire to the assistance of the other men, and carried the two who were still alive back to their own trench. He was wounded in doing so. He has done sterling work and shown an absolute disregard of danger during the whole of the recent advance.

G/3961 L./Cpl. J. Smith, M.M., 1st Bn., E. Kent R. (Peckham).

Near Fresnoy, on 18th September, 1918, when the leading wave was held up and forced to withdraw a short distance, he voluntarily remained behind to dress wounded men under very severe machine-gun and rifle fire, crawling back to our lines to notify their position to the company stretcher-bearers. Later he returned to battalion headquarters on five occasions, each time through hostile shell fire, and was able to give a clear and valuable account of the situation to his company officer. Throughout the operations he showed initiative, resource and personal gallantry.

18729 C./S./M. J. B. Smith, M.M., 21st Bn., mancu. R. (Manchester).

The behaviour of this warrant officer throughout the operation from 4th-11th October, 1918, was most praiseworthy. He was of the greatest assistance to his company commander, and by his never-failing energy, fearlessness and cheerfulness, inspired the greatest confidence in all. When an enemy machine gun was holding up the battalion he crossed about 300 yds. of ground alone under close-range fire, and got into touch with other troops on the right, telling them the position of the guns. With this information they were able to advance and outflank the gun, the crew of which surrendered about an hour later.

18439 Sjt. T. S. Smith, 1st Bn., Shrops. L.I. (Pembroke).

During the attack at Vaux Andigny, on the 17th October, 1918, he displayed great gallantry and initiative in leading his platoon against the enemy position. His company was in close support, and on seeing that the leading company was confronted with uncut wire entanglements and under heavy machine-gun fire and bombing at short range, he led his men straight to the wire, and with them cut a way through and reached the objective. Then, finding that the unit on his left was out of touch, he led a party along the trench and cleared the flank, himself killing six of the enemy. He showed the greatest gallantry throughout and did splendid work.

L/7613 L./Sjt. A. Souster, 1st Bn., E Kent R. (Ilford).

During an attack on a fortified farm and wood near Happengarbes, east of Bois l'Eveque, on 30th October, 1918, he led his platoon most ably and gallantly, and was largely instrumental in capturing the farm under very heavy fire, forcing the enemy to withdraw. At one moment, by pluckily picking up and throwing away an enemy trench-mortar bomb which fell between two posts, he was undoubtedly the means of saving heavy casualties. During the whole morning's operations he showed a fine example to all.

18206 Cpl. W. Spooner, 1/5th Bn., Linc. R., T.F. (Market Deeping).

For most conspicuous gallantry and good work on 29th September, 1918, when the enemy positions east of Bellenglise were attacked. During the attack by the battalion on Magny la Fosse, when nearing the village, seeing that a machine gun firing from the edge of a wood might hold up the advance, he rushed forward with two sections and put the gun out of action, capturing 50 prisoners and four machine guns in the wood. Later, under heavy shell fire, he displayed courage and skill in re-organising two sections and consolidating.

26697 Sjt. F. R. Spraggon, 16th Bn., R.W. Fus. (Canonbury).

At Mortho Wood, north of Villers Outreaux, on 8th October, 1918, he showed great gallantry and initiative during the attack. When the advance was held up by

an enemy machine gun, he organised a bombing party, and led them forward and put the gun out of action, killing the whole of the team, and enabling the advance to continue. Later in the day, after most severe casualties, he rendered most invaluable assistance to his company commander. His personal courage and devotion to duty were the admiration of all ranks.

745024 Sjt. A. C. Spray, 92nd Bn., 17th Bde., R.F.A. (Stockport).

He was No. 1 of a gun forming part of an advanced section on 29th September, 1918, near Gheluveldt. Supporting the infantry at close range, the section came under heavy machine-gun fire, and the officer in charge was wounded. Nevertheless, he kept his gun in action and displayed great gallantry in maintaining fire, enabling the advance to be successfully continued.

L/10507 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) A. J. Spurling, 2nd Bn., R. Suss. R. (Bethnal Green).

During the attack on the enemy positions north of Gricourt on 24th September, 1918, he was in command of a platoon which did good work. After reaching the final objective all the officers of the company became casualties, also many of the men. He organised the remainder of the company in advanced defensive positions. He remained in command of the company in the outposts for four days. His courage, determination and ability to command were most marked.

S/22589 Sjt. G. Stables, 6/7th Bn., Gord. Highrs., T.F. (Keith).

For conspicuous gallantry and ability in command of a daylight reconnoitring patrol north of Avesnes-le-Sec on the 14th October, 1918. He led a patrol to a position well within the enemy lines, where it came under very heavy machine-gun fire at close range. He then proceeded to withdraw his patrol in accordance with the orders he had received. Finding his retreat cut off, he remained within the enemy's lines till nearly dusk, when, by a skilful manœuvre, he succeeded in getting back all his patrol except two, killed. He attended to all the wounded, saw them safely back to our lines, and was the last to leave.

54650 Farr./Sjt. H. Stacey, M.M., 153rd Bde., R.F.A. (Bristol).

On 15th October, 1918, he was in charge of wagons taking ammunition to the battery along Dadizeele-Kezelberg Road, which was under heavy fire. One wagon received a direct hit, ten men being wounded and seven horses killed. Though himself severely wounded in three places, he supervised the work of clearing the wounded, directed the wagons on to the guns, and cleared the road of debris. He did not have his wounds attended to until he had ensured the replacement of casualties. He showed marked gallantry and devotion to duty.

17282 Sjt. J. Stacey, 2nd Bn., Y. & L. Regt. (Rotherham).

For most conspicuous gallantry and dash near Gricourt on 24th September, 1918. He was foremost in the attack, and killed many

of the enemy in the trenches. Later on, seeing a field gun, which had just knocked out one of our Tanks, was being again loaded to fire on our troops, he dashed forward, killed the gunners, and captured the gun. As soon as the objective had been captured he got two enemy machine guns into position and fired at the retreating enemy. Throughout the 25th he set a very fine example of high courage.

16631 Cpl. J. Stafford, 33rd Bn., M.G. Corps (Elderslie).

For marked gallantry and devotion to duty. On the 23rd October, 1918, near Forest, whilst advancing to the second objective with his section, he suddenly came under heavy machine-gun fire from a large pocket of the enemy. He ordered fixed bayonets and rushed the sunken road in which the enemy was entrenched, personally accounting for several enemy and capturing about thirty. He did fine work.

45782 Sjt. F. R. Standley, 2nd Bn., S.W. Bord. (Norwich).

At Zillebeke on 28/29th September, 1918, for most conspicuous gallantry and determination. During the attack on the 28th he rushed an enemy post which was still holding out after the barrage had lifted. Again, on the 29th, when his company was held up by machine-gun fire, he led a party of men forward, and, shooting down several of the enemy as he advanced, rushed the post, capturing a machine gun and two prisoners. Throughout the whole period he set a splendid example to those with him.

85704 Cpl. A. E. V. Statham, M.M., 34th Div. Sig. Coy., R.E. (Norwich).

On 14/15th October, 1918, near Gheluwe, he established a Brigade Forward Report Centre, and laid lines thereto under heavy shell fire. He repaired lines under enemy barrage fire, and, largely owing to his skill and gallantry, communications were maintained almost continuously during the action. He was severely wounded on the 15th October in the performance of these duties. He did fine work.

143780 Cpl. J. H. Stead, 41st Bn., M.G. Corps (Halifax).

On 29th September, 1918, near Comines, he was in charge of a sub-section of machine guns which was ordered to advance and engage an enemy's machine gun which was holding up the infantry advance. In order to direct the fire of the two guns, the Section Officer went out ahead, and was killed. He at once rushed out to the same point and successfully directed the fire of his guns and silenced the enemy gun. By his marked gallantry and initiative he enabled the infantry to continue their advance at a critical moment.

28383 L./Sjt. C. S. Stedman, 6th Bn., North'n R. (Newbury Park).

For conspicuous gallantry during operations on 24th October, 1918, north-east of Bousies. When his officer became a casualty he reorganised his line, and under heavy enemy machine-gun fire, led his men for-

ward. He showed throughout this action great gallantry, and was a great example to the men. His tactical handling of his men was one of the principal causes of the success of his operations.

21501 Sjt. M. J. Sterry, M.M., 7th Bn., R.W. Kent R. (Gloucester).

During the operations on 23rd October, 1918, east of Le Cateau, he displayed conspicuous gallantry in the attack, and handled his platoon with marked leadership. His coolness under heavy machine-gun fire was most encouraging to the men, and when the objective was reached he went forward and cleared the ground of enemy snipers. He again showed conspicuous gallantry in a subsequent attack east of Bousies, and although wounded he continued to lead his platoon until the objective was reached and the line organised.

240081 C./S./M. J. Stevenson, M.M., 5/6th Bn., Sco. Rif., T.F. (Hamilton).

On 23rd October, 1918, in the operations north-east of the River Selle, when all the officers of his company had become casualties and the attack was temporarily held up, he reorganised his company under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, and reformed the line. He then led it forward, being himself in front of the line, and captured the second objective on the line of a sunken road, despite strong opposition. He set the finest example of courage and determination, and was responsible for the success of his company's attack.

59456 C./S./M. R. G. Stevenson, 15th Bn., Welsh R. (Alexandria).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At Chateau Angles, north of Villers Outreaux, on 8th October, 1918, under heavy machine-gun and artillery fire, he was invaluable in reorganising the battalion, which had been fighting hand to hand for four hours on its way to assembly position. He was quite fearless, and did much by his personal action to restore the situation in readiness for a further advance.

39217 Pte. J. Stewart, M.M., 2nd Bn., H.L.I. (Bellshill).

During the capture of the enemy's trench system just north of Vertain, on 23rd October, 1918, his platoon was held up by an enemy post, with a thick and undamaged belt of wire in front of it. He volunteered to cut a gap while his platoon took cover and waited for his signal. He cut the gap, and, without waiting for the remainder to assist him, charged the post, killing the gunner and capturing a heavy machine gun and the rest of the team. As was afterwards seen, the gap he cut was within thirty yards of the gun. He showed splendid courage and initiative.

1883 Sjt. P. S. Stewart, 1/6th Bn., R. Highrs., T.F. (Perth).

On 24th October, 1918, near Monchaux, when the battalion attacked before dawn across the River Ecaillon, he led his men to the river bank, collected and reconstructed the materials of a broken enemy bridge under heavy machine-gun fire, and skilfully

got his men across. He was seriously wounded near the final objective, but refused to be attended to until his men were bandaged. His fine courage and leadership largely contributed to the success of the operation.

74116 Cpl. C. Still, 1st Bn., M.G. Corps (Brownstown).

On 24th September, 1918, near Fresnoy, he was sent forward in charge of a machine-gun team to consolidate with the infantry. He showed great courage and determination in keeping his gun in action and covering the front line post, and later he pushed his gun forward in front of the infantry, and materially assisted in checking the enemy counter-attacks. On the night of the 24th, although severely wounded himself and having his No. 2 gunner killed, he did excellent work in endeavouring to silence the enemy's enfilade fire. In spite of his wound, he remained at his post until ordered to withdraw.

L/10462 Pte. (L./C.) A. Stoner, 2nd Bn., R. Suss. R. (Climping).

For most conspicuous courage and determination. During the attack on Pontru on 18th September, 1918, he was in charge of a section which did excellent work. Whilst capturing the enemy's trench, he led his section in a bombing attack up the trench and cleared it of all the enemy, defeated a small local counter-attack, and then rushed a strong point, capturing ten prisoners. His fine action greatly assisted the advance of the remainder of the company.

G/75213 Pte. F. G. St. Pier, 13th Bn., R. Fus. (Romford).

For marked gallantry and good work during the operations at Ghissignies on 24th October, 1918. During the advance on the final objective, the platoon came under heavy machine-gun fire in a sunken road. He got his Lewis gun into action on the road, and, by engaging two enemy guns, enabled the remainder of the platoon to withdraw. He also covered the evacuation of wounded, and remained in this position until finally given orders to return.

42048 Pte. W. A. Suffolk, 2nd Bn., Bedf. R. (Shireoaks).

For most conspicuous and determined gallantry. On the morning of 18th September, 1918, during the attack on Ronssoy, his platoon came under heavy machine-gun fire, which seemed likely to impede seriously its advance. He advanced alone along the bank of a sunken road under heavy fire from two machine guns, and then rushed the first, putting the team out of action. Then, working his way round behind the second, he sniped the team, killing them all, thus allowing the advance to continue. He did splendid work.

53653 Sjt. W. Summers, 41st Sge. By., R.G.A. (Dartford).

At Gaulcourt, on 12th September, 1918, when the battery was suddenly heavily shelled, and a shell fell in the middle of a detachment, the majority of whom became casualties, he at once went to the assistance

of the wounded men, and had them bandaged and removed to cover. He then returned to his gun, and kept it in action whilst still under heavy shell fire. A week later he helped to remove ammunition from the vicinity of cartridges ignited by enemy shelling. On both occasions, by his courage and coolness, he set a splendid example to N.C.O.s and men.

3385 Sjt. F. Sweeney, 18th Bn., Lan. Fus. (Barrow-in-Furness).

During the period 28th October to 1st November, 1918, near Ooteghem and Tieghem, he displayed marked gallantry and initiative. On 28th he led a patrol in determined efforts to knock out two machine guns which were sweeping his company front. On the 29th, disguised as a civilian, he went into the enemy lines to discover the exact location of the machine guns opposite his company front, visiting the farms in the area. As a result of this daring patrol very valuable information was obtained as to the enemy dispositions. In the attack near Tieghem, on 1st November, he was wounded through the shoulder whilst leading a rush on a hostile machine gun. His courage and daring throughout set a very fine example to his men.

43738 Sjt. H. Sykes, 1st Bn. N. Staffs. R. (Greenfield).

For most conspicuous gallantry and initiative at Montrecourt on the 13th October, 1918. He led his platoon up the embankment and killed a whole team of enemy machine gunners who were firing on them, capturing the gun. He then established a block and led a bombing party up the embankment towards the platoon on his left. During this operation he himself killed six of the enemy. In all ten prisoners and three machine guns were captured by his platoon, and about 40 of the enemy killed. The success of his platoon was due to his fine courage and leadership.

44037 L./C. A. R. Tait, 2nd Bn., R. Ir. Rif. (Perth).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative near Dadizeele. He was a section leader in the operations on 30th September, 1918. He handled his section with great courage and coolness in the face of heavy machine-gun fire. Noticing that the platoon was badly held up by one enemy machine gun, he crawled to within 25 yards of the gun position and dislodged the team single-handed with hand grenades, thus enabling the platoon to advance and capture the gun.

13316 C./S./M. J. Tait, M.M., 11th Bn., R. Scots (Walkerburn).

Near Vichte, on the 22nd October, 1918, he was acting C.S.M. during the attack. On his own initiative he got together three O.R.'s and one Lewis-gun team, and advanced under very heavy machine-gun and shell fire and occupied a farm about 400 yards in front of his company line, which was being held by the enemy. The enemy counter-attacked the farm on three occasions, but still he held on until reinforced at dusk, and inflicted many casualties on the enemy. Throughout the whole operations

he showed great courage, and the example set by him inspired all ranks.

241535 Pte. E. C. Tanner, 1/6th Bn., Notts. & Derby. R., T.F. (Ashbourne).

For splendid gallantry and initiative near Montbrehain on 3rd October, 1918. After taking the surrender of 30 prisoners single-handed, he went on and personally captured a machine gun, killing all the team himself. When the enemy were evacuating the village, seeing some gun limbers limbering up to withdraw, he succeeded in wiping out both horses and men with his Lewis gun. Seeing the right flank being held up by machine-gun fire he gave covering fire on his own initiative, thus enabling his comrades to advance. Throughout the whole operation he showed absolute disregard for danger and the greatest initiative.

56800 Sjt. W. C. Tarling, 15th Bn., Welsh R. (Cardiff).

On 20th October 1918, on the River Selle, where bridges had been destroyed, he plunged into the river and led his company across in the teeth of heavy machine-gun fire. He was in the water the whole time helping men to cross, and only one Lewis gun was lost in the transit. He then reorganised the company on the bank and advanced to and occupied the objective. He showed great gallantry and coolness, and rendered excellent service.

241989 Cpl. A. E. Taylor, 1/6th Bn., S. Staffs. R., T.F. (Gravesend).

During the operations at Bellenglise, on 29th September, 1918, he, after our final objective had been gained, saw four enemy officers escaping down a trench. He followed them through our barrage, killed two, and captured two of them. Throughout the operation he showed most marked gallantry and determination in attacking enemy posts.

15720 Sjt. E. Taylor, 2nd Bn., York L.I. (Goole).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 3rd October 1918, during the successful capture of the village of Sequehart. When the advance of the company on the right of his platoon was held up by intense machine-gun fire he led his platoon forward splendidly, whereupon the company on the right rushed forward and gained the objective. Afterwards, noticing the enemy massing for a counter-attack, he went forward with an officer to where an enemy machine gun lay, seized it, and opened fire on the enemy and effectively dispersed them. He did fine work.

3024 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) E. Taylor, 2nd Bn., North'd Fus. (W. Hartlepool).

For most conspicuous courage and devotion to duty in operations east of Bony on 5th October, 1918. When his platoon officer was wounded and casualties from machine-gun fire were very heavy, he pushed forward through Le Vatelet, and, in a most difficult position, engaged with a few men the machine-gun nest which was holding up our advance. His control and gallantry were admirable, and even when both arms were broken he continued to encourage his men until another position was established

33262 Pte. F. Taylor, 2nd Bn. S.W. Bord. (Aertillery).

At Zillebeke, on 28th September, 1918, for most conspicuous gallantry and determination. He assisted in the capture of an enemy pillbox which was offering stubborn resistance. Working round the back, he charged two of the enemy, killed one, and while doing so was slightly bayoneted by the other. He then attacked the other, killing him also, the remainder gave in. Again, on 29th, he brought in his platoon serjeant, who was severely wounded, under very heavy machine-gun fire. He did splendid work

S/16250 Cpl. G. Taylor, 16th Bn., Rif. Bde. (posted 10th Bn., Lond. R.) (Lenham).

Near Epehy on 22nd September, 1918, he showed exceptional coolness and disregard of danger, and set a very fine example to his men. As a result of his shooting, a party of twenty-five of the enemy was completely destroyed. During an attack later on Dados Loop he was instrumental in completely silencing three enemy machine guns which were greatly inconveniencing the consolidation by our infantry. He showed great energy throughout, and greatly assisted in the operations.

9262 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) H. Taylor, M.M., 1st Bn., R. War. R. (Cradley).

During the operations in the neighbourhood of Verchain on 24th October, 1918, he showed conspicuous gallantry and ability. He was in command of a platoon which was meeting opposition from two hostile machine-gun posts. He quickly engaged the posts with fire from his Lewis guns, and, working round the flanks, captured and disposed of both of them. He assisted the platoon on his right by engaging a machine gun that was holding them up. Later on, when digging in under hostile fire, he moved about amongst his men, encouraging and stimulating them.

22708 Sjt. S. Taylor, 2nd Bn., S.W. Bord (Countesthorpe).

Near Salines, on 18th October, 1918, for marked gallantry and able leadership under heavy fire. He led his platoon with the greatest coolness. While under heavy shelling, and held up by our own barrage, the enemy opened machine-gun fire on him from front and left flank. He handled his men with great skill, working round in the edge of our own barrage and forcing the enemy to clear, and allowing the line to advance when the barrage lifted.

240090 C./S./M. T. R. Taylor, M.M., 1/6th Bn., S. Staffs. R., T.F. (Wolverhampton).

During the operations at Bellenglise, on 29th September, 1918, he rendered invaluable assistance to the one remaining officer with the company in keeping his company together in the dense fog. He led several parties to clear dugouts and cellars occupied by the enemy. Throughout, he showed magnificent coolness and fighting spirit—a very fine example to all.

17087 L./Cpl. (A./C./Q./M./S.) S. K. Terrill, 7th Bn., Wilts. R. (Grantham).

For gallantry and conspicuous service during operations east of Bony from 4th October to 6th October, 1918, and south of Le Cateau, 18th/19th October. He carried out his duties with untiring energy and devotion to duty. He never failed to bring rations and water to his company, although at times under very heavy shell fire. His coolness, energy and total disregard of danger were admirable.

241182 Pte. A. Thomas, 1/6th Bn., Notts. & Derby. R., T.F. (Taplow).

For most conspicuous courage and contempt for danger near Ramicourt on 3rd October, 1918. During the attack he entered an enemy dugout alone, where he found nine of the enemy. As these men refused to come out, he personally destroyed the whole party. Afterwards five of the enemy were endeavouring to re-man one of their machine guns. When he saw them, he immediately attacked them with his bayonet and drove them from the gun, causing them to be taken prisoners. He did magnificent work.

175135 Pte. H. Thomas, 1/1st (York.) Dns. Cyc. R., T.F. (Castleford).

For marked gallantry and determination whilst with an advanced patrol in the Stokerij area on 15th October, 1918. His section came under heavy machine-gun fire from a farm, but he led his patrol up a ditch, and, after shooting at the farm with their Lewis gun, he fixed his bayonet and advanced alone straight at the gun. He got to within 20 yards before he was severely wounded, his leg being very badly shattered. After seeing his determination, the enemy left the gun and ran.

201649 Sjt. A. Thompson, 2/4th Bn., W. Rid. R., T.F. (Halifax).

For most conspicuous gallantry in command of a platoon during the operations before Rumilly from 29th September to 1st October, 1918. An enemy bombardment caused very serious casualties, so that only three of his platoon were left. Although himself wounded, he went forward, and, collecting stragglers, took them forward and established a post in Rumilly Support. Subsequently he went forward with a patrol into the village of Rumilly three times and obtained information as to the enemy's strength which proved of great use when counter-attacked later. He did splendid work.

290876 Pte. F. R. Thompson, 1/5th Bn., N. Lan. R., T.F. (Rochdale).

South of Cambrai, on the 8th October, 1918, when his company had reached its objective, he volunteered to gain touch under close-range machine-gun fire with the company on the flank. On his way he came across a party of the enemy in a trench, whom he took prisoners and handed over. He then went on and brought back the required information. He showed conspicuous gallantry, and rendered valuable service.

29974 L./Sjt. N. Thomson, 2nd Bn., R. Sco. Fus. (Lismore).

He showed great courage and brilliant tactical handling of his platoon in the operations on the 28th September, 1918. In the face of intense enemy machine-gun fire on Westhoek Ridge, he gallantly led his platoon against a strongly held part of the line and forced his way into the enemy post, capturing all the occupants. He was later very seriously wounded.

6484 C./S./M. F. C. Thorley, 1st Bn., York. L.I. (Hull).

For most conspicuous gallantry, coolness and initiative during the attack on Prospect Hill, near le Catelet, on 3rd October, 1918. Finding that his company was being enfiladed by an enemy machine gun, he immediately rushed the gun and silenced it, thereby saving many casualties. Again, during the attack on Villers Farm, near Villers Outreaux, he displayed great courage and devotion to duty, and materially assisted in the success of the operation.

35275 Pte. H. J. Thorndyke, 2nd Bn., R.W. Fus. (Plaistow).

For most conspicuous gallantry and initiative during the attack on the south-eastern outskirts of Englefontaine and the Forêt de Mormal on 4th November, 1918. When his platoon was held up by hostile machine-gun fire, although previously wounded, he went forward and put the gun out of action, killing the crew of three and capturing the gun. He showed marked courage and set a splendid example to his men during the whole of the operations.

13767 Sjt. A. T. Thorne, 9th Bn., Essex R. (S. Hackney).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 12th October, 1918. During an attempt to cross the Haute-Deule Canal, north of Courcelles, he led his platoon across a large expanse of swampy ground, which was swept by heavy machine-gun and artillery fire. Only by his untiring efforts and splendid example, although slightly wounded, was the objective attained.

240993 Cpl. A. Thorpe, 1/6th Bn., Notts. & Derby. R., T.F., attd. 139th T.M. Bty. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative at Berthaucourt on 23rd September, 1918. He was in charge of two guns and, while exposing himself freely, stopped an enemy attack, inflicting many casualties. Later, when the enemy bombed one of his guns and set the propellant charges on fire, he continued firing with the second gun until all the ammunition was expended. He then took two shells fitted with instantaneous fuses, rushed along the top of the sunken road, and threw them into the trench, which was full of the enemy. He did fine work.

10563 C./S./M. N. V. Thorne, M.M., 2nd Bn., Y. & L. Foot. (Oughtibridge).

In action near Fresnoy, on the 18th September, 1918, he found himself with a mixed force of about 20 men, and in spite of very heavy machine-gun fire continued to hold on to the position he had reached, although

both flanks were in the air. His coolness and personal gallantry were of inestimable value and a splendid example to his men.

13395 Pte. (L./C.) G. H. Threlfall, 7th Bn., Wilts. R. (Leeds).

For most conspicuous gallantry and good leadership during operations east of Bony, on 4th October, 1918. When the line became broken he organised a small party, and succeeded in getting in touch with the remainder of the battalion on his left, who were in great danger of being cut off. Later, when the enemy counter-attacked in large numbers, he rallied the men around him and, by rushing them up, was greatly instrumental in breaking up the attack and securing the capture of many prisoners. He behaved splendidly throughout.

25778 Sjt. E. W. Tilley, 15th Bn., Notts. & Derby. R. (Derby).

During operations around Kloefhoek, on 14th October, 1918, he displayed remarkable gallantry and initiative. On one occasion, single-handed, he captured an active enemy machine gun and crew, which were causing casualties by firing from a house. On another occasion he led a small party against a retiring enemy ammunition column consisting of four wagons, and on the drivers showing fight he killed or wounded them all, thereby capturing the column intact. His splendid courage and leadership largely contributed to the success of the operations undertaken by his company.

41987 Pte. (L./C.) W. Tingley, 12th Bn., Suff. R. (Chorley).

During the attack on the Bluff, on 28th September, 1918, just before reaching the first objective, an enemy machine gun opened fire from about 50 yards in front, holding up the advance of the company on the left. He promptly rushed forward alone, and shot the three men on the gun, thus enabling the advance to continue. Throughout the attack he showed great coolness and courage, and set a splendid example to the remainder of his platoon.

350536 Sjt. W. Tinsley, 1/6th Bn., Manch. R., T.F. (Ashton-under-Lyne).

For marked gallantry and good work. South of Solesmes, on 20th October, 1918, he proved himself a leader of great dash and ability. He led an attack against a position strongly held by enemy machine guns, completely disregarding the heavy machine-gun and shell fire through which he had to pass. The attack was entirely successful, and he himself killed five enemy with his bayonet. He set a splendid example to his men.

23916 Sjt. T. W. Todd, M.M., 2nd Bn., Y. & L. Regt. (York).

For most conspicuous gallantry in action on the 18th September, 1918, near Fresnoy. When his platoon was held up by a machine gun he collected a few men together, rushed the position, and captured four prisoners. His courage and initiative were most marked throughout the operations.

G/1/503 Sjt. A. Tombs, 11th Bn., R. Fus. (Hanwell).

For conspicuous gallantry during operations near Vendhuile, on the 30th September, 1918. He led a daylight patrol to reconnoitre the enemy's positions, and brought back most useful information under heavy fire. His information enabled our troops to capture the village. During the whole of the time that his patrol was out he was continually exposed, but with absolute disregard to danger he displayed great qualities of leadership and determination.

TT/0213 Pte. (A./Sjt.) G. Tongue, R.A.V.C., att'd. B/160th Bde., R.F.A. (Earls Colne).

On 7th October, 1918, whilst the battery wagons were moving through Zandvoorde heavy enemy fire caused casualties to men and horses. He took charge of the situation. Several wagons were upset, and he collected the drivers, unhooked the teams, and sent them to a place of safety. He remained on the spot under heavy shell fire until the wagons were clear. He showed coolness, gallantry and devotion to duty.

240355 Sjt. W. Toon, 5th Bn., Leic. R., T.F. (Ashby-de-la-Zouch).

For most conspicuous gallantry as platoon serjeant during the attack on Pontruet, on 24th September, 1918. His platoon commander was killed on entering the village, and he took charge and led his men with the greatest dash wherever he could see the enemy. He went straight at machine guns and bayoneted the crews. His example was magnificent, and he himself personally accounted for many of the enemy. Once clear of the village he reorganised and subsequently went forward again.

L/15593 Sjt. J. H. Tungate, 20th Bn., Middx. R. (Dartford).

For marked gallantry and good leadership during the operations of 28th/29th September, 1918, on the Ypres-Comines Canal. During the advance to the final objective the company was held up by fire from a concrete pill-box. He rushed forward with his platoon commander, killed the enemy scouts outside the pill-box, and assisted in capturing the entire garrison of thirty men and one machine gun. He then led a portion of his platoon with great dash and daring to the final objective. His fine example of courage inspired all ranks.

241444 Sjt. T. Tunks, 5th Bn., Leic. R., T.F. (Appleby).

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the attack on Pontruet, on the 24th September, 1918. As platoon serjeant he reorganised scattered bodies of men lost in the smoke barrage, attacked and captured two machine guns and four enemy, killing the rest of the teams and got in touch right and left, all under very heavy machine-gun fire. He set a splendid example throughout.

33918 Cpl. A. E. Turner, R.F.A., att'd. X/9th T.M. Bn. (Nottingham).

For marked gallantry near Ledeghem, on 14th October, 1918. He volunteered to go in charge of a detachment with a 6" mobile

T.M. which was to follow in close support of the advancing infantry. During the attack his gun came under direct observation and fire of machine guns. With coolness and determination, and utter disregard of personal safety, he kept his mortar continuously in action, and very materially assisted in the advance of the infantry. Later, near Steenbeek, though the area was being shelled heavily with H.E. and gas shell, he kept his gun in action for two hours, and fired on the enemy, who was digging in.

83351 Sjt. C. Turner, 200th Fd. Coy., R.E. (Warrington).

On the night of 21st/22nd October, 1918, at Helchin, he was in charge of one of two sections detailed to build a medium pontoon bridge over the Scheldt. In face of heavy machine-gun fire from the opposite bank, he kept his men at work, and successfully completed the bridge before daylight. He showed untiring energy, and set a fine example of cool courage and leadership to his men.

12202 Cpl. F. A. Turton, 36th Bn., M.G. Corps (Chelsea).

For most conspicuous gallantry and initiative near Gulleghem, on 15th October, 1918. When the advance on the right flank of the division was checked by enemy machine-gun fire, he rushed up his gun under very heavy machine-gun and shell fire, and engaged and silenced an enemy machine gun, thus enabling the advance to continue. Meanwhile, an enemy squadron of low-flying aeroplanes flew over and bombed the gun position, but he kept his gun firing throughout. Later in the day he again worked his gun forward and silenced enemy machine guns. He set a very fine example to those with him.

G/3424 L./Sjt. (A./Sjt.) R. W. Waby, 1st Bn., E. Kent R. (Tooting).

For fine courage and initiative. Near Beauregard, on the 8th October, 1918, when his company was held up by intense machine-gun fire from an enemy post, he, with two men, worked forward round the flank of the post. In the face of heavy fire he succeeded in killing the garrison with a bomb, thereby enabling the company to advance.

51583 Cpl. T. Walker, 15th Bn., Ches. R. (Eastham).

For marked gallantry and initiative. During the attack east of Terhand, on the 14th October, 1918, he, with four O.Rs., came on a pill-box, from behind which enemy machine guns were firing into the backs of our troops, who had passed without seeing it in the thick mist. On fire being opened with a Lewis gun, the enemy ran into the pill-box, and he dashed forward, fired through the loophole, killing and wounding several men, and forcing the remaining eleven to surrender. This splendid action and dash in face of greatly superior numbers was the means of saving heavy casualties to our troops.

12047 Bdr. J. Wall, 120th Bty., 27th Bde., R.F.A. (Cahir).

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Briastre on 19th October,

1918. His battery was in action and was subjected to very heavy fire. He was acting as No. 1 of his gun. He extricated and removed two wounded men and then proceeded to carry on with the barrage, serving the gun himself until he was very severely wounded, the lower part of each of his legs being blown off. He continued at duty, and when the barrage ended refused to be taken away until he had handed over and explained to another N.C.O. the barrage table for the following morning.

7172 Sjt. J. Wallace, 4th Bn., K.R.R.C. (Tunstall).

At Le Catelet, on 3rd October, 1918, he was acting as C.S.M. After the first waves had passed into the village he mopped up machine-gun nests in the quarry with a few men under heavy fire. Later, when all platoon officers were casualties and his company commander was reconnoitring for a flanking attack, he held the remainder of the company to the objective in face of heavy machine-gun fire, where he attempted to consolidate, but, being entirely isolated, withdrew his party with considerable skill, bringing back all the wounded with him, and took up a new position for defence. He showed marked gallantry and ability to command.

57435 Pte. A. Walmsley, 17th Bn., Lan. Fus. (Grimsby).

For most conspicuous devotion to duty and gallantry during the attack west of Courtrai on the 14th October, 1918. Whilst forming up, preparatory to the advance, the whole of his Lewis-gun team were wounded. Although wounded in the arm himself, he conveyed the wounded men to a place of safety. He secured another man to carry the spare-parts bag and magazines for his gun, and performed some extraordinarily good work in the initial stages of the attack. He remained at duty until very badly wounded a second time, and his gun put out of action.

38051 L./Cpl. J. W. Walmsley, 1/8th Bn., Lan. Fus., T.F. (Ambleside).

For fine courage during an attack on the enemy's positions on 23rd October, 1918, near Vertigneul. The section of which he was temporarily in command was held up by an enemy machine-gun nest. Although previously slightly wounded in the side by enemy bayonet, he fearlessly led his men forward, rushed and overwhelmed the nest, all enemy being killed by the bayonet. He showed great courage, leadership and daring in the handling of his section.

33615 Pte. A. Ward, 17th Bn., Lan. Fus. (Read, nr. Blackburn).

For marked gallantry and devotion to duty as a company runner during attacks on L'Escaut, near Avelghem, on 27th October and 31st October, 1918. On 27th, when an urgent message had been sent to battalion headquarters, and no reply had been received, he volunteered to take a message, and succeeded in delivering it and bringing back a reply despite very heavy fire from snipers and machine guns. On 31st after being wounded, he advanced with his company to the first objective. His conduct throughout was most admirable.

11332 Cpl. G. Ward, 1st Bn. (now Depôt), Devon. R. (Warrington).

For most conspicuous gallantry during operations on 20th October, 1918, north-east of Neuville. He was always to the front urging the men on and moving up and down the line to keep them organised; and when held up by machine-gun posts quickly collected a few men and attacked them, taking several of the gunners prisoners. On another occasion he led a rush on a machine-gun position, personally killing one, while the remainder fled in the mist. He thus prevented any casualties to our men. He did excellent work throughout.

240446 Sjt. (A./C./S./M.) J. Wardle, 5th Bn., Leic. R., T.F. (Rothloy).

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the attack on Pontruet on the morning of 24th September, 1918. When all the officers of his company were either killed or wounded, he led the men through the village, rounded up large numbers of the enemy, and killed many. He then organised the enemy into bearer parties, made them carry out the wounded, and made them destroy or carry out their own machine guns. Throughout the day he set the finest example of cool courage.

G/50974 Pte. J. Wareham, 13th Bn., R. Fus. (S. Shields).

For conspicuous energy and courage near Ghissignies on 24th October, 1918. During the attack on the village he pushed forward in advance of his company and entered the streets. In spite of fire from the houses he pushed through the village and came upon a party of 60 enemy preparing to retire. He at once opened fire, and, single-handed, charged the party, who immediately surrendered to a man. He then took charge of them and marched them back to his company. He did splendid work.

54625 Sjt. R. F. Waterson, M.M., C/286th (W. Lan.) Bde., R.F.A., T.F. (Manchester).

On the morning of the 27th September, 1918, near Moeuvres, and during the following days, he displayed marked gallantry. When his battery was firing the barrage it came under very heavy shell fire, one gun receiving a direct hit which killed three of the detachment, and the camouflage and ammunition of two other guns being set on fire. He controlled his detachment and kept his gun firing throughout the whole barrage. All through the attack he showed courage and resourcefulness of an extremely high order, and set a splendid example to the remainder of the battery.

90152 Bdr. (A./Cpl.) J. W. Watson, R.F.A., attd. X/9th T.M. Bty. (Gateshead).

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Near Ledeghem, on 14th October, 1918, he volunteered to take charge of a mobile 6-in. trench mortar which was to follow in close support of the infantry. Though under heavy machine-gun fire from close range, he maintained his mortar in action and materially assisted the advance of the infantry. Later in the day he took his mortar into action in full view of an enemy field gun and machine guns firing from a farm. By his fire gun and machine guns

were silenced, and the infantry were enabled to continue their advance.

486259 2nd Cpl. (A./Sjt.) J. W. Watts, 468th (N. Mid.) Fd. Coy., R.E., T.F. (Stoke-on-Trent).

He showed the utmost devotion to duty and conspicuous gallantry during the attack near Regnicourt on 17th October, 1918. He took charge and organised a party of infantry and attacked and captured a strong point containing several enemy machine guns. Regardless of danger, he pushed on into the open, firing on the enemy with their own machine guns. In so doing he was severely wounded in the neck. Throughout the whole action he showed great initiative, coolness and courage.

381811 Pte. (L./Cpl.) M. Weed, 25th Bn., L'pool R. (Tooting, S.W.).

For fine courage and determination. On 2nd October, 1918, during the attack on Two Tree Farm, south-east of Laventie, for devotion to duty in going forward into our own barrage without thought of personal danger and cutting gaps in several strong belts of enemy wire. His action enabled the platoon to which he belonged to get through what seemed an impassable obstacle with comparatively few casualties. When his platoon serjeant was killed he took command and led his men on to the objective, rushing a machine-gun post and capturing prisoners. He did magnificent work.

M2/047110 Cpl. F. G. Weeks, R.A.S.C., attd. 19th Fd. Amb., R.A.M.C. (St. John's Wood).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty east of Pont-de-Vin on the 7th November, 1918. He drove his car towards the village and found the advancing troops were taking cover 500 yards from the western outskirts of the village. He pushed on and picked up a badly wounded man, put him on the ambulance, and then proceeded on foot to ascertain if any further casualties were lying in the road. All this work was carried out under constant shell fire, machine-gun and rifle fire from snipers in the wood. His fine devotion to duty, no doubt, led to the saving of many lives.

306422 Pte. G. H. Wesley, 1/8th Bn., Notts. & Derby. R., T.F. (Edwinstowe).

During the attack on 17th October, 1918, near Regnicourt, he distinguished himself by his coolness and excellent handling of his Lewis gun and section. He was one of the foremost in the attack, and himself accounted for a large number of the enemy by his good shooting. He was wounded in the face, but in spite of this carried on firing until forced to give up, when his gun was knocked out. He secured another gun, with which he continued firing until this was also knocked out. He stuck to his position until the line was withdrawn slightly, and as his wound was getting worse he had to be sent to the aid post. He behaved most gallantly.

G/3147 Sjt. C. F. West, 7th Bn., R. Suss. R. (Arundel).

For most conspicuous gallantry near Epehy on 18th September, 1918. When the battalion was held up and driven back

by severe machine-gun fire, he, on his own initiative, collected five men, followed one of our Tanks closely, and rushed a machine-gun post on the outskirts of the village, killing the team of six men and capturing two machine-guns. Owing to the heavy fire from other strong points in the village, he was unable to rejoin his company, but held this post for eight hours until the village had been mopped up. He did fine work.

305960 C./S./M. H. Whitehouse, 1/8th Bn., R. War. R., T.F. (Birmingham).

For devotion to duty and courage. He did excellent work in the attack at Beurevoir on the 6th October, 1918, and near Le Cateau on the 10th October, particularly when he advanced with a Lewis-gun section and brought his gun to bear with excellent results on the enemy's machine guns, thus allowing the remainder of his company to advance.

35132 Pte. (L./C.) J. Whitfield, 2nd Bn., H.L.I. (Longtown).

For most conspicuous dash and gallantry during the capture of the high ground north of Rumilly on 1st October, 1918. His section was held up by direct fire from two enemy machine guns at close range. He dashed forward by himself into the midst of the enemy machine-gunners. This drew all the fire from the remainder of the section, who followed a few minutes later. His most gallant action resulted in the capture of the two guns and twelve of the enemy, who had beaten off several previous attacks on their positions.

202791 Cpl. W. Wightman, M.M., 5/6th Bn., Sco. Rif., T.F. (Newcastle).

On the 24th October, 1918, near Poix-du-Nord, some of the division on the left slightly lost direction, causing temporary confusion. He quickly reorganised under heavy machine-gun fire. Finding the advance was held up, he and three men rushed forward heedless of danger at a machine-gun nest. They killed the crews and captured five machine guns. His fine courage and initiative were the means of the opposition being overcome and the advance being continued. During the whole of the operations his work was invaluable.

240032 Sjt. A. Wilbur, 1/5th Bn., Leic. R., T.F. (Hinckley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the whole of the offensive near Magny la Fosse from 29th September to 4th October, 1918. He was in charge of battalion signals. Throughout this period the battalion area was shelled more or less continuously, and it was mainly due to the perseverance and courage of this non-commissioned officer that communication was maintained between headquarters and companies. On three occasions he went alone to repair broken lines through very heavy enemy shelling.

202609 Sjt. A. Williams, M.M., 2/4th Bn., Hamps. R., T.F. (Romsey).

At Solesmes, on 20th October, 1918, he showed great courage and leadership during the clearing of the town; and also went out alone and disposed of a sniper. Later,

during the morning, when his platoon was held up by machine-gun fire, he with a section rushed the post, captured the gun and killed the team. During reorganisation he rendered valuable assistance to his platoon officer. Throughout he set a fine example to his men.

37655 Sjt. A. J. Williams, M.M., 52nd By., 15th Bde., R.F.A. (King's Lynn).

For conspicuous gallantry at Rue des Vignes on 8th October, 1918. After the initial barrage his battery advanced to a new position, and was subjected to very heavy fire in a sunken road. He was severely wounded in the head. Though bleeding freely from his wounds, he rode at once to the head of the column and reported the casualties. He then returned and helped to remove the wounded and to clear the road, which had been blocked by an overturned wagon, continuing at duty until he fainted from loss of blood. Thanks to his fine devotion to duty ammunition was taken up the road in time to support the attack on the third objective.

34075 Cpl. C. Williams, 1/5th Bn., Notts. & Derby. R., T.F. (Walsall).

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Montbrehain on 3rd October, 1918, during a strong enemy counter-attack. In spite of being severely wounded he obtained possession of a Lewis gun, and, taking it to a very exposed position on the flank, opened fire on the enemy. He remained at this post for six hours holding off the enemy till finally relieved in an exhausted condition. His self-sacrifice and devotion saved his company at a very critical time.

21772 L./Sjt. E. Williams, 13th Bn., Welsh R. (Dinas).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in the operations in the Forêt de Mormal on the night 4th/5th November, 1918. He showed the greatest initiative whilst in command of the advanced guard of the company during the advance from La Grande Pature to Sart Baras. He also, with two sections, went forward on patrol to clear the main road to Berlaimont, and not only did he round up and capture over 60 prisoners, but materially assisted in holding the town of Berlaimont until relieved by the 33rd Division.

55200 C./S./M. G. S. Williams, 18th Bn., Sco. Rif. (Newmilns).

For marked gallantry and devotion to duty at Berclau on the night of 6th/7th October, 1918, when a patrol was ordered to destroy a machine-gun post in a house. He immediately volunteered to go, and rendered great assistance to the officer in command in getting the patrol through a marsh and four belts of thick wire. When the post was being rushed he bayoneted two of the enemy and helped to capture one, whom he managed to bring back under heavy fire.

8969 Cpl. H. Williams, M.M., 9th Bn., Welsh R. (Hirwain, Glam.).

For conspicuous gallantry when in command of a platoon. On the 29th September, 1918, near the La Basse Road, his platoon was three times raided by the enemy. On each occasion he went immediately to the

post attacked and succeeded in repelling the enemy, especially one post, where his men had been all wounded, which was heavily attacked by a large raiding party. Throughout these operations he displayed great courage and ability.

275764 Cpl. J. Williams, 5/6th Bn., R. Scots, T.F. (Stockport).

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 1st, 2nd and 3rd October, 1918, at Sequehart. He displayed great dash in leading his section against enemy machine guns and snipers encountered during the attack, killing several of them himself. Later in the day, under heavy shell fire, he established two posts on an unprotected flank. During the heavy enemy counter-attack which followed on 1st October he displayed a fine fighting spirit, holding back the enemy until he was almost surrounded. Throughout the operations his conduct was of the highest order.

13318 Sjt. T. Williams, 1st Bn., S.W. Bord. (Abertridwr).

During the operations near Wassigny, on 18th October, 1918, he was platoon serjeant of the right front line platoon. Though early wounded he led the men with the greatest dash and determination under heavy machine-gun fire. He organised a party to rush a body of the enemy and successfully dealt with them, his party killing 12 with the bayonet and causing about 20 to surrender with three heavy and three light machine guns. His courage and leadership throughout the action were most inspiring.

4787 Sjt. W. Williams, M.M., 13th Bn., K.R.R.C. (Sunderland).

For most conspicuous gallantry and good work during the attack on Louvignies-lez-Quesnoy, 4th November, 1918. He volunteered to go forward with the leading wave to establish the signal communication. Whilst advancing with his section an enemy machine-gun post was suddenly encountered. He rushed this post single-handed and captured the crew. He then laid the line, which he mended three times in one hour under heavy shelling.

11052 Sjt. J. Williamson, M.M., 8th Bn., R. Lon. R. (Ulverston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations at Flesquieres on 27th September, 1918. His company had to form up in "No Man's Land" in the midst of a heavy hostile barrage, and he showed great coolness in collecting stragglers and forming the sections. In the attack on the Hindenburg support line he organised and led several attacks on a series of strong points with great skill and courage, and on reaching the objective successfully consolidated under very heavy shell fire. Although wounded he carried on, and set a very high example to all.

11286 Sjt. C. Wilson, M.M., 1st Bn., R. War. R. (Bow, E.).

On 24th October, 1918, during the attack near Verchain he displayed marked gallantry and able leadership whilst in command of a platoon. His platoon captured a number of prisoners near the first objective, and

later he pushed his platoon forward into a gap that had occurred and cleared up a difficult situation. Under heavy fire he succeeded in getting in a severely wounded officer who had fallen in front of our line. He has done excellent work on numerous occasions.

B/2818 Sjt. C. Wilson, 13th Bn., Rif. Bde. (Trafford Park).

For marked gallantry and good work on 4th November, 1918, near Louvignies. He, finding himself cut off with a party of six other ranks from his company, proceeded to advance towards the objective line under intense machine-gun fire from a house on the road. In spite of their small numbers, he led a determined attack on the house, and bombed the machine gunners through the window, put the gun out of action and captured or killed the crew. Proceeding, he led his small party towards a much larger body of the enemy, and caused fifteen of them to surrender.

41802 Pte. G. W. Wilson, 11th Bn., R. Scots (Wallsend-on-Tyne).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative during the attack on Ledeghem on 29th September, 1918. When the attack was held up by heavy machine-gun fire, he went forward with his Lewis gun to a position from which he could engage the hostile machine guns, and by his fire enabled our line to advance. All his team except one man became casualties, but he continued working his gun, and successfully silencing enemy machine-gun fire. He did splendid work.

43032 Sjt. J. Wilson, 11th Bn., R. Scots (Preston Kirk).

For most conspicuous gallantry and determined leadership. While acting company serjeant-major during the attack on Ledeghem on 1st October, 1918, he took charge of a party of men who were temporarily disorganised, reformed them under extremely heavy fire, and led them against a group of pill-boxes, thereby assisting materially the advance of the remainder of the company. He has during the entire operations shown a complete disregard for danger, and has set a splendid example to all ranks.

15005 Pte. T. A. Wimpenny, 2nd Bn., R. Sco. Fus. (Buxton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 28th September, 1918. On two occasions during the operations at Polygon Butt he, single-handed, rushed into enemy strong points, clearing them with bombs, and taking the occupants prisoners. During the whole of the operations he has shown great coolness and marked ability.

9022 L./Cpl. C. H. Winfield, 1/4th Bn., Leic. R., T.F. (Loughborough).

On the morning of the 29th September, 1918, near Bellenglise, he rushed a machine-gun post single-handed, capturing the team, and bringing them back as prisoners. This machine-gun post had been enfilading the line and holding up the attack, and his action enabled the attack to be pushed forward. He showed fine courage and determination, and did splendid work.

805072 Cpl. J. Winfield, A/231st (N. Mid.) Bde., R.F.A., T.F. (Gnosall Heath).

At Bellenglise, on 29th September, 1918, during the attack, a shell wounded or killed the whole of the detachment except one gunner. Though wounded himself in four places, he continued to serve his gun with the one unwounded man, and had to be ordered to leave his gun to have his wounds dressed. He resumed charge of his gun till the barrage was completed. He showed fine courage and determination.

331780 Cpl. J. B. Wishart, 2nd Bn., H.L.I. (Glasgow).

During the operations just north of Vertain on 23rd October, 1918, he displayed magnificent courage and dash. On crossing the River Harpies, he saw an enemy post ahead doing much damage. He rushed single-handed through our barrage, killing one and capturing the remainder of the garrison. Later, when his section was held up by an enemy machine-gun post, he left his section to draw the enemy's fire and try and snipe them while he in dead ground crawled up to their flank. He rushed them with bayonet and bomb by himself, capturing eighteen prisoners, one heavy and one light machine gun.

41232 Pte. T. W. Woodhouse, 1st Bn., Worc. R. (Coventry).

He acted as a company headquarter runner on the night of the 13th/14th October, 1918, on the bank of the Haute-Deule Canal east of Flers. He volunteered to take back a message regarding the situation to battalion headquarters. He ran for about 800 yards across a flat piece of country, taking no cover at all, being the whole while under intense machine-gun fire. It was due to the orders he carried that the support company of the battalion were enabled to lend all possible aid with covering fire, which helped the remaining 20 per cent. of the advanced company to withdraw. He did most gallant work.

27206 Pte. (L./C.) C. Woods, M.M., 2/7th Bn., R. War. R., T.F. (Spalding).

For most conspicuous gallantry near Maresches on 1st November, 1918. During the attack upon the enemy positions he led his section with the greatest coolness under extremely heavy machine-gun fire, and succeeded in silencing and capturing four enemy machine guns and prisoners. Later, during an enemy counter-attack, he handled his section with the greatest ability, delaying enemy advance, and inflicting heavy casualties. He maintained his position until all ammunition was expended.

95605 Pte. R. J. Wootton, 1/5th Bn., Notts. & Derby. R., T.F. (Wolverhampton).

For conspicuous gallantry in the operations near Montbrehain on 3rd October, 1918. He showed the utmost coolness and gallantry, and when the line was held up by machine-gun fire, with utter disregard for his own safety, he rushed forward, killed or captured the entire crew single-handed, and put the gun out of action. He did splendid work.

25322 Spr. B. R. Wright, 122nd Fd. Coy., R.E. (Crosshaven).

During the bridging operations at Coutraï on 16th October, 1918, he helped to ferry the infantry across the canal in the first boat, standing all the time under direct machine-gun fire. Whilst so employed he was hit by one of our "P" Grenades, which fell short, and though severely burned he jumped into the river and remained on the enemy side, and later took part in the fighting with the infantry. Throughout his gallantry and devotion to duty were most marked.

200106 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) W. T. Wright, 1/6th Bn., S. Staffs. R., T.F. (Birmingham).

In the attack north of Sequehart on 3rd October, 1918, when about 300 yards of our line was being held up by an enemy machine gun, he on his own initiative made his way round the flank, which was covered by another enemy machine gun, and succeeded in getting up to the post. The enemy saw him approaching, but, followed by two men, he rushed the post, taking eighteen prisoners and capturing the machine gun. He showed conspicuous courage and did splendid work.

42112 Sjt. A. Wyer, 1st Bn., R. Innis. Fus. (Nottingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative in the attack near Spriete on the 19th October, 1918. He behaved in a most inspiring manner throughout the day's operations. His company was left with only one officer, and he took over command of the left half company and ably led his men to their objective in the face of many obstacles and under heavy machine-gun fire. The services rendered by him at a critical period of the operations were of great value, and he showed marked courage and powers of organisation.

260124 Pte. J. D. Wylie, 6/7th Bn., Gord. Highrs., T.F. (Glasgow).

For marked gallantry and initiative at Famars between 25th and 27th October, 1918. While acting as company runner he was carrying a message through the village of Famars, when he came upon an enemy party of two officers and nine men. He opened fire on the party with his rifle, and when they threw down their arms and surrendered, he brought the party back unaided. He did fine work.

19970 Pte. E. W. Yardley, 1st Bn., W. York. R. (Tingley, near Wakefield).

At Salency, on 24/25th September, 1918, he rendered invaluable service as a linesman in maintaining communications between Battalion Headquarters and front-line companies. Throughout these operations his untiring efforts, general cheerfulness and cool courage at all times were a splendid example to all his comrades. During the course of his work he was blown up by a high explosive shell, but after a short rest he resumed his work upon the line, showing total disregard to all danger.

40615 Pte. (L./C.) W. Yardley, M.M., 1st Bn., R. Ir. Rif. (Stockton).

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the attack south of Dadizeele on the 2nd October, 1918. When his platoon was held up by heavy machine-gun fire, which put half the platoon out of action, he moved about with great coolness controlling and directing his men. Later, he went into No Man's Land and brought in two wounded men; he again returned and carried into safety a badly-wounded officer, though the ground was swept with machine-gun fire.

63272 Pte. J. Yarker, 2nd Bn., W. York. R. (Crackenthorpe).

For most conspicuous gallantry and good work during the attack on the Haute-Deule Canal on the 12th October, 1918. Single-handed he rushed forward and attacked a machine gun which was holding up the advance from the oil-tanks in Corbehem. After silencing the gun he went on towards the only remaining bridge, and tried to force a crossing, but the bridge was blown up. The machine-gun crew had by this time re-established themselves in the oil tanks. He again attacked them, and by his good shooting killed several of the crew and drove off the remainder. He thus captured the machine gun practically single-handed.

32269 Pte. (L./C.) A. Yarrington, 1st Bn., Glouc. R. (Worcester).

For most conspicuous gallantry and initiative. On 5th October, 1918, during the attack on Mannequin Hill, Sequehart, when within 20 yards of the first objective, No. 1 of his gun was killed. He seized the gun, and dashing up the hill jumped into the sunken road and brought it into action. Engulfed three hostile machine-gun teams, he killed fourteen, including two officers, and wounded five others. By his gallant action he completely overcame the opposition in this quarter, and enabled his company to reach the road without further casualties.

200848 Pte. H. D. Yates, M.M., 4th Bn., Tank C. (Blackpool).

During the attack upon the Hindenburg Outpost Positions, east of Ronnsoy, on 27th September, 1918, he drove his tank with great skill and determination. Notwithstanding the fact that all his crew were wounded by the fire from anti-tank rifles which pierced the tank, and were incapable of rendering any assistance, he carried out the orders which had been issued to his officer, and it was solely due to his fine courage, devotion to duty and initiative that his tank reached its objective and was brought back to its rallying point.

7934 Sjt. E. Young, M.M., 2nd Bn., R. Sco Fus. (Glasgow).

He was in charge at Daddizeele of Head-quarter Staff. On the 29th September, 1918, he successfully rallied a company of another battalion, and led them again into action until it was possible to again consolidate them with their own unit. At this critical juncture he showed brilliant initiative and daring. On two occasions under very heavy fire he carried several wounded

men to the Aid Post when the stretcher-bearers had become casualties. Throughout he behaved splendidly.

18605 Sjt. W. E. Young, 10th Bn., Notts. & Derby. R. (Whitwell).

For conspicuous gallantry and able leadership during the fighting in the Forêt de Mormal, on 4th November, 1918. When his platoon officer was early wounded he assumed command. His platoon was on the right flank, and had to capture a thick portion of the wood. The outskirts of the wood were held by three machine guns, but he led his platoon forward with such gallantry and ability that the position was taken at once and the guns captured. He also established communication with the battalion on his right flank.

435039 Cpl. G. G. Zissman, 2/1st (S. Mid.) Fd. Amb., R.A.M.C., T.F. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On 26th October, 1918, in the attack on the river at St. Martin Bridge, during the temporary absence of their medical officer, he dressed many wounded men, moved them to a place of safety, and subsequently got them away without further injury. On the same day, near La Folie Farm, on the Bermerain-Ruesnes road, he took charge of all the wounded, dressing them, and subsequently clearing them to the car post under heavy fire. Throughout these operations his behaviour was admirable.

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455489 Sjt. (A./C./S./M.) E. G. Abraham, M.M., 4th Bn., Can. Inf.

For marked gallantry and good work on the 27th September, 1918, at the Canal du Nord, in leading his platoon when his platoon commander had been killed. When the Canal du Nord had been passed the enemy came out of deep dugouts behind us. In the face of terrific machine-gun fire he coolly led his men, surrounded the guns, and killed about 15 of the enemy. Then he re-organised his platoon and carried on the attack forward. On the 1st October he again did excellently.

10094 Sjt. (A./C./S./M.) J. R. Adams, 3rd Bn., Can. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry during the Bourlon Wood operations on 27th September, 1918. When his platoon officer had become a casualty he took command, and when his company were held up by heavy machine-gun fire he advanced his platoon in such a skilful manner that he was able to overcome the enemy resistance and capture his guns. On this occasion he personally accounted for six enemy with his bayonet. Throughout he showed marked courage and ability to command.

222722 C./Q./M./S. (A./C./S./M.) T. G. Adams, 85th Bn., Can. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership during the Bourlon Wood operations before Cambria. After all the officers of his company had become casualties he handled his company with the greatest skill and success. He established an advanced

outpost line, though constantly exposed to heavy machine-gun and rifle fire. He set a fine example throughout.

500160 Spr. W. R. Aitkin, 1st Bn., Can. Engrs.

On the 27th September, 1918, during the attack across the Canal du Nord, he was on a reconnaissance patrol with a non-commissioned officer. They located an enemy nest of machine guns which was holding up the infantry advance. With marked gallantry they worked round the position under heavy fire, and finally rushed the emplacement, capturing the guns and thirteen of the enemy. By this bold action they enabled the attack to proceed.

2138910 Pte. (L./C.) D. M. Anderson, 43rd Bn., Can. Inf.

Cambria. For most conspicuous gallantry during the attack of 28th September, 1918. He observed an enemy advanced machine-gun post, and instantly rushed it, personally killing three gunners and capturing ten others. By this gallant deed he saved his platoon numerous casualties, and enabled it to continue the advance.

153712 Pte. T. R. Andrews, 43rd Bn., Can. Inf.

For most conspicuous courage and good work at Cambrai. In the attack on 1st October, 1918. When his platoon's advance was held up by an enemy machine-gun post, he volunteered to go forward with a party of men to clear it up. With four others he started, the others becoming casualties before the post was reached. He continued alone, reached the post, killed one of the occupants, and took the remaining two prisoners. He then took charge of the remainder of the platoon, and led them to their final objective.

135342 C./S./M. A. Angus, 2nd Can. Mtd Rif.

During the operations before Cambria, on 29th/30th September, 1918, he displayed great courage, ability and determination. When all the officers in his company had become casualties on the 29th, he took command of the company, and in face of heavy fire went forward to the most advanced position held by the company, and continued the advance successfully. His fearlessness and example at a critical period was of a very high order, and inspired with confidence all ranks under his command.

438120 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) A. Baird, M.M., 8th Bn., Can. Inf.

For marked gallantry and able leadership. During the attack east of the Douai-Cambrai Road, on 29th September, 1918, when his platoon officer and platoon sergeant had become casualties, he took command. When the line was partially established and heavy casualties were occurring from machine-gun fire, he took a Lewis gun and alone kept in front and engaged the enemy machine guns, thus keeping down their fire. This fine action undoubtedly saved many lives.

106072 Sjt. C. W. Ball, M.M., 3rd Div. Sig. Coy., Can. Engrs., att'd. H.Q., 7th Can. Inf. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations near Cambria, 28th September to 1st October, 1918. He laid and maintained lines night and day, carrying on at times alone when members of his party were killed and wounded. His whole behaviour was marked by sustained and unselfish devotion to duty, and materially contributed to the success of the operations.

433070 C./Q./M./S. D. A. Barbour, M.M., 49th Bn., Can. Infy.

For marked courage and good work during the operations from 27th September to 1st October, 1918, in the attack on Cambrai. He was in command of the company for some time, and his resourcefulness in out-flanking several machine-gun nests in no small measure led to the success of the action. He personally organised and led a party in an attack against a hostile machine gun, killing the gun crew and capturing the gun, which he immediately put into action against the enemy.

249917 Pte. L. Benning, 116th Bn., Can. Infy.

During the advance on the village of St. Olle, on 29th September, 1918, two platoons were detailed to take a trench on the high ground in front of the village. These platoons were held up by intense machine-gun fire. He volunteered to work his way through some hedges and thence along the trench. This he succeeded in doing, bombing out the enemy and allowing his platoon to press forward. Fifty prisoners and eight machine guns were captured. He showed marked courage and rendered excellent service.

788632 Cpl. J. Billings, 38th Bn., Can. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations in the vicinity of Douai-Cambrai Road in front of Bourlon, on 29th September, 1918. All officers of his company having become casualties he assumed command of the company and did fine work against an enemy counter-attack, rushing up three Lewis guns and himself operating a gun which was almost immediately destroyed by hostile fire. He brought a second gun to bear against the enemy, and this also was knocked out. He opened fire with the third gun, and, notwithstanding heavy enemy machine-gun and sniping fire, kept the gun in action, with the result that the counter-attack never reached our line. Throughout he showed fine courage and determination.

2134915 Pte. C. Blakeman, 14th Bn., Can. Inf.

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack near Sains lez Marquion on 27th September, 1918. His entire section becoming casualties by enemy machine-gun fire from a flank, he immediately crawled forward and eventually round to the rear of the emplacement, and after throwing in a grenade he rushed it single-handed with fixed bayonet and suc-

ceeded in killing and wounding the crews and capturing two guns. This fine action undoubtedly saved many casualties.

3030643 Pte. R. Bloor, 50th Bn., Can. Inf.

In front of Bourlon, on 27th September, 1918, for marked gallantry and devotion to duty. On approaching Quarry Wood when considerable rifle fire was met with, he went forward ahead of the attack alone and engaged the enemy single-handed and eventually drove them into their dugouts, which he guarded until some help came. When the dugouts were emptied of prisoners 146 were counted, including a battalion headquarters. He set a splendid example of courage and determination.

475781 Sjt. A. A. Bonar, M.M., P.P.C.L.I.

During operations in the vicinity of Tilloy from 27th to 30th September, 1918, he displayed the utmost gallantry and devotion to duty. At one stage of the attack, with all his commanding officers casualties, he assumed command and not only extricated it from a difficult position, but reorganised them and led them on to the final objective and maintained his position under most trying conditions. In this operation his arm was blown off, but he remained with his company until relieved three hours later.

417717 Sjt. J. Boulet, 1st Bn., Can. M.G.C.

For most conspicuous gallantry and good work during the attack east of Haynecourt (north of Cambrai), on 1st October, 1918. He was in charge of a machine gun advancing behind the leading waves of infantry and when they were held up by an enemy machine-gun position, he crawled forward and rushed the position, killing and capturing the enemy crew and machine gun and enabling the advance to be continued. Later he took command and directed and controlled the section with great skill.

1031056 Pte. J. A. Bowren, 72nd Bn., Can. Inf.

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the Bourlon Wood operations before Cambrai, from 27th/29th September, 1918. He was in charge of a Lewis-gun section, and throughout the operations proved himself to be a splendid leader. Although early wounded he remained at duty and led his section against two enemy machine guns which were holding up the advance, capturing both guns and enabling the advance to continue. Later, he held his post with his section under heavy fire, and accounted for some 30 of the enemy. He did fine work.

904598 Pte. J. H. Boyd, 5th Bn., Can. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry during the attack on Drocourt-Queant Line, September 2nd/3rd, 1918. He was a linesman on forward communication, and his lines were wholly exposed and continually broken by enemy shell and machine-gun fire. Throughout the whole operation he kept his section of the line repaired constantly under heavy fire. His tireless energy and devotion to duty contributed very largely to the success of the communications.

808389 Ctr. Sjt. (C./Q./M./S.) J. W. Boyd, M.M., 50th Bn., Can. Inf.

Before Boulon and Cambrai, 27th to 29th September, 1918, for conspicuous gallantry and leadership. When his platoon officer was wounded he took command and led his platoon excellently. He repeatedly rushed enemy posts, killing freely and capturing many of the enemy. He showed marked gallantry throughout, and did splendid work with his platoon.

466843 Cpl. T. W. Bradley, 10th Bn., Can. Inf.

For exceptional gallantry and devotion to duty during operations 27th/28th September, 1918, east of Haynecourt. During the advance on the 28th he led his section forward through thick wire 40 yards in depth, and heavy fire, until a distance of 300 yards had been reached. By this time all N.C.Os. in his platoon were hit, and although himself painfully wounded in both feet, he collected the remaining men of his platoon and posted them to the best advantage. He then made his way a distance of 400 yards under machine-gun fire to report to his company commander.

73228 L./Sjt. J. H. Branch, 28th Bn., Can. Inf.

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Iwuy on 11th October, 1918. He led his section most ably during an attack under extremely heavy fire, and, when held up by a machine-gun post and his men were suffering heavy casualties, he himself engaged the post and killed the crew. It was due in no small measure to his splendid daring that his company was enabled to reach the final objective.

501257 Spr. L. G. Brewer, 4th Bn., Can. Engrs.

For gallant conduct and devotion to duty on the night of 8th/9th October, 1918, at the Canal de l'Escaut, north-east of Cambrai. With a small party of sappers he crossed the three bridges under heavy enemy fire. He volunteered to hold the hostile side of the main bridge to prevent parties of the enemy from approaching to blow up the bridge, while his officer and party went under the bridge to cut wires and remove charges. This he did successfully, killing two and holding the rest of the enemy at bay.

18921 Cpl. G. Brown, 4th Bn., Can. Inf.

During the attack on the Canal du Nord, 27th September, 1918, he greatly distinguished himself by his fine courage and dash. During the attack near Abancourt, on 1st October, he attacked and bayoneted the entire crew of an enemy machine gun. On seeing this, several of the enemy began to run back from a neighbouring trench. He shot them all. He did magnificent work.

227767 Pte. C. C. Browne, R. Can. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the operations near Cambrai from 27th September to 1st October, 1918. As a company stretcher-bearer he worked unceasingly during three days, dressing wounded under most trying conditions.

When his company was badly cut up and forced to withdraw, he remained behind under very heavy fire, dressing the wounded. He afterwards organised carrying parties, and led repeated trips into No Man's Land, locating and carrying in over thirty wounded.

919934 Sjt. F. Burke, M.M., 14th Bn., Can. Inf.

For most conspicuous gallantry and splendid work during an attack near Sains Lez Marquion on 27th September, 1918. The advance being held up by enemy machine guns concealed in a fortified house, he organised a small party and crept forward, killed some, and compelled the surrender of the remainder of the five crews, and captured the guns. This gallant deed enabled the advance of his company to be continued. Later, he rushed a machine gun and killed the crew single-handed.

466968 Pte. A. W. Burnell, 10th Bn., Can. Inf.

For exceptional gallantry and devotion to duty south-east of Epinoy, 28th September, 1918. He succeeded in getting his section through the first belt of wire, but when a second belt was encountered he went forward alone under heavy fire and attempted to cut a path through. After being wounded, he finally completed his job, and then crawled back to his section, and reported the wire had been cut. The advance was then able to proceed.

426640 Spr. J. B. Burnett, No. 3 Sec., 1st Can. Div. Sig. Coy., Can. Engrs., attd. 2nd Can. Inf. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the attack on Drocourt-Queant line, 2nd/3rd September, 1918. He was linesman on forward communication, and although badly shaken up and bruised by a shell, carried on repairing and laying wires under heavy enemy shell and machine-gun fire for seventy-two hours continuously. His work was the best of any man in the section, and his contempt for danger was a splendid example to his comrades.

464570 C./S./M. C. B. Burton, 47th Bn., Can. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative during the operations in front of Cambrai from the 27th to 29th September, 1918. After all the officers of his company had become casualties he assumed command and reorganised the company. During the attack upon Raillencourt when the advance was held up by hostile machine-gun nests, he took a rifle and picked off the enemy gunners one by one until the guns were silenced, and the advance thus enabled to progress. He took and consolidated his objective, and throughout showed skilful and fearless leadership.

58163 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) H. Butler, 116th Bn., Can. Inf.

For marked gallantry and devotion to duty in operations in front of St. Olle on 29th September, 1918. When his battalion was held up by heavy machine-gun fire and a battery of field artillery firing with open sights, he volunteered to get a message back

to B.H.Q. This he did, conveying information which permitted the battalion to make a further advance. He did fine work.

1000191 L./Sjt. W. J. Case, M.M., 27th Bn., Can. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty north of Cambrai, on the night 8th/9th October, 1918. He made a valuable reconnaissance of the assembly position previous to the battle. Next day he took a patrol 2,000 yards through a village in front of our line, captured four prisoners, and brought back information that the enemy were evacuating this village, allowing advantage to be taken of any disorganisation, and our line advanced through the village without casualties.

69 2nd/Cpl. (A./Cpl.) E. H. Challacombe, M.M., 1st Div. Sig. Coy., Can. Engrs., attd. 1st Bde., Can. F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At Haynecourt, on 28th September, 1918, he remained on the lines with another linesman for over three hours under very heavy shell fire, repairing breaks in the lines. In spite of his having to work in an exposed area no line remained out of order for more than a few minutes.

696392 Sjt. T. Chapman, 50th Bn., Can. Inf.

In front of Bourlon, 27th/28th September, 1918. For most conspicuous gallantry and dash as company Lewis gun N.C.O. As our troops came toward the Canal du Nord a Minenwerfer opened fire on them. He personally rushed forward with a company reserve Lewis gun to a flank of the crew, opened fire and killed them all. Later, he moved to another position, killed a large number of the enemy, and captured twenty-three of them single-handed. He set a splendid example to all ranks, and accounted for a number of enemy.

314172 Gnr. C. B. Climo, 9th Bde., Can. F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and resourcefulness on 2nd September, 1918, near Eterpigny. He went forward on the morning of the 2nd with the Brigade F.O.O. When the latter was wounded he and another signaller voluntarily went forward with the telephone wire. They came under very heavy shell fire, and their telephone was smashed. He searched several enemy dugouts and found an enemy telephone, which he used. He established an O.P. close in rear of our infantry, and 'phoned back much valuable information to Artillery Brigade Headquarters. He did splendid work of great value.

401425 Pte. J. P. Collins, 10th Bn., Can. Inf.

For splendid courage and devotion to duty south-east of Epinoy, 28th September, 1918. When an advance was being made he went ahead of his company, and with no cover proceeded to cut a lane through the enemy wire. Very heavy machine-gun and rifle fire at close range were directed against him, but he cut his way through 30 yards of thick heavy wire. He was seriously

wounded in the left leg just as his task was nearing completion.

69119 A./Sjt. W. M. Collins, 26th Bn., Can. Inf.

North of Cambrai, 8th/11th October, 1918. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the attack north of Cambrai on the night of 8th October, 1918, and subsequent period to 11th October, 1918. When the platoon serjeant became a casualty, he took over the platoon. When the canal was reached he, with two others, went out under heavy fire on a bridge that was blown up to see if it could be repaired enough for use. After reaching his objective he, single-handed, captured a patrol of six men and later two men. Throughout he behaved splendidly.

663272 Pte. J. J. Cooney, P.P.C.L.I.

He did excellent work during four days' strenuous fighting in the vicinity of the railway embankment and the village of Tilloy, from 27th to 30th September, 1918. He was continually up and down the firing line, dressing and carrying out wounded under very heavy fire. During the nights he brought in all the wounded who were in front of the line. Throughout the whole of the fighting he showed an utter disregard for his own safety, and by his devotion to duty saved many lives.

13091 Sjt. (A./C./S./M.) C. W. Copus, 102nd Bn., Can. Inf.

For marked gallantry and good work during the fighting near Blecourt on 1st October, 1918. On the occasion of a counter-attack by the enemy in force, after seeing that the company for whom he was acting as C.S.M. was properly organised for defence, he dashed forward and single-handed engaged the enemy, killing many with his revolver and bringing back a number of prisoners. Throughout the whole action he set a splendid example of cool courage.

645117 Pte. B. C. Craig, 29th Bn., Can. Inf.

For marked gallantry and initiative on 5th September, 1918, near Sains lez Marquion. After crossing the canal on a reconnaissance he encountered the enemy in strength, killed and wounded several with his revolver, and captured three prisoners single-handed. He succeeded in bringing his prisoners back under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire. His fine action resulted in valuable information being obtained of enemy dispositions. Later, when all his Lewis gun crew were killed or wounded, he showed great courage in dressing wounded under heavy shell fire.

227697 L./C. J. O. Davidson, M.M., 29th Bn., Can. Inf.

For marked courage and initiative. On 18th October, 1918, at Marquette en Ostrevant, under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, he worked round to the flank in company with a comrade, and rushed an enemy machine-gun post which was holding up the advance, putting the garrison to rout. He continued his patrol in advance of the Company scouts, worked through the enemy line and located their machine-gun posts, bring-

ing back accurate information of their locations. Again, on the 19th, he did fine patrol work.

252853 Pte. J. E. Dick, 3rd Bn., Can. M.G.C.

For marked gallantry and good work during the attack and capture of St. Olle and Neuville St. Remy on 29th September, 1918. After five men out of the seven of his crew had been killed by heavy machine-gun fire, he, assisted by one other man, advanced his gun over 400 yards of open ground continuously swept by machine-gun fire, engaged two enemy machine guns, killing the crews and inflicting a total of 30 casualties on the enemy machine-gunners, and kept his gun in action until the infantry had captured the position.

58211 Sjt. J. Dooner, 20th Bn., Can. Inf.

North-east of Cambrai, 11th October, 1918, for marked gallantry and good work. At a critical moment he volunteered to assist in clearing the east end of the village of Iwuy. He seized a Lewis gun, the crew of which had been killed, and, carrying eight magazines, ran forward across the railway embankment under heavy fire, finally rushing the enemy guns established in the houses in the east end of the village. He maintained his position until the village was captured.

522055 Sjt. J. E. Doyle, 1st Can. Fd. Amb., Can. A.M.C.

During the operations of 27th September to 1st October, 1918, between the Canal du Nord and Douai-Cambrai Road, he was in charge of the stretcher-bearers clearing from the R.A.P.'s. His coolness and absolute devotion to duty at all times were a wonderful example and incentive to his men, and without doubt meant the saving of many lives.

451212 Sjt. (A./C./S./M.) A. Drake, 58th Bn., Can. Inf.

Near Cambrai, for marked gallantry and good work during night attack on Marcoing line on 28th September, and attack on Pont d'Aire on 1st October, 1918. On 28th September he attacked and destroyed an enemy machine-gun post, and when the objective was reached led patrols that got in touch on the flanks and brought back valuable information. On 1st October he again showed fine leadership. He was the only N.C.O. left in his company, and it was mainly his splendid example that enabled his men to inflict severe casualties and drive off a greatly superior force.

1054075 Sjt. J. Driscoll, M.M., 14th Bn., Can. Inf.

For most conspicuous gallantry and good work during an attack near Sains lez Marquion, on 27th September, 1918. He, when his officer became a casualty, assumed command and led his platoon forward to the attack. On crossing the canal he charged enemy machine-gun posts, personally killing seven of the enemy with his bayonet, capturing 24 and three machine guns. Although badly wounded, he remained at duty until consolidation was completed.

700345 Sjt. D. Durnan, 43rd Bn., Can. Inf.

During the attack on the Canal de L'Escout on 1st October, 1918, the advance of his company was completely held up by an enemy nest of machine guns. He called for two volunteers, and together they crossed about 100 yards of open ground to the flank of the position, from which place they rushed the strong point. They captured the machine guns and 25 prisoners, killing the remainder of the crews. Only then was the attack able to proceed. He did splendid work.

261704 Pte. E. Englebretsen, R. Can. R.

For marked gallantry and good work during the operations near Cambrai on the 30th September, 1918. In the attack he went ahead of his company with a Tank, and when this was heavily fired upon by two anti-Tank guns he worked around the flank of this enemy party, and then rushed them, bombing. Besides killing many enemy, he, with one other man, captured six officers, 71 O.R.'s, and the two anti-Tank guns. Our Tank was then enabled to proceed with the attack. Throughout the operations his fine fighting spirit was an inspiration to all ranks.

781086 Pte. W. Faithful, 46th Bn., Can Inf.

Before Cambrai, 27th September, 1918, for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After his officers and N.C.O.'s had become casualties he took charge and led his platoon to its objective. He successfully dealt with two machine guns and their crews, thus allowing the whole assaulting waves to proceed in the attack. Though wounded, he continued to command the platoon until the objective was reached. He showed great courage and initiative.

113014 Cpl. J. E. Flanigan, M.M., 3rd Div Sig. Coy., Can. Engrs., attd. 9th Can. Inf. Bde.

During the operations in the battle before Cambrai, from the 26th September to 2nd October, 1918, he was in charge of a group of linesmen laying and maintaining the telephone lines from the brigade report centre to the headquarters of the battalions. Throughout this period he worked incessantly, night and day, laying new lines and repairing breaks, and by his great personal gallantry and able control of his men, maintained this most important part of the brigade's inter-communications.

26546 Sjt. J. Foley, M.M., 14th Bn., Can. Inf.

For marked gallantry and good leadership during an attack near Sainz les Marquion, on 27th September, 1918. His company commander becoming a casualty he took command and led them excellently. The flank of his company becoming endangered, he dashed forward with a Lewis gun crew, and, single-handed, killed two enemy, the remainder surrendering. He did admirable work.

183033 L./C. J. S. Fortune, 7th Bn., Can. Inf.

For marked gallantry and devotion to duty during the Bourlon Wood operations, 27th September to 2nd October, 1918.

During the attack on positions just east of Marquion most of his section became casualties, and, with one man to assist him, he worked forward with his Lewis gun over open ground and through very heavy belts of wire to a position from which he could engage the enemy. After being wounded he continued to fire his gun until another man worked forward and took over from him.

624951 Pte. J. E. Fox, 50th Bn., Can. Inf.

In front of Bourlon and Cambrai, 26th/27th September, 1918, for marked gallantry and devotion to duty. Under heavy shell fire he reconnoitred the whole assembly area, personally guiding all companies forward, and was responsible for the battalion being left under cover until the last moment, thus saving casualties. Later, he performed a daring reconnaissance and brought back full information regarding enemy positions. He did fine work.

781338 (A./C./Q./M./S.) F. D. Gibbons, 46th Bn., Can. Inf.

Before Cambrai, between 27th/28th September, for conspicuous gallantry and leadership as company serjeant-major. When all his officers had been killed or wounded during a heavy enemy counter-attack he took charge, organised the position, and succeeded in repulsing this counter-attack. He then led the company forward, beating off the enemy and capturing five machine guns. Later, he did excellent work on patrol, and directed the repulse of an enemy counter-attack on two posts. Throughout he showed great courage and initiative.

687430 Pte. C. C. Graham, 72nd Bn., Can. Infy.

For most conspicuous gallantry as No. 1 on a Lewis gun during the Bourlon Wood operations before Cambrai from 27th September to 1st October, 1918. When the battalion was held up by strong opposition he worked round the flanks of the enemy, and with his gun accompanied his officer across the open under heavy machine-gun fire and took up a position enfilading the enemy's position and causing about fifty to surrender, which enabled the advance to proceed. Later, at Blecourt, he rendered valuable service, and throughout the operations showed the greatest pluck and determination.

252072 Cpl. G. S. Grover, 10th Bn., Can. Inf.

For exceptional gallantry and devotion to duty during the operations 27th/28th September, 1918, east of Haynecourt. Though early wounded, he continued to lead his platoon, and during the continuation of the attack he went ahead and with one other man cut a path through a 40-yard belt of wire under exceptionally heavy machine-gun fire, through which he succeeded in getting his platoon. He did fine work.

235187 Sjt. G. F. Gudmundson, 4th Bn., Can. M.G.C.

He, by his fine example of courage and initiative, under very heavy machine-gun and shell fire, enabled three guns of his battery to be brought into action against an

enemy machine-gun nest, silencing their fire for a considerable time. After both officers of his battery had become casualties he took charge, and after silencing the machine-gun nest, got the balance of his battery safely under cover.

401209 Sjt. W. Harris, 49th Bn., Can. Inf.

For marked courage and good work during operations from 27th September to 1st October, 1918, in the attack on Cambrai. After his platoon officer had become a casualty he led his platoon forward for 1,000 yards under very heavy machine-gun fire. Twice wounded during the attack, he refused to give in, and finally succeeded by nightfall in consolidating a position of great importance.

922443 Pte. De-W. L. Harry, 27th Bn., Can. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty north of Cambrai between the 1st and 3rd October, 1918. He dressed wounded under heavy shell and machine-gun fire, and when the advance had halted he established an impromptu dressing station near the front line, salvaged the equipment of three enemy Red Cross stations, organised stretcher parties, and in one day himself dressed and passed out over forty-five wounded. He behaved admirably throughout.

709544 Pte. J. A. Hawkes, 26th Bn., Can. Inf.

North of Cambrai, 8th/11th October, 1918, for conspicuous gallantry and initiative during the attack north of Cambrai on the night of 8th October and subsequent period to 11th October, 1918. With another scout he volunteered to locate and report progress of a company which had a difficult canal crossing. On the way he encountered about 100 enemy in a dugout. Although armed only with revolvers, he and the other scout disarmed and took the party prisoners. On several subsequent occasions, while acting as battalion runner, his work was such as to set a splendid example to his comrades.

153195 C./Q./M./S. R. Hay, M.M., 43rd Bn., Can. Inf.

During the attack on 1st October, 1918, near Cambrai, his company's advance was being greatly hindered by an enemy machine gun on the left flank. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, he worked around close to the machine gun, and then rushed it single-handed, killing three of the crew and captured the remaining three and gun. Later, he ran on to another post, consisting of one officer and seven other ranks, killing two and taking the remainder prisoners. He showed splendid gallantry and initiative.

644775 Sjt. C. A. Henderson, 1st Bn., Can. Inf.

On 27th September, 1918, during the battle of Cambrai, he displayed marked gallantry and initiative. He worked his way forward to an enemy post which was holding up the advance of his platoon. By careful manoeuvring he was able to kill the crew and capture the gun. During the remainder of the day he continued to show the same dash

and courage, his conduct materially assisting the success of the operation.

754398 Cpl. D. Hill, 52nd Bn., Can. Inf.

On 1st October, 1918, he took part with his battalion in an assault on the enemy positions, at Tilloy, N.W. of Cambrai. He was No. 1 on a Lewis gun. He took a leading part in a flank attack on a strong machine-gun position, which resulted in its capture with twenty prisoners and six machine guns. Subsequently, by his courageous work with his gun, he materially assisted in the taking from the flank of another enemy post with 150 prisoners and twenty machine guns. He showed fine courage and initiative.

418363 Sjt. A. J. Hodge, M.M., 42nd Bn., Can. Inf.

For courage and devotion to duty. On the morning of the 29th September, 1918, when the advance of the company was checked by intense fire and nearly all his officers had become casualties, he pushed forward with a Lewis-gun crew and succeeded in putting several enemy machine guns out of action. Again, when enemy snipers were inflicting severe casualties on his front, he crawled forward with his rifle and silenced several of these. On the morning of the 30th, when acting as company serjeant-major of a composite company, he again showed great courage.

210412 L./Sjt. C. Holmes, M.M., 2nd Bn., Can. Inf.

For gallant conduct and exceptional devotion to duty during the successful attack N. of Bourlon Wood, 27th September, 1918. At a most critical period of the operations he promptly took command of two platoons when the officers had become casualties, and led these men on to their objective. His personal example in the face of very heavy fire was an inspiration to his men. His conduct throughout was admirable.

675524 Sjt. J. W. Holmes, 21st Bn., Can. Inf.

North-east of Cambrai, 11th October, 1918, for marked gallantry and devotion to duty. After all his officers had become casualties he took command of the company, and led it splendidly. Later, being held up by a hidden enemy machine-gun nest, he with one man went forward until within bombing distance, and, after throwing two bombs, he rushed the post. The entire garrison was killed by him, which enabled the line to advance at that point. He did fine work.

2035154 Pte. R. Holmes, 7th Bn., Can. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the Bourlon Wood operations, 27th September to 2nd October, 1918. During the advance, as a stretcher-bearer, he behaved splendidly, dressing wounded and carrying them to cover under very heavy shell and machine-gun fire. On 2nd October, while his company was holding an out-post line, he crawled out into "No Man's Land," during daylight and in view of the enemy, three separate times, in order to rescue wounded men and carry them to cover.

268115 L./C. J. Hourie, 28th Bn., Can. Inf.

For most marked gallantry and fine work at Iwuy on 11th October, 1918. On one occasion he engaged single-handed a party of six of the enemy, killing them all single-handed. Later, he rushed across the open in face of heavy fire and single-handed engaged and killed the whole of a machine-gun post, thereby enabling the advance to continue. On many occasions his courage has been outstanding.

216293 R./S./M. W. Howard, 78th Bn., Can. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the Bourslon Wood operations in front of Cambrai, 27th September to 2nd October, 1918. During the attack through Bourslon Village he rendered valuable assistance in the organisation of a company which had become detached, and under heavy fire assisted largely in rousing the spirits of the men. Throughout the operations he showed great coolness and energy, and set a fine example to those under him.

282353 Pte. R. Hutchinson, 85th Bn., Can. Inf.

For most conspicuous gallantry and good leadership during the Bourslon Wood operations before Cambrai. On the night of 27th-28th September, 1918, he went into No Man's Land on a reconnaissance, and found out the disposition of the enemy and guided his company to their objective. During the attack on Bourslon Town he killed thirty of the enemy, and after his platoon officer was wounded took command of his platoon and led them to their objective. He rendered very valuable service.

11241 A./Sjt. W. N. Hutchinson, M.M., 4th Bn., Can. Inf.

For most conspicuous gallantry in face of intense fire during the operations of both the Canal du Nord, 27th September, and Abancourt Ridge, 1st October, 1918. In the hand-to-hand fighting in the neighbourhood of the steel bridge during the assault of the Canal du Nord he fought splendidly, killing several enemy. He then bombed an enemy post under the bridge and killed all the occupants, after which he cleaned out a dug-out single-handed, also killing all the occupants. Throughout the operations his courage was of the highest order, and he did magnificent work.

464107 Sjt. E. Jackson, 4th Bn., Can. Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and good work on the night of 8th-9th October, 1918, at the Canal de l'Escaut, N.E. of Cambrai. With his officer and a small party he made a difficult crossing of the three bridges under heavy enemy fire. Posting sentries to hold either end of the main bridge over the canal, he went underneath to cut wires and remove charges. A party of the enemy approached the bridge to blow the charges, and he personally drove a number of them off, finally causing the party to surrender.

219443 Cpl. A. E. James, 49th Bn., Can. Infy. (Gen. Dépôt).

For marked gallantry and devotion to duty on the 29th September, 1918, at the cemetery near St. Olle. In charge of a section of

Stokes guns, he was detailed to lay down a barrage on enemy machine-gun nests previous to the infantry assault that morning. He first made a daring reconnaissance, and then, although wounded, he remained in charge of his guns, directing their fire until the machine-gun nests were demolished by the fire of his guns. He set a splendid example to all ranks.

106314 Sjt. H. Jebson, M.M., 1st Can. Mtd. Rif.

For marked gallantry and good work during operations on 29th September, 1918. When his platoon officer became a casualty early in the attack, he took command of the platoon and led them with great skill and determination to their final objective. He personally established an advanced machine-gun post and carried out a daring reconnaissance to ensure that the new area was clear of the enemy.

424322 Sjt. R. H. Johnson, M.M., 27th Bn., Can. Infy.

For fine courage and devotion to duty during the advance north of Cambrai on 9th October, 1918. He was in charge of a patrol 2,000 yards in advance of our line, and when a section of his patrol came under very heavy machine-gun fire he alone went forward and got two wounded, afterwards withdrawing the remainder of his patrol in the face of overwhelming odds. Later he led forward a patrol search for four missing and wounded men, and under heavy fire rescued two of them, and next morning rescued another. During the remaining two days he, after being wounded, led his platoon to their objectives.

177563 Sjt. P. L. Johnston, 87th Bn., Can. Infy.

For most conspicuous gallantry and fine leadership. During an attack on Bourslon Wood on the 27th September, 1918, while leading his platoon, he encountered an enemy strong point. Single-handed he rushed it, shot two of the garrison and took two prisoners, one of the latter being an officer. On the following day, when the operation was resumed, his company having suffered heavy casualties in officers and non-commissioned officers, he displayed his leadership and initiative by reorganising the remainder of his platoon and taking charge during the operation.

187613 L./C. W. Johnston, 8th Bn., Can. Infy.

For great gallantry and devotion to duty. During the attack east of the Douai-Cambrai Road on the 29th September, 1918, he was in charge of a Lewis gun section, and led them splendidly. When our line was established he salvaged another Lewis gun in addition to his own, and, accompanied only by one man, took the two guns well out in front and engaged enemy machine guns. His gallant act saved us many casualties. Although wounded, he did not retire until the battalion was relieved.

754468 Pte. J. Junor, M.M., 13th Bn., Can. Infy.

On 1st October, 1918, when attacking Blecourt, the company encountered a machine-gun nest which temporarily checked

the advance. He rushed forward alone and bombed the position, killing three of the enemy and causing the remainder to surrender. Later, when the enemy counter-attacked, ten enemy were seen to crawl into a sunken road with a machine gun. He again crawled forward alone, this time with a Lewis gun, and, reaching the edge of the road, killed the entire party of ten with one burst of fire. His coolness and magnificent fighting spirit were an inspiring example to all.

420412 Sjt. (A./C./S./M.) R. Kennedy, M.M., 16th Bn., Can. Infy.

During the assembly for the attack on Cuvillers on 1st October, 1918, he rendered most valuable assistance to his company commander. During the attack he continuously moved along the company front, showing an entire disregard for danger. His fearlessness and initiative under very heavy machine-gun and shell fire was a splendid example to all ranks. He was twice wounded, but continued to advance until ordered back.

902249 Cpl. J. J. Kiely, M.M., 42nd Bn., Can. Infy.

North of Cambrai, 29th-30th September, 1918, he showed marked courage in dressing wounded men under very heavy machine-gun fire. When four men had been wounded he went out to them and dressed them and brought them back. On another occasion, when a man was wounded by machine-gun fire, he rushed out and dressed him. While he was doing this the casualty was hit three times by machine-gun bullets, and a corporal who ran out to them was killed. He showed throughout the highest devotion to duty.

821017 Pte. D. Kisek, 52nd Bn., Can. Inf.

He displayed marked courage and headwork during the attack on enemy positions at Tilloy on 1st October, 1918. When his company was held up by heavy fire, he on his own initiative ran into the open, and, with his Lewis gun at the hip, fired four pans into the enemy machine guns. His fire was so effective that a party of the company on the right were able to advance and capture the four machine guns, together with about seventy prisoners, amongst whom was an enemy officer. He did splendid work.

180802 Sjt. (A./C./S./M.) W. H. Knowles, 25th Bn., Can. Infy.

For outstanding courage and devotion to duty during attacks on the enemy outpost line south-east of Inchy-en-Artois, on the nights of 22nd/23rd and 23rd/24th September, 1918, in which six machine guns were captured and the crews killed. In attacking one of the hostile posts he engaged three of the enemy single-handed. He killed two with his bayonet and the other one fled. On the morning of 24th September, when the enemy counter-attacked, he, seeing one of the enemy getting back to his lines with one of our Lewis guns, rushed out, killed him, and brought back the gun.

410335 L./C. F. Krasinski, 28th Bn., Can. Inf.

For marked gallantry and determined leadership during operations in the vicinity

of Bourlon from 27th September to 30th September, 1918. During the advance on the 27th the company to which he was attached as a Lewis gunner was held up in front of a sunken road strongly held by enemy machine guns and anti-tank guns. He worked his way forward alone in face of heavy fire, and captured two anti-tank guns and their crews, consisting of one officer and five O.Rs. Later, as company serjeant-major, he set a splendid example to all ranks.

472091 L./Sjt. R. M. Lahue, 46th Bn., Can. Inf.

Before Cambrai, 27/28th September, 1918, for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst in charge of a platoon in the leading assault company, he successfully dealt with an enemy strong point under close-range machine-gun fire, which threatened to hold up the attack, killing twenty of the enemy, forcing the remainder to surrender, and capturing a machine gun. It was owing to his quick initiative and fearless leading that this strong point was reduced.

201634 Sjt. J. M. Latimer, 1st Bn., Can. Inf.

For marked gallantry and good work. During the operations on the 27th September, 1918, in the battle of Cambrai, he went out single-handed near the railway embankment under very heavy machine-gun fire, and captured a machine-gun post. The gun had been holding up the advance of his platoon, and he killed the crew, took possession of the gun and brought it to bear upon the enemy. His conduct during the whole operation was of the highest standard.

91036 Sjt. W. R. Laws, M.M., 36th By., 9th Bde., Can. F.A.

On the night of 7th October, 1918, just after the battery had moved into position in rear of St. Olle, the teams were subjected to a heavy concentrated shoot, causing about thirty casualties to personnel. All the officers except one became casuals. Under the direction of that officer he showed great gallantry and managed to get the remaining teams and personnel away from the place of danger.

766620 Pte. H. W. H. Leask, M.M., 4th Bn., Can. M.G.C.

On the night of 28th/29th September, 1918, north-east of Raillencourt, he volunteered to get up ammunition under heavy shell and machine-gun fire. While getting out of the trench he was blown back by a shell, but persevered, and finally got word to the ammunition dump in Raillencourt. Throughout the operations his dash and contempt of danger were admirable, and a very brilliant example to his comrades.

931314 Cpl. L. J. Leask, Lord Strathcona's Horse.

On 9th October, 1918, west of Bertry, a troop of cavalry emerged from the wood, advancing along the ridge to a position which was strongly held by enemy machine gunners. Owing to our artillery fire on this position, the troop was forced to withdraw to the sunken road. He and two other men

became detached from the troop, and though heavily fired on, continued to go straight on. His horse was killed under him, but in spite of this he withdrew his rifle from the rifle-bucket and charged the enemy machine gunners on foot, and with the other two men succeeded in capturing forty-one prisoners and bringing them back to the sunken road. He did fine work.

401710 Sjt. S. Leebody, 10th Bn., Can. Inf.

For marked courage and devotion to duty during the operations east of Haynecourt and south-east of Epinoy on 27th/28th September, 1918. When his platoon commander became a casualty, he, though wounded, led them on, and when they were checked by wire he dashed forward and cut a lane, enabling his platoon to continue their advance. He set a splendid example to his men.

797505 L./Sjt. L. Lefler, M.M., 4th Bn., Can. Inf.

For most marked gallantry during the attack on the Canal du Nord on 27th September and the engagement near Abancourt on 1st October, 1918. During the attack on the Canal du Nord, he led his men to a trench full of the enemy, attacked them, and killed at least 20 himself. Early in the attack he was wounded, but carried on and took command of the platoon near the red objective. On 1st October he again did splendid work.

120569 Sjt. G. W. Logan, 14th Bn., Can. Inf.

For fine courage and leadership during an attack near Sains lez Marquion on 27th September, 1918. Successfully completing his task of mopping up the lock he again led his platoon forward. Observing an enemy machine-gun nest which was inflicting many casualties to our advance, he dashed forward with a complete disregard of danger and bombed the enemy, killing the entire crew and capturing the gun. He again rushed forward and charged another enemy post, killing five enemy and capturing 15. Finally, he took his objective.

412259 Sjt. R. Logue, M.M., 21st Bn., Can. Inf.

North-east of Cambrai, 10th October, 1918, for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack, after his platoon commander had been killed, he took charge and successfully carried the advance forward. Later he went forward alone to a post the enemy had established near our line, which he rushed in face of heavy fire directed at him and killed the garrison of three. He did fine work.

74343 Dvr. V. H. Lyne, M.M., Can. A.S.C., attd. 5th Can. Fd. Amb., Can. A.M.C.

9th/12th October, 1918, during operations north of Cambrai, he drove an ambulance car over a very heavily shelled road almost continuously for 72 hours. It was due to the marked gallantry and unflinching devotion to duty of this driver that many wounded were promptly evacuated from a dangerous area and several lives were undoubtedly saved.

796167 Cpl. C. W. McCall, 14th Bn., Can. Inf.

For most conspicuous gallantry and initiative near Sains lez Marquion on 27th September, 1918. Together with another man he rushed two enemy machine-gun nests and killed the occupants with bomb and bayonet. He then turned one of the captured guns on the enemy emplacements which were holding up the flanks, thus allowing the advance to be continued at this point.

451888 Sjt. (A./C./S./M.) H. McDade, 4th Bn., Can. Inf.

For conspicuous courage and devotion to duty during the attack on 27th September, 1918, on the Canal du Nord. At a critical juncture the company began to waver. He rallied the men and led them on to their objective. During the advance he exhibited the greatest gallantry, rushing three machine-gun posts, with one other man, and killing all the crews. During the attack of 1st October he again did splendid work.

2502085 A./Sjt. A. McDonald, 13th Bn., Can. Rly. Tps.

For gallant and distinguished service. He assisted the officer who reconnoitred the railway lines during the advance from 27th October to 11th November, 1918, between Somain and Mons. He daily made survey and plans of the railways and structures, using instruments of precision with the utmost coolness under shell fire, and at times under machine-gun fire. He did excellent work.

2129336 Pte. C. McDonald, 27th Bn., Can. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty north of Cambrai on 3rd October, 1918. When one of our aeroplanes was crashed in our front line, the pilot being killed and observer badly wounded and the area subjected to heavy fire, he with a display of great personal gallantry crawled over 200 yards to where the wounded officer was lying and succeeded in dragging him to a place of safety. He showed great courage and initiative.

414153 Cpl. R. McDonald, 87th Bn., Can. Inf.

For most conspicuous gallantry and leadership at Bourlon Wood, 27th September, 1918, and Blecourt, 30th September, Cambrai sector. While approaching an enemy machine-gun post his rifle was blown away by the explosion of a shell. Without any hesitation he led his section forward and rushed the post. With his fists he attacked the occupants, knocked out two, and held the remainder at bay until his section arrived and took the entire crew prisoners. South of Blecourt, on the 30th, his officer was wounded. He assumed command, and when his platoon was held up by another machine-gun post he rushed forward alone and shot or disabled all the crew. He displayed most marked courage and determination.

1015854 Pte. W. McG. McEwen, 72nd Bn., Can. Inf.

For most conspicuous gallantry and determination during the Bourlon Wood opera-

tions before Cambrai, from 27th September to 1st October, 1918. When the battalion reached its objective he turned one of the guns of a captured battery on the enemy and fired about forty-five rounds on the retreating enemy over open sights. Later, he rushed a machine-gun post in Sancourt, killing two of the crew and driving off the remainder and capturing the gun. Later, he entered a dug-out in the village and captured about fifty prisoners. He did magnificent work.

820117 Sjt. H. A. McFayden, 52nd Bn., Can. Inf.

For fine courage and leadership. On 1st October, 1918, his battalion attacked the enemy positions at Tilloy, north-west of Cambrai. When his company was held up by heavy fire he took charge of a Lewis-gun crew and attacked the enemy in the flank. Due largely to his personal boldness and enterprise, the party were successful, and captured some twenty prisoners and six machine guns. Later, he led the same Lewis-gun crew to an attack on the left flank, resulting in some 150 prisoners and twenty machine guns and one field gun being captured. He did splendid work.

799681 Cpl. D. McGregor, 15th Bn., Can. Inf.

Attack of 27th September, 1918, on Canal du Nord line. Before entering the village of Marquion in the above attack, there was heavy enemy machine-gun and rifle fire from the woods by the canal, which was causing us casualties. He was carrying a Lewis gun, and rushed forward alone and engaged the enemy. After considerable fire the enemy raised the white flag, and he entered the wood and fifty prisoners were taken. He showed great courage and initiative, and did fine work.

127610 A./Cpl. A. McIntyre, 1st Bn., Can. Inf.

On 1st October, 1918, during the battle of Cambrai, he displayed marked courage. He continued to advance until, with the exception of one man, his section had been wiped out. In the face of heavy machine-gun fire he gathered together a few stragglers, organised them for the attack, and then led them to the objective. By his fearless leadership he was directly responsible for the success of a certain part of the operation.

902010 Cpl. A. McIsaac, 25th Bn., Can. Inf.

For marked gallantry and initiative during the attack at Escadœuvres on the early morning of 10th October, 1918. During the advance, when his company was held up by enemy machine guns, he rushed forward with three men and attacked the post, killing five of the enemy, capturing eight prisoners and two machine guns. His fine action enabled his company to advance to the objective.

166944 Sjt. S. H. McLaren, 6th Bn., Can. Engrs.

Hem-Lenglet, 13th/14th October, 1918, for marked gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of a party of four other ranks detailed to reconnoitre the bridge

across the Canal de la Sensee, and to choose alternative sites for new bridges. Finding that a large charge of explosives had been placed by the enemy for the purpose of destroying the bridge, he rushed forward in full view of the enemy, who were less than fifty yards away, and succeeded in withdrawing the leads and rendered the demolition charges useless.

57685 Pte. F. A. McLean, M.M., 20th Bn., Can. Inf.

North-east of Cambrai, 11th October, 1918. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the battalion was forced back, this stretcher-bearer went out in front, in face of intense machine-gun fire, and dressed wounded. He carried in two men from the evacuated area, setting a splendid example to his comrades. Afterwards he worked until late at night, under fire the whole time, dressing wounded.

811017 Pte. A. McLeod, 28th Bn., Can. Inf.

For most marked gallantry and devotion to duty near Iwuy on 11th October, 1918. During an attack he was a member of a mopping-up platoon. While engaged upon this duty he was confronted by five of the enemy, who attacked him with grenades. He immediately dashed towards them, and they fled to a cellar for cover. Thereupon he, single handed, followed the enemy into the cellar and destroyed the party. He has on previous occasions done splendid service.

59735 Pte. F. McMahan, M.M., 21st Bn., Can. Inf.

North-east of Cambrai, 10th October, 1918, for most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack, whilst in charge of a Lewis-gun team, he went forward under very heavy fire with his gun, and engaged a hostile machine-gun nest, which he put out of action, and personally killed three of the enemy. Later he engaged a field gun which was being limbered up, and prevented it being moved, and, further, silenced another machine gun, which he rushed. He did splendid work.

68310 Sjt. J. McNeil, M.M., 25th Bn., Can. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership during an attack on an enemy outpost south-east of Inchy-en-Artois on 24th September, 1918. While the attack was in progress, he led a party down the trench, driving the enemy out and establishing a block. Later he rushed forward with one other man and attacked an enemy party, killing fifteen and capturing a machine gun, which was at once turned on the retreating enemy, causing a further number of casualties. He did splendid work.

183513 Sjt. E. McNeive, M.M., 31st Bn., Can. Inf.

For most marked gallantry and devotion to duty during the attack on Iwuy on 11th Oct. 1918. His platoon was held up by an enemy machine-gun nest of four guns. In face of intense fire he rushed one of the guns and killed the crew. He then rushed the second gun and its crew, whereupon the

crews of the other two guns surrendered. This splendid act allowed the advance to continue. Throughout the operations his gallant conduct was a great inspiration to those under him.

2030161 Sjt. A. Martin, 7th Bn., Can. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the Bourlon Wood operations, 27th September to 2nd October, 1918. During the attack on the 27th September he worked his way through heavy belts of wire under very heavy fire, and then lay in an exposed position doing most effective sniping. Later he worked his section through the last belt of enemy wire, and, after being wounded, rushed a strong point. He set a splendid example of determination and courage to all ranks.

240706 Pte. H. Martin, 4th Bn., Can. M.G.C.

On 28th September, 1918, after his officers and non-commissioned officers had become casualties, and when his crew was compelled to withdraw before a determined enemy counter-attack, he stood up on the parapet and picked off with his rifle the advancing enemy, and so enabled his comrades to get back to cover with a minimum of casualties. In this he was entirely unaided, for his machine gun was out of action. He was wounded in two places, but carried on until everyone was in the new positions. He showed most conspicuous gallantry.

551141 Sjt. T. G. Martin, 8th Bn., Can. Inf.

For marked gallantry and able leadership. During the attack east of the Canal du Nord and east of the Douai-Cambrai road on 27th, 28th and 29th September, 1918, he was in command of a platoon. He made a daring reconnaissance, bringing back information that contributed materially towards our defence of a difficult situation. Later he advanced his platoon with great skill in face of heavy machine-gun fire, and saved a critical situation. After being wounded he remained at duty for ten hours encouraging his men.

405076 Sjt. (A./C./S./M.) A. E. Mason, M.M., 20th Bn., Can. Inf.

North-east of Cambrai, 10/11th October, 1918, for marked gallantry and determined leadership. When all officers were casualties, he took command of the company, and in the face of heavy fire led them forward, he with two others rushing an enemy machine gun post and putting them out of action. Later, when the battalion again moved forward, he led the company with great skill and daring, gaining his objective.

654286 L./C. N. W. Miller, 58th Bn., Can. Inf.

Near Cambrai, for conspicuous gallantry and determination during the capture of the Marcoing line on 29th September, 1918. After all but one of his section had become casualties, he remained with his platoon serjeant in the trench, in face of heavy counter-attacks until his serjeant was wounded severely, he himself being wounded by shrapnel in the arm. He then withdrew,

obtained reinforcements, and returned to the position, recapturing the serjeant, who had in the meantime been taken prisoner.

677 Cpl. W. Miller, P.P.C.L.I.

During the attack on the railway embankment and the village of Tilloy on the morning of 30th September, 1918, he was ordered to take up an advanced post to keep down the enemy's enfilade fire. He succeeded in capturing two enemy machine guns, which he used against the enemy, causing heavy casualties. Later, after being wounded, he remained at his post all day, until he became unconscious. His fine courage and devotion to duty contributed greatly to the ultimate success of the battalion at a critical period.

328907 Sjt. E. T. Milne, 14th Bde., Can. F.A.

For conspicuous courage. During the attack on Bourlon Wood on the morning of 27th September, 1918, he was in charge of one of the guns firing on the barrage. The battery was subjected to severe enemy fire, and he was wounded in the back early in the morning. In spite of his wound and the continued heavy enemy fire, he remained at his post in command of his gun, setting an admirable example of devotion to duty to his men and materially assisting in the success of the operations.

301108 Cpl. A. Morrison, 36th By., 9th Bde., Can. F.A.

On the night of 27th/28th September, 1918, near Bourlon, he showed great courage under heavy shell fire when with the column returning from the gun position. The column was caught in an area shoot, and several men and horses were badly wounded. By his coolness he maintained control, and prevented a stampede. The night previous he had his horse killed under him, and although badly bruised from his fall, remained on duty.

748266 Sjt. A. Nadeau, 22nd Bn., Can. Inf.

North of Cambrai, 1st to 14th October, 1918, for marked gallantry and devotion to duty during the operations north of Cambrai. While on his way to the front line, in charge of a party carrying the company's rations, he came under very heavy barrage. Although slightly wounded, he went on and succeeded in reaching his company with the rations. Later, with a scouting party, he disposed of an enemy post, killing three personally. Throughout the operations he did excellent work.

602877 Cpl. H. Noble, M.M., 3rd Bn., Can. Inf.

At Inchy-en-Artois, on 27th September, 1918, when the advance of the infantry was held up by an enemy machine-gun post, he under trying conditions and with total disregard for personal safety, succeeded in getting his gun into action, destroying the machine-gun post, capturing the machine guns, and enabling the infantry to continue its advance. He displayed the highest qualities of leadership and the greatest skill in handling the trench mortar.

525230 Pte. H. L. Oakes, 7th Bn., Can. Inf.

For marked gallantry and devotion to duty during the Bourlon Wood operations, 26th September to 2nd October, 1918. During the attack on 27th September, when acting as company stretcher-bearer, he worked unceasingly throughout the day under heavy machine-gun and shell fire, rushing from shell hole to shell hole, dressing wounded and getting them under cover. At one time he went forward into No Man's Land in full view of the enemy and saved some wounded. Throughout, his disregard for danger and untiring energy were a splendid example to those with him.

12741 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) G. J. Oliver, M.M., 1st Div. Sig. Coy., Can. Engrs., attd. H.Q., 2nd Can. Inf. Bde.

For marked gallantry and devotion to duty during the attack east of the Canal du Nord from 27th to 30th September, 1918. He was the N.C.O. i./c. of the party of signallers. Shortly after starting forward he found that the infantry had passed over a machine-gun nest which was sweeping the western bank of the canal. Immediately he telephoned his brigade, and artillery fire was directed on the nest and all but one machine gun was put out of action. He then got in rear of the machine gun and rushed it single handed, shot four of the crew with his revolver, and took the fifth prisoner. He did splendid work.

808028 Pte. H. A. Orsten, 50th Bn., Can. Inf.

In front of Bourlon and Cambrai, 27th/28th September, 1918, for marked gallantry and leadership. Whilst in charge of a Lewis gun section he twice outflanked enemy positions, putting them out of action. When his Lewis gun was blown up by shell fire, he rushed a machine-gun post with two men, killing seven of the enemy and capturing twenty of them. Throughout his gallant leadership and inspiring example were largely responsible for the success of the operations.

2020213 L./C. N. F. Owen, 47th Bn., Can. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry in front of Cambrai, 27th September, 1918. During our advance on the Marquion line he rushed some gun pits from which several enemy machine guns were firing. He forced the gunners to surrender and captured the guns. When his company were subjected to heavy fire from the right front after reaching their objective, he with his Lewis gun section enfiladed the enemy machine-gun nest and killed the entire crews, thus making the position of the company tenable and being directly responsible for capturing some nine hostile machine guns. The next day he again did fine work with his Lewis gun until wounded. Throughout he showed marked courage and initiative, and rendered splendid service.

441406 Sjt. W. Pilkington, 2nd Can. Mid. Rif.

During the operations before Cambrai on 29th-30th September, 1918, he showed great

courage, ability and aggressiveness in the attack. When his Lewis gun crew had become casualties and himself wounded, he picked up the gun and took up an advanced position, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy and greatly assisting the advance of his company until again severely wounded. His actions throughout set a splendid example to his men.

447815 Pte. V. W. Plant, 50th Bn., Can. Inf. attd. 10th Can. L.T.M. By.

At Quarry Wood, on 27th September, 1918, he displayed marked courage and initiative. While guiding an ammunition party forward he saw an enemy machine-gun enfilading our advancing troops, causing many casualties. With one of the carriers he rushed the gun, and although he was wounded they managed to capture the gun, killing two of the crew and taking an officer and one man prisoners. He did splendid work.

190266 Sjt. A. E. Powles, M.M., 21st Bn., Can. Inf.

For most marked gallantry and devotion to duty. During an advance, when the flank of his company was left in the air owing to a machine-gun nest of three guns holding up the flanking battalion, he went out alone, rushed the post, and fired with such effect that the majority of the garrison were killed and the remainder surrendered to him. His gallant actions in the face of almost certain death enabled the battalion to advance and gain touch with the flanks.

447187 Sjt. G. I. Pringle, P.P.C.L.I.

During the attack on the railway embankment and village of Tilloy on the 30th September, 1918, he displayed conspicuous gallantry and untiring energy in leading the men to the attack through the most severe machine-gun and artillery fire. Although badly gassed, he, with his C.O. and four others, cleared the embankment, capturing fifteen machine guns, turning some of them on the enemy, thereby inflicting heavy losses and driving the enemy out of the position. He did splendid work.

500572 Cpl. A. Pym, 3rd Bn., Can. Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in the construction of infantry foot bridges across the Canal du Nord between Marquion and Sains Marquion on the 27th September, 1918. He was in charge of a party ordered to construct four foot bridges. On the way to the site of the bridges, this party and material wagons came under heavy shell and machine-gun fire. It was due to his devotion to duty and coolness under fire that enabled the first bridge to be constructed and infantry to cross. Later he supervised the construction of the three other bridges, and enabled the supporting battalions to get to their jumping-off positions in time.

426512 Pte. F. Raithby, 3rd Bn., Can. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the Bourlon Wood operation on 27th September, 1918. As a signaller he pushed forward with his company commander, and under heavy fire kept communication with battalion headquarters, enabling them to keep in close touch through-

out the operation. On one occasion, when fired on by a 5.9 howitzer, he single-handedly captured the gun and killed the crew. His courage and conspicuous gallantry were a fine example to his comrades.

436202 Sjt. T. Rea, 46th Bn., Can. Infy.

Before Cambrai, 27th-28th September, 1918, for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under intense machine-gun fire he picked up a Lewis gun and engaged the enemy machine guns, with the result that the enemy were driven out and the advance enabled to continue. Later he organised a gun crew from a few stragglers and took this party forward doing excellent work. Throughout, by his fearless leadership and initiative, he rendered valuable service.

71425 C./S./M. A. A. Rogers, M.M., 27th Bn., Can. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty north-east of Cambrai on 9th October, 1918. When the unit on the left were somewhat disorganised through intense enemy barrage, he, by his fine behaviour and example assisted materially in reorganising them and quickly getting them into their proper position, enabling the advance to be continued.

681857 Cpl. H. C. Russell, 58th Bn., Can. Inf.

Near Cambrai, for marked gallantry and able leadership during the attack on the Marcoing Line on 29th September, 1918, and on the Pont d'Aire on 1st October, 1918. When his officer had become a casualty he took command of the platoon and, himself leading, attacked a strong force of the enemy who were outflanking the leading company. He killed several and drove the remainder back, going on to his objective and consolidating. Later, on 1st October, he, in command of a platoon, again did fine work.

643969 Sjt. T. Sansom, 116th Bn., Can. Inf.

For marked courage and initiative. During the operations in front of Tilloy, on 1st October, 1918, he was detailed to act as a guide for the leading company of the battalion. When they were held up by machine-gun fire and a battery of artillery firing at them with open sights, he crept forward, killing the officer directing the fire of the battery and also a number of the crew, and capturing the battery, thus allowing his comrades to advance. Throughout the operation he did fine work.

766483 Sjt. A. McL. Scott, M.M., 3rd Bn., Can. Inf.

For fine courage and leadership during the Bourlon Wood operations on 27th September, 1918. He was acting as C.S.M. during the attack, and when one of the platoon officers had become a casualty he took charge of the platoon and carried on with the advance against an enemy machine-gun nest that was being attacked, finally forcing it to withdraw. In the course of this advance he ran into a concealed enemy .77 mm. gun, with crew. He immediately jumped into the gunpit with fixed bayonet and took the crew prisoners. He did splendid work throughout.

106546 Cpl. G. Shanks, 1st Can. Mtd. Rif.

At Sauchy Cauchy, for conspicuous gallantry on the 14th/15th September, 1918. He carried out a reconnaissance of Brick Kiln, which was then occupied by the enemy, and brought back information of the greatest value. Afterwards he led a raiding party in to Brick Kiln, showing great dash and initiative, capturing a light machine gun and securing identification. He later led another raiding party, bombing enemy dugouts and capturing a prisoner. He rendered excellent service.

477830 Sjt. N. Shaw, R. Can. R.

For marked gallantry and ability during the operations near Cambrai from 27th September to 1st October, 1918. As acting C.S.M. of a company he performed services of the greatest assistance to the success of the battalions attacked. On one occasion when his company was held up he went out in the open under heavy machine-gun fire, and, working to the flank, established a post with a captured enemy gun, and, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy, enabled his company to advance. On another occasion he stayed behind with one man and a Lewis gun to cover a withdrawal. Throughout his conduct was of the highest order.

633339 Sjt. H. C. Smith, M.M., 58th Bn., Can. Inf.

Near Cambrai, for gallantry and devotion to duty during the night attack of 28th September, 1918, on the Marcoing Line and the attack on Pont d'Aire on 1st October, 1918. With a mere handful of men, he pushed on and captured the Marcoing support line on 28th September in the face of heavy opposition. His courage and example enabled his men to hold on, he himself patrolling alone to connect up his flanks. On 1st October he continued in command after being wounded.

811768 Cpl. W. H. Smith, 50th Bn., Can. Inf.

For great gallantry and devotion to duty in front of Raillencourt, September, 1918. When the battalion was attacking the Marcoing Line, and were up against heavy uncut wire and several machine guns, Cpl. Smith located an enemy machine gun and crew, inflicting casualties in the battalion. He voluntarily went forward alone and rushed the position, whereupon the enemy surrendered. He captured the gun and 20 of the enemy. His gallantry and marked courage were worthy of the highest praise.

109616 Sjt. E. E. Snelgar, 3rd Div. Sig. Coy., Can. Engrs., attd., 8th Can. Inf. Bde.

Near Cambrai, for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the attack on Cambrai on the 1st October, 1918, a forward observation post was established near the outpost line. He undertook the work of communication with brigade headquarters, and the success obtained was due only to his untiring energy and disregard for personal safety. During the morning, under very heavy shell fire, he repaired upwards of thirty breaks in the line, and brigade headquarters were never out of touch with brigade outposts.

175279 Sjt. W. C. Speck, 28th Bn., Can. Inf.

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Iwuy on the 11th October, 1918. On his platoon commander becoming a casualty he assumed command. Whilst leading his men towards the objective, they suddenly came under intense fire from an enemy machine gun. Without hesitation, he, followed by two of his men, dashed forward and engaged the post, killing two of the enemy and capturing the machine gun. Throughout he set a very high example to his men.

678927 Pte. S. Stankiewicz, 116th Bn., Can. Inf.

During the advance on the village of St. Olle, on 29th September, 1918, he accompanied his company commander as a runner. On his company being held up by intense machine-gun fire and his company commander wounded, he worked his way back and brought up a stretcher; but on rejoining his company he found that the enemy had counter-attacked and taken his company commander prisoner. He was given a note by a wounded enemy officer to go to the enemy rear and locate a stretcher-bearer, instead of which he noted the strength and dispositions of the enemy, and succeeded in escaping back to our lines with the information. By his prompt courage and enterprise he rendered valuable service.

150626 Sjt. A. Steer, M.M., 43rd Bn., Can. Inf.

In the attack near Cambrai during the 1st October, 1918, he was in charge of a platoon. Being held up by enemy machine-gun posts, he led an attack on these posts which successfully resulted in the capture of three entire crews and their guns. Pushing forward, his platoon was again held up by a single enemy machine gun, which he attacked single-handed, killing the crew of three. He then took charge of what remained of two platoons, and pushed forward to his final objective, which he succeeded in holding until relieved. He showed splendid gallantry and initiative.

183698 Sjt. J. G. Stone, 1st Bn., Can. M.G.C.

For great gallantry and initiative under very heavy fire during the attack of 2nd October, 1918, on the Douai-Cambrai road, east of Haynecourt. He engaged, under short-range enemy machine-gun fire, enemy batteries and parties of the enemy and inflicted heavy casualties. Later, when his section officer was killed, he took command of the section and covered an exposed flank of an infantry battalion. He did good work throughout.

406824 Sjt. G. S. Taylor, 15th Bn., Can. Inf.

During the attack of 27th September, 1918, on the Canal du Nord line. In the above attack he took charge of the platoon when his officer became a casualty. His advance was held up by a machine-gun nest on a flank. He led a party to destroy this nest, but was severely wounded and the attempt was unsuccessful.

He then led a second attempt, and completed the destroying of this post. His courage and devotion to duty was an inspiration to all.

148651 Sjt. O. Taylor, 78th Bn., Can. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and able leadership during the Bourlon Wood operations before Cambrai, 27th September to 2nd October, 1918. After his platoon commander had become a casualty he took command and led them with great dash and determination through heavy fire to the east of Bourlon Wood. By skilful handling of his platoon he outflanked an enemy battery, capturing five guns, one officer, and twelve men, killing six of the enemy. He did fine work.

210499 Sjt. W. R. Thomas, 4th Bn., Can. Inf.

For most conspicuous gallantry and good work during attack of Canal du Nord, on 27th September, 1918. His platoon was held up by two machine guns. He rushed ahead of his section and charged one crew. He killed the man on the gun, and then his section came up and got the others. He then rushed a trench mortar in face of several of the crew firing at him with revolvers. He despatched three of them. He then reorganised his section and carried on with the attack to the objective.

749155 Pte. C. V. Tuttle, 14th Bn., Can. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack near Sains lez Marquion, on 27th September, 1918. When an enemy machine-gun post was holding up the attack he flanked this post, and with a Lewis gun wiped out the entire crew, capturing the gun and enabling the advance to be continued. Again, he charged an enemy gun with fixed bayonet, driving the enemy out, killing and wounding over fifteen and capturing the gun. His fine courage and initiative throughout were a splendid example to those with him.

425449 L./Sjt. G. Wade, 1st Can. Mtd. Rif.

At St. Olle, near Cambrai, for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations on 29th September, 1918. When the advance was held up by heavy enemy machine-gun fire from the village he led a bombing party round a flank, entered the village and bombed two enemy machine-gun posts, killing the crews. He then led a reconnaissance party through the village and located four enemy machine-gun posts which were inflicting casualties on our troops. His conduct throughout the whole operation was splendid.

892397 Sjt. R. B. Waggoner, 44th Bn., Can. Inf.

For most conspicuous gallantry and leadership during operations east of Saily, 28th September, 1918. While holding an advance post with his platoon he found that they were gradually being wiped out by fire from two enemy machine guns. He organised and led an attack, capturing both guns and eight of the men, inflicting ten casualties and clearing up all the enemy area. When it was neces-

sary to guide another unit sent to close up the open flank he volunteered and successfully placed them in position to connect with our troops. He did splendid work.

418818 Sjt. J. Wardleworth, 42nd Bn., Can. Inf.

Operations north of Cambrai, 29th/30th September, 1918. Leading his platoon in the attack, he rushed two machine-gun posts, capturing them and putting both crews out of action. Then reorganising his platoon under heavy fire he led them forward again to the attack. Later, while acting as C.S.M. he rendered most valuable services, assisting in the work of reorganisation. During the whole action his marked courage and determination were a splendid example to the men.

907181 Sjt. J. T. Warner, 102nd Bn., Can. Inf.

For marked gallantry and determination during the operations in Bourlon Wood and near Blecourt on 27th September, 1918, and 1st October, 1918. While advancing through the wood with his platoon he came upon a very strongly-held enemy position in a quarry. He promptly organised a flanking attack, which was successfully carried out, and he himself was the first man to gain a footing in the strong point. He shot one officer down, and on the arrival of his men forced the surrender of two officers and 65 O.R. By his able and fearless leadership he rendered fine service.

434222 C./S./M. A. L. Watkin, M.M., 50th Bn., Can. Inf.

In front of Bourlon, 27th September, 1918. For conspicuous gallantry and fearless leadership. After his officers had become casualties he took command of the company and won his objective under heavy enemy fire, from which his company suffered heavily. After being wounded he single-handedly attacked an enemy machine-gun nest, killing a number of the crew and capturing twelve of them, thus assisting the advance of his company. Throughout he showed great courage, and rendered valuable service.

70077 Pte. H. C. Whale, 26th Bn., Can. Inf.

North of Cambrai, 8th/11th October, 1918. For marked courage and initiative during the attack north of Cambrai on the night of 8th October and subsequent period to 11th October, 1918. With another scout he volunteered to locate and report progress of a company which had a difficult canal crossing. On the way he encountered about 100 enemy in a dug-out. Although armed only with revolvers he and the other scout disarmed and made prisoners the whole party. Throughout the whole of the operations he set a splendid example to his comrades, and also did excellent work.

105744 C./S./M. W. G. Wightman, M.M., 1st Can. Mtd. Rif.

At St. Olle, near Cambrai. For conspicuous gallantry and able leadership on 29th September, 1918. After all his C.Os. had become casualties he took command, leading his men in the most able manner, capturing two enemy machine-gun posts, and killing the occupants. When his men came under

heavy artillery fire he at once led them to a flank, and continued to advance, thus avoiding many casualties. Throughout he did fine work.

426866 L./C. P. Willard, M.M., 58th Bn., Can. Inf.

Near Cambrai, for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the attack on the Marcoing line 29th September, and the attack on Pont d'Aire, 1st October, 1918. As a stretcher-bearer with the leading company he went over with the first waves of the attack, and displayed great coolness under heavy fire in dressing and caring for the wounded. When his company was driven back a short distance by a counter-attack he remained isolated, but carried on, although at close quarters with the enemy. Throughout the operations he acted with great courage.

105602 Cpl. F. Wilson, 28th Bn., Can. Inf.

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Iwuy on 11th October, 1918. On many occasions he went alone into cellars and houses known to be held by the enemy, and with others succeeded in capturing some machine guns. Later in the day he led a small party against a house strongly held by the enemy, and either killed or captured the entire garrison. He set a magnificent example.

1258273 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) A. C. Wimberley, 18th By., 5th Bde., Can. F.A.

For marked gallantry and devotion to duty during the operations of 27th September, 1918. While the battery was in action near Inchy-en-Artois, firing in the initial barrage, it came under heavy enemy counter-battery fire. When a shell landed beside his gun, killing one man and wounding him, he refused to leave his gun, and kept it in action throughout.

2356018 Pte. A. D. Wood, 49th Bn., Can. Inf.

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations from 27th September to the 1st October, 1918, in the attack on Cambrai. He dressed wounded in the most advanced and open positions under heavy machine-gun fire. When all the remaining stretcher-bearers of his company had become casualties, and he himself was suffering from the effects of gas, he still continued to carry on.

3106766 Pte. W. T. Woodcock, 116th Bn., Can. Inf.

For fine courage and determination in operations before Cambrai on September 29th, 1918. When his platoon was constantly being harassed from the left flank by enemy machine-gun fire, he volunteered with two others and succeeded in working forward and closing in on the enemy gun crew, bombing them out and killing the crew. His two comrades were killed in this successful operation, but he succeeded in working his way back to his platoon.

216455 L./C. J. E. Wyatt, 3rd Bn., Can. Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry during the construction of the first infantry foot bridge across the Canal du Nord at Sains Marquion

on the 27th September, 1918. During the reconnaissance of the bridge site he was acting as an officer's runner, and, later, seeing an enemy machine-gun crew attempting to prevent the construction of the bridge, he covered the hostile machine gun with his rifle and enabled the party to get the bridge constructed across the canal. He then went across the bridge and shot one of the crew and captured the other two men of the crew and the machine gun.

679003 Sjt. C. M. Yeates, 116th Bn., Can. Inf.

For fine courage and leadership when in charge of a platoon on the morning of 29th September, 1918, in the attack on the village of St. Olle. His platoon was badly cut up by machine-gun fire and were temporarily held up. He organised a bombing party, crawled forward to within bombing distance, and bombed the enemy nest, rushing in, killing three of the enemy, taking three prisoners and capturing the gun.

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5892 L./Cpl. D. J. Adams, 25th Bn., Aust. Inf.

During the attack on the Beaufort Line, east of Peronne, on 3rd October, 1918, he volunteered to go with Sjt. Cox and together they rushed an enemy post containing three machine guns and about 50 enemy. He carried his Lewis gun and during the advance used it from the hip, firing so accurately that the enemy fire was kept down. Together these two N.C.O.'s captured the entire post and killed ten of the enemy. He showed fine courage and did splendid work.

4336 Sjt. N. L. Armstrong, 2nd Bn., Aust. Inf.

In the operations east of Hesbecourt, on the 18th September, 1918, he showed great courage and able leadership. When his platoon commander was killed he assumed command, maintaining excellent direction throughout. With his platoon he put out of action two enemy machine guns. On reaching the vicinity of Hargicourt he, by capable and daring leadership, captured four more machine guns and crews. He rendered very fine service.

1309 Sjt. H. F. Aslatt, M.M., 12th Aust. L.T.M. By.

For conspicuous devotion to duty during the attack west of Bellenglise, north of St. Quentin, on the 18th September, 1918. After the carrying parties for the two Stokes mortars became disconnected owing to fog, he went out and found them, getting the ammunition to the objective as soon as same was gained. During the exploiting patrol work in the afternoon of the 18th he kept touch with the two sections of guns and saw that ammunition was kept up to the mortars. Throughout the operations he showed great gallantry and zeal.

1722 L./Sjt. A. Bainbrige, M.M., 46th Bn., Aust. Inf.

For fine courage and initiative during the attack west of Bellenglise, north of St.

Quentin, on 18th/19th September, 1918. Single-handed he bombed down part of front trench and captured 60 prisoners and machine guns, killing and wounding several of the enemy. He then organised a raiding party, and, going on into "No Man's Land," captured 40 more prisoners and two machine guns. He returned to front line and immediately commenced to consolidate the line. He did magnificent work.

4988 Pte. A. J. Barnes, 25th Bn., Aust. Inf.

During the attack on the Beaufort Line, east of Peronne, on 3rd October, 1918, a strong post was encountered behind some very thick wire. An enemy machine gun in this post was causing a lot of casualties. He moved away to a flank, crawled through the wire, and came round the rear of the enemy post. He then rushed the post and threw several bombs into it, killing or capturing the crew before his platoon was through the wire. This fine action was carried out with great courage and coolness.

7103 L./C. R. S. Beatty, M.M., 10th Bn., Aust. Inf.

For most conspicuous gallantry and dash. In the operations near Jeancourt on 18th September, 1918, he, followed by his section, rushed a machine-gun nest in a small quarry, and, in face of heavy fire, advanced, firing his Lewis gun from the hip. He succeeded in putting one of the enemy gun crews out of action and swept the parapet of the trench. Having ordered six prisoners to the rear he handed his Lewis gun over to his section, and with bombs and a revolver mopped up the remaining enemy in the quarry. His total captures from this quarry were three officers, 43 other ranks and three machine guns. He did splendid work.

4255 Pte. C. A. Bemold, 32nd Bn., Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative during the operations near Bellicourt between 29th September and 1st October, 1918. While his company was advancing near Magny-la-Fosse, he, single-handed, rushed forward and attacked an enemy machine-gun post, securing the entire crew, comprising one officer and 13 other ranks together with a machine gun. He also did splendid work as observer and platoon runner. Throughout he showed marked courage and ability.

664 Sjt. J. T. Bentley, M.M., 9th Bn., Aust. Inf.

For most conspicuous gallantry and dash at Villeret on 18th September, 1918, when he saw two platoons in front held up by machine-gun fire he at once led his platoon under heavy fire to a flank position and got his gun into action. He then charged the trench with his platoon, killing one and capturing 20. Later, he led a charge against an enemy field gun and captured it; he also captured several prisoners. Throughout he behaved splendidly.

136 Pte. B. Beswick, 40th Bn., Aust. Inf.

Near Bony, on 29th/30th September, 1918, and 1st October, he acted as company stretcher-bearer and displayed great cour-

age and devotion to duty. When a shell exploded among a party of ten, he immediately rendered first aid to the wounded, directed the walking cases to the dressing station, and carried one of the stretcher cases on his back to the same place. He returned, and, with another stretcher-bearer under heavy fire, carried the remaining three in turn to the rear. Throughout his energy and disregard of his own safety were most marked.

4777 Pte. G. D. Bland, 18th Bn., Aust. Inf.

For great courage and devotion to duty in the attack near Estrees, north of St. Quentin, on the morning of 3rd October, 1918. With four others he was working up the shallow trench to a position in rear of the enemy machine-gun nests when an enemy officer with a party of at least 100 developed a determined counter-attack, using machine guns and bombs and sniping vigorously. With his Lewis gun he covered the withdrawal of the small party and held the enemy in check until a small party was able to counter-attack and push further forward.

3026 Sjt. T. A. Buckingham, 55th Bn., Aust. Inf.

For marked gallantry and dash during the attack on the Hindenburg Line north of Bellicourt on 30th September, 1918. When the enemy succeeded in gaining a footing in one portion of the captured trench he led a bombing attack against them who were more than twice their number and succeeded in driving them out. Jumping out of the trench, he alone pursued the enemy, all of whom were killed or wounded by his bombs.

3502 Sjt. R. L. Callaghan, 53rd Bn., Aust. Inf.

During the operations near Bellicourt, between 30th September and 2nd October, 1918, he displayed marked courage and ability. In the early part of the attack he was one of a party of one officer and six men who on three separate occasions attacked enemy strong posts which were holding up the advance, accounting for the garrisons, amounting to over 40 men, and capturing eight machine guns. When the enemy counter-attacked he rallied the men of his platoon and was responsible for such vigorous bombing and rifle fire that the attack was repulsed.

4747 Sjt. J. G. Cameron, 45th Bn., Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and good work during the attack west of Bellenglise, north of St. Quentin, on the 18th September, 1918. He was scout N.C.O. On the battalion reaching the objective he took forward an exploiting patrol with a Lewis gun. He came in touch with three 5.9 howitzers and their crews. He rushed the crews, six of the enemy being killed and fourteen captured. The horses were killed, and, owing to this, the guns were captured.

5057 Spr. W. Campbell, 12th Fd. Coy., Aust. Engrs.

For marked gallantry and devotion to duty during the operations on 8th August, 1918, near Oherisy, east of Corbie. When troops on the left were held up by a machine-gun nest he and Sapper Dean dashed several

hundred yards across the open under intense fire and caused the enemy to surrender with their two machine guns. This act of signal courage relieved the situation at a very critical time.

5316 Cpl. F. G. Clark, 20th Bn., Aust. Inf.

On 3rd October, 1918, during the attack on the Beaufort system, north of St. Quentin, he located a machine-gun post on the left flank which was causing many casualties. With great dash, single-handed, he rushed the post, killed two of the crew, and took ten prisoners in face of heavy machine-gun fire. Later he bombed a machine-gun post which had been overlooked just as the gun was being swung into action from the rear. Throughout the attack his fine courage and promptitude in dealing with such obstacles saved the battalion numerous casualties. Later, he assumed command of his platoon and handled it excellently.

1887 Sjt. K. A. Clark, 55th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For marked courage and dash during an attack on the Hindenburg Line, north of Bellicourt, on 30th September, 1918. When the officers of his company had either been killed or wounded, he took charge and led the company forward in the face of a heavy machine-gun and rifle fire. When the troops on his flank were held up, he attacked with his company enemy machine-gun nests, killing the crews. By his initiative and total disregard for personal danger he set a splendid example to his men.

4406 Cpl. A. H. Collingwood, 25th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous courage and good work. During the attack on the Beaufort Line, east of Peronne, on 3rd October, 1918, the left flank of the battalion encountered a very strong enemy post. He took his Lewis gun forward to within 30 yards of the enemy post in an exposed position, and opened fire on them, beating down their fire. He then rushed the post about 20 yards in advance of his platoon, and the whole garrison of fifteen surrendered to him. In addition to these fifteen prisoners there were eight dead in the post, all killed by his accurate Lewis gun fire.

4105 L./Cpl. A. D. Cook, 26th Bn., Aust. Infy.

During the attack on the Beaufort line east of Peronne, on 3rd October, 1918, he was in charge of a Lewis gun section working on the right of the battalion sector. Noticing that another battalion were encountering heavy fire from an enemy machine gun near Mushroom Quarry, he rushed ahead with his team and directed the fire of his gun on the enemy gun, and so covered the advance of our troops. On passing through the first objective, he gave covering fire to his comrades advancing, and silenced another enemy machine gun which was interfering with the advance of our troops. Throughout he showed great gallantry and initiative.

824 Sjt. T. Cox, 25th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For fine courage and determination. During the attack on the Beaufort Line, east of Peronne, on 3rd October, 1918, the platoon to which he belonged met with very

strong resistance from a post containing three machine guns and about fifty of the enemy. He with Lance-Corporal Adams rushed straight at the post, showing an utter disregard of danger. Together these two N.C.Os. captured the post, killing ten of the enemy and causing the remainder with the three machine guns to surrender. He did splendid work.

2263 L./C. S. Curyer, 10th Bn., Aust. Inf.

In the operations near Jeancourt on 18th September, 1918, whilst carrying his Lewis gun he got somewhat in advance, but under heavy machine-gun fire he immediately brought his gun into action, and by his determined use of same drove one of the crew of five men to surrender, whilst two others fled. Later, he engaged a low-flying enemy plane, and caused it to make a forced landing on fire. He showed great gallantry and initiative throughout.

527 Sjt. W. J. D'Alton, 2nd Tunn. Coy., Aust. Engrs.

On the morning of 29th September, 1918, in the neighbourhood of Bellicourt, whilst the operations against the Hindenburg Line were in progress, he was in charge of a party of tunnellers searching for enemy mines; and while so doing captured thirty prisoners. Throughout the day, under heavy fire, he showed an absolute disregard of personal danger, and set a very fine example to the men under him. His skill and initiative saved many casualties.

6211 Spr. A. E. Dean, 12th Fd. Coy., Aust. Engrs.

For marked gallantry and devotion to duty during the operations on 8th August, 1918, near Cherisy, east of Corbie. When troops on the left were held up by a machine-gun nest, he and Sapper Campbell dashed several hundred yards across the open under intense fire, and caused the enemy to surrender with their two machine guns. This act of signal courage relieved the situation at a very critical time.

2393 Sjt. G. Dransfield, 2nd Bn., Aust. Inf.

On 13th September, 1918, south of Jeancourt, during minor operations against an enemy post, he showed marked courage and initiative. When his platoon came under heavy machine-gun fire on nearing their objective, he rushed forward firing his Lewis gun from the hip, thus neutralising the enemy's fire. His platoon then came forward and bombed the post, and the remainder of the garrison, one machine gun and eight prisoners were taken. He did fine work.

3085 Sjt. R. H. Drysdale, 57th Bn., Aust. Infy.

During the operations near Bellicourt on 29th September, 1918, he displayed great courage and devotion to duty under heavy machine-gun and artillery fire at point-blank range. After the platoon commander and serjeant had been wounded, and many casualties had occurred, he, who was acting as company serjeant-major, reorganised the remainder of the platoon. He then collected and removed the wounded to a place of

safety, and remained until every man had been accounted for. Throughout the whole operation he set a very fine example to his men.

877 Sjt. T. Eccles, M.M., 30th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the attack and capture of Joncourt on 1st October, 1918. He kept his battalion commander well posted with the situation in front, continually moving along the entire company front and to flank units, co-operating in the attack under heavy shell and machine-gun fire. He obtained information of first importance from these units, and ensured their prompt delivery to his company commander. His energy was untiring throughout the whole of the operations.

4105 Sjt. F. N. Farmer, 5th Bn., Aust. Pnrs.

Near Bellicourt on 29th September, 1918, he was in command of a platoon employed on urgent road work with the advancing infantry. By his initiative, good organisation and skilful leadership he contributed largely to the success of the operations. When detailed to repair a portion of the road subjected to a very heavy barrage of high explosive and gas shells, he personally reconnoitred the position and made dispositions to successfully accomplish his task. Throughout he behaved with great gallantry under fire.

558 Sjt. C. G. Fleming, 2nd Tun. Coy., Aust. Engrs.

On the 3rd/4th October, 1918, in the vicinity of Estrees, he was in charge of a party working on forward roads. Knowing that it was important that early reports should be obtained regarding the state of the roads, he went forward and made a number of reconnaissances under heavy enemy shell and machine-gun fire. He later took men forward and repaired the roads. Thanks to him, the work was carried on rapidly with few casualties to the party.

2149 L./C. N. Graham, 3rd Bn., Aust. Inf.

On 18th September, 1918, at Hargicourt, during the attack on a strong enemy position in a quarry, under very heavy fire, he worked ahead and successfully bombed and captured an enemy machine gun that was considerably hampering the advance and causing casualties. By his fine action he set a splendid example of courage and determination to his comrades. He was severely wounded by shrapnel in the leg.

5371 Pte. F. F. Grocott, 53rd Bn., Aust. Inf.

During the operations near Bellicourt from 30th September to 2nd October, 1918, he displayed great courage and initiative in his capacity as a No. 1 Lewis gunner. Early in the attack he with his gun team rushed an enemy strong post which was holding up the advance, and killed or wounded the entire garrison and captured three guns. During a strong enemy counter-attack he stood up on the parapet, and holding his gun up to his shoulder, caused heavy casualties,

being largely responsible for the dispersing of the attack. His splendid example greatly inspired all the men of his company.

4439 Cpl. C. C. Gross, 32nd Bn., Aust. Inf.

During the operations of this battalion near Bellicourt between the 29th September and 1st October, 1918, he displayed skilful leadership, gallantry and devotion to duty. Early in the advance on 29th September both his platoon officer and serjeant became casualties. He at once assumed command and led his platoon in all the subsequent attacks. On several occasions he personally went forward under heavy fire and selected Lewis-gun positions, and when the objective was reached his skill and resource enabled the platoon to consolidate the position to the best advantage.

5112 Sjt. G. E. Gully, 32nd Bn., Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative during the advance of this battalion near Bellicourt between the 29th September and 1st October, 1918. When his platoon was moving forward from Bellicourt towards Magny-la-Fosse on the 29th September, it encountered heavy machine-gun fire. In addition, two anti-tank guns were harassing a tank. He promptly pushed a Lewis-gun team to a favourable position and engaged the anti-tank gunners, putting both guns out of action, which were left in our hands.

1312 Sjt. V. R. Haines, 39th Bn., Aust. Inf.

On the 29th September, 1918, east of Ronssoy, when his company was held up by heavy machine-gun fire, he led a patrol to a position several hundred yards in advance of the line occupied by the company and located several enemy machine guns, which he immediately engaged with his Lewis guns. This caused the enemy to withdraw, and enabled the company to advance. Immediately they reached their new positions he volunteered to lead another patrol to reconnoitre a sunken road about 400 yards ahead. He was out for three hours under continuous and heavy fire, and then returned with most valuable information as to the position of enemy's posts. His cool courage and initiative throughout the operations were conspicuous.

2758 Sjt. G. Hancock, M.M., 46th Bn., Aust. Inf.

For marked gallantry, initiative and resource throughout the operations west of Bellenglise, north of St. Quentin, 18th/19th September, 1918. He acted as company serjeant-major of his company, and during the attack on outpost trench of Hindenburg line he took charge of half the company and brilliantly led them to the final objective, capturing many prisoners and machine guns. He established a block in communication trench leading to No Man's Land, and did splendidly in organising and consolidating the line. He set a very fine example throughout to those under him.

135 Pte. (T./Sjt.) L. G. Hart, M.M., 43rd Bn., Aust. Inf.

On 29th September, 1918, during operations south of Bony, when the enemy were counter-attacking, he took charge of his platoon when his platoon commander became a

casualty. He grasped the situation quickly, and fearlessly exposing himself, he very successfully handled his men and selected positions for snipers and Lewis guns. The manner in which he disposed of his platoon was responsible for the breaking up of the counter-attacks.

5381 Cpl. A. Henley, 9th Bn., Aust. Inf.

For most conspicuous gallantry and determination. At Villeret, on 18th September, 1918, he twice led his section at enemy strong points which were holding up the advance. He worked his gun to a flank, and bringing fire to bear on the strong point, killed four of the enemy and took ten prisoners. Later, he led a charge against an enemy machine gun, firing his gun from the hip, and captured it, with seven prisoners. He did fine work.

1049 Pte. E. R. Hookway, 18th Bn., Aust. Infy.

He was No. 1 of a Lewis gun in the attack on 3rd October, 1918, near Estrees, north of St. Quentin. The left flank of his battalion was held up by machine-gun fire, and could not pass the wire. He worked forward through the wire, and pushed his Lewis gun forward, and then opened fire, and, although an enemy machine gun engaged him at close range, continued to fire and cover the approach of a party of our men. He was wounded by machine-gun fire, but carried on, so enabling this party to reach a strong post of the enemy. He showed great gallantry.

454 Sjt. A. C. Irvine, M.M., 3rd Bn., Aust. Pnrs.

On the 29th September, 1918, he was in charge of men working on forward roads between Ronssoy and Bony, following immediately behind the infantry advance on Zero day. On coming under heavy fire he quickly extricated his men from a very difficult and trying situation, getting them spread out along the road so that the work was accomplished as expeditiously as possible. Throughout the whole operations he showed great coolness and leadership.

8915 Sjt. R. W. Jane, 5th F.A.B., Aust F.A.

At Hargicourt on the morning of the 29th September, 1918, he was in charge of a gun which was situated in a very exposed position on the right flank of the battery. Soon after our barrage opened a heavy counter-barrage was put down close to the battery; two of his detachment were casualties, but with great coolness and courage he continued to work his gun so that continuous fire was maintained. Shortly afterwards he was severely wounded in the arm, but still continued to work the gun until ordered to desist.

1953 Sjt. F. W. Jones, M.M., 18th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For fine courage and devotion to duty during the attack near Estrees, north of St. Quentin, on the 3rd October, 1918. Soon after the jump off his platoon commander was wounded. He took charge of his platoon and led them under heavy machine-

gun fire through the unbroken wire. Coming upon a machine gun he attacked it single-handed and captured it with its crew. He then re-organised his platoon in the objective and personally superintended the consolidation of the position.

2187 Cpl. H. E. Jones, M.M., 48th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For marked gallantry and initiative during the advance near Le Verquier, north-west of St. Quentin, on the 18th September, 1918. After the capture of the objective, when an enemy strong point in the trench system was still holding on, he immediately organised his section and attacked it, capturing two machine guns and 20 of the enemy. By his fine action he prevented a large number of casualties and assisted his company commander in pushing forward fighting patrols and an outpost line.

873 Sjt. E. V. Keogh, M.M., 3rd Bn., Aust. M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the 29th September, 1918, near Quennemont Farm, he took charge of a section whose officer had become a casualty. He moved the section forward with a battalion, and got them into action under heavy artillery and machine-gun fire, engaging parties of the enemy and preventing them from bringing light machine guns into action against our infantry. Throughout he displayed great skill and leadership.

5843 Cpl. S. R. Lawson, 48th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the advance near Le Verquier, north-west of St. Quentin, on the 18th September, 1918. He was in charge of a party at a bombing block in a communication trench running to the enemy trench from a commanding position in our front line when the enemy attacked with a strong party, driving him and his men up the trench. He promptly re-organised his party and attacked and drove the enemy out of the trench, re-establishing himself at the block. The enemy again attacked under trench-mortar and machine-gun barrage, but he, by the skilful use of a Lewis gun and rifle grenades, was able to crush this attack before they reached the block.

2480a Sjt. T. R. McBarron, 1st Bn., Aust. Inf.

In the operations near Hargicourt, on 18th/21st September, 1918, after his officer had been killed, he took charge of the platoon and handled it in a very able and determined manner. When enemy resistance was met with in the form of machine-gun posts he led his platoon against these posts, capturing or killing the garrisons and at the same time setting an excellent example of gallantry and self-sacrifice to those under him. He showed marked courage and able leadership.

2097 Sjt. T. McMillan, 3rd Bn., Aust. Inf.

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Hargicourt, on 18th September, 1918. During the advance he

located an enemy machine-gun nest, and taking two of his platoon rushed the post, killing a number of the crew and capturing four machine guns and 45 prisoners, aiding considerably the speedy capture of the objective with a minimum of losses. He did splendid work, and showed a fine example of courage and leadership.

1690 Pte. J. P. Marshall, M.M., 55th Bn., Aust. Inf.

For marked gallantry and determination during the attack on the Hindenberg Line, north of Bellicourt, on 30th September, 1918. When the attacking troops reached the captured trench he and another man found themselves alone, through casualties, in 250 yards of the trench. He and his comrade immediately started to successfully mop up the enemy in spite of superior numbers, killing and wounding a number and driving the remainder out of the trench. Throughout the operation and subsequent enemy counter-attack he showed great dash and initiative.

16 Sjt. T. Massey, 50th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For marked gallantry and good work. Near Jeancourt, north-west of St. Quentin, on 13th September, 1918, during a strong hostile counter-attack, he took a Lewis gun out of the trench and moved forward alone under heavy machine-gun and shell fire to an exposed position in the open from which he could enfilade the counter-attacking enemy, on whom he inflicted heavy casualties. He was of tremendous assistance in repulsing the counter-attack. On the same day he undertook a patrol in face of heavy machine-gun fire, and established touch with a flank platoon.

6768 Pte. J. M. Mitchell, 1st Bn., Aust. Inf.

On 18th September, 1918, near Hargicourt, he by his gallantry and dash materially assisted the advance. He worked round three hostile machine guns at different points of resistance and put them out of action, inflicting casualties upon the enemy and capturing prisoners. With his platoon officer he attacked an enemy garrison of thirty, taking eighteen prisoners and killing seven. He personally accounted for six of the enemy killed in another post encountered. Throughout the whole attack he showed magnificent spirit and set a fine standard of courage and devotion to duty.

716 Sjt. A. Mooney, 18th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For consistently good work during the operations of 3rd/5th October, 1918, near Estrees and Montbrehain respectively north of St. Quentin. On the 3rd, in command of his platoon, he was twice the first to reach enemy machine guns, and on each occasion personally killed two of the crew. He organised the consolidation of his platoon objective, and by personally directing his Lewis guns did much to stave off the repeated counter-attacks and later to push the line forward.

1092 Spr. W. H. Moran, M.M., 3rd Tun. Coy., Aust. Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in endeavouring, under heavy fire, to

save the life of a wounded comrade. On 30th October, 1918, near Mortagne, he and a comrade were sent to investigate some buildings recently occupied by the enemy. Whilst returning, his mate was so badly wounded by a bullet that he could not crawl. He succeeded in carrying him back to safety, although being fired at all the time by snipers and machine guns.

2217 Pte. A. G. Newland, M.M., 53rd Bn., Aust. Infy.

During the operations near Bellicourt between 30th September and 2nd October, 1918, he displayed marked courage and devotion to duty. Early in the advance some of the enemy were retiring past a 77 mm. gun when one of them swung round and picked up a shell to load and fire it at the advancing troops, who were then only about 50 yards distant. Seeing this, he charged ahead of his company and killed the man, thus saving heavy casualties. Later on he rushed and killed a sniper who was aiming at his company commander at point-blank range. Throughout the ensuing two days he worked unceasingly in his capacity as a runner, carrying numerous messages under heavy fire.

5890 Pte. J. H. Norcott, 25th Bn., Aust. Infy.

During the attack on the Beaufort line, east of Peronne, on 3rd October, 1918, all the N.C.O.'s of the platoon to which he belonged became casualties. He took command of the platoon, and led them with great courage and skill. Encountering an enemy strong post, he took his Lewis gun forward to within 30 yards of the enemy, firing on the enemy guns. He put two machine guns out of action, killing most of the crews and covering the advance of the platoon until the post was rushed. He then led the platoon on to the objective.

2689 Sjt. A. C. Nottle, 32nd Bn., Aust. Infy.

During the advance beyond Bellicourt between the 29th September and 1st October, 1918, he showed marked gallantry, initiative and devotion to duty. While his company was advancing he noticed an enemy anti-tank battery firing on a tank and the troops in rear of it. He on his own initiative pushed forward a Lewis gun team into the open and at once opened fire, with the result that the battery was silenced and those who were not killed forced to retire from their position. By his fine action the advance was enabled to continue. Later in the day he went forward with a few men and captured twenty prisoners.

3601 Cpl. M. O'Brien, 2nd F.A.B., Aust. F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Nauroy, near Bellicourt, on the night 2nd/3rd October, 1918. His battery was subjected to heavy shell fire, and all his officers became casualties. He at once took charge of the situation, and controlled the men in such a way that the barrage that was being fired at the time was in no way interfered with. He acquainted headquarters of the position of affairs, and also sent word to

the officer in charge of one of his batteries in the vicinity. Throughout he showed great coolness and ability.

318 Sjt. D. P. Oliver, M.M., 29th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Bellicourt on 29th September, 1918. At the advance on Nauroy he led his platoon with great dash and coolness during the advance up the sap and afterwards along the Le Catelet Line towards Cavaret Farm. He successfully led his platoon forward on the night 29th/30th September, and established his position in the railway cutting north of the Nauroy Railway Station, the whole time being under heavy machine-gun fire. Throughout these operations he behaved most gallantly.

3873 Sjt. O. V. Olsen, 45th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the attack west of Bellenglise on 18th September, 1918. He was fired on from a strong enemy position, but rushed it with a few men. He reached the position first, and twenty-four of the enemy surrendered to him. He set his platoon a splendid example during the whole advance and rendered valuable service.

3300 Cpl. T. A. Price, 48th Bn., Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative during the advance near Le Verquier, north-west of St. Quentin, on the 18th September, 1918. He took charge of a platoon, and by keeping liaison with company on his flank, greatly assisted the advance. On reaching the final objective he organised a section and pushed forward to a trench about 300 yards in advance, which he cleared of the enemy. He was responsible for the capture of seven officers and eighty other ranks, which owing to the rapidity of his movements, were captured in dugouts. He did fine work.

683 Cpl. G. J. H. Read, 42nd Bn., Aust. Inf.

On 29th September, 1918, during operations south of Bony, while his platoon was bombing its way up the Hindenburg line, he displayed great daring and initiative by covering the advance with a Lewis gun, and so allowed the party mopping up to continue their work of clearing out a machine gun. From the trench in which his platoon was working he crept out in face of fire from six enemy machine guns, covered the enemy strong point from a distance of 40 yards, drew the fire, and thus prevented the enemy from firing on our bombers. This enabled them to get within range for bombing, and they cleared the strong point.

21098 Sjt. E. Richardson, 12th Army Bde., Aust. F.A.

On the morning of the 17th October, 1918, when the enemy were preparing for counter-attack, and his battery was being heavily shelled, he rearranged gun crews, and by his personal gallantry and energy managed to maintain four guns in action. Again, on the morning of the 18th, he with one gunner kept his gun in action until the end of the

operation. Throughout he showed great coolness and devotion to duty.

3902 C./S./M. E. A. Richardson, 59th Bn., Aust. Inf.

During the operations near Bellicourt, on 29th September, 1918, when his company was held up, he displayed great gallantry in organising bombing attacks under heavy shell and machine-gun fire. Again, on 1st October, when all his officers had become casualties, he took command of his company, continued the advance, gained his objective, and after pushing out forward patrols, consolidated the position under heavy shell fire. He has on previous occasions displayed great courage and skilful leadership.

3290 Cpl. J. L. Roberts, M.M., 3rd Bn., Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Hargicourt on 18th September, 1918. His officer having become a casualty, he assumed command and led his men forward with great skill and dash. When his platoon was held up by machine-gun fire from two enemy guns, he led a charge forward, killing and wounding the crews, and capturing the guns, thus enabling the advance to continue to the successful capture of the objective. Throughout he showed great courage and leadership.

34812 Gnr. R. S. Robertson, 5th F.A.B., Aust. F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the 29th/30th September, 1918, east of Bellicourt, whilst one of a party of telephonists accompanying a liaison officer with the attacking infantry. Early in the advance all the liaison officer's party, with the exception of this gunner and one other, became separated. He alone mended wires and kept up communication between battalion headquarters and a forward observation post under a heavy enemy barrage of 8-inch and 5.9-inch shells. His plucky work enabled his officer to pass back important information under most trying circumstances.

6612 Cpl. A. H. A. Ruge, 26th Bn., Aust. Inf.

He was in charge of a section during the attack on the Bearevoir System near Peronne, on the 3rd October, 1918. On passing through the first objective, both his platoon officer and serjeant became casualties. He immediately took command and reorganised the platoon, continuing the advance to our position east of Velleuve Farm, and consolidated. When the enemy forced an entry into the farm and our right flank was exposed, he withdrew to the line behind the farm, and by his sections mutually supporting one another, he was enabled to occupy the new line with a minimum of casualties and without disorder. He displayed great gallantry and ability throughout.

3656 Pte. (T./Cpl.) R. Russell, 5th Bn., Aust. M.G.C.

For marked gallantry and initiative during the attack on Joncourt on 1st/2nd October, 1918. His N.C.O. becoming a casualty, he took charge of his gun team,

and, despite severe hostile opposition, successfully engaged enemy machine-gun nests, which were causing casualties to the infantry and hindering their advance. Later, when the situation on his flank became obscure, he took charge, and by his skilful handling and gallantry he rendered invaluable assistance to the attacking infantry.

2981 Pte. A. P. Schofield, 18th Bn., Aust. Inf.

For most conspicuous gallantry in the operations of 3rd October, 1918, near Estrees, north of St. Quentin. His company met with unbroken wire in front of the objective, and came under heavy machine-gun fire. He found an opening through the wire, and rushed single-handed through the gap to a machine-gun post which was holding up his company. He himself killed two of the crew, capturing the remaining four and the gun. He did splendid work.

319 C./S./M. J. Scott, M.M., 17th Bn. (fmly. 19th Bn.), Aust. Inf.

During the attack on the Bearevoir line, north of St. Quentin, on 3rd October, 1918, he displayed marked gallantry and initiative in dealing with the enemy. When his company advanced after being temporarily held up by severe enemy machine-gun fire, he was first to reach the objective trench, and successfully attacked two machine-gun posts in succession, capturing twelve prisoners and two machine guns. With seven men he then continued to mop up about 150 yards of the enemy trench, and captured a further thirty-two prisoners during this operation. He did excellent work.

500 Sjt. J. Seivewright, 25th Bn., Aust. Inf.

During the attack on the Bearevoir line, east of Peronne, on 3rd October, 1918, he, in company with another man, went forward after the capture of our objective, to deal with a machine gun which was causing a lot of trouble, and a sniper near the machine-gun post. He worked his way to within 40 yards of the gun, and then with the other man firing at the enemy post, killed two of the crew, the remainder surrendering to him. He showed marked courage and determination.

421 Sjt. A. R. Selman, 1st Bn., Aust. Inf.

In the operations near Hargicourt, from 18th/21st September, 1918, as battalion signalling serjeant he performed valuable work throughout, greatly assisting his officer in the directing of his section and attending to all details of communication, which was early established with brigade and companies. During the attack of 21st he went out to lay a further line to brigade, and on coming under heavy barrage continued to carry on his work till he and the two men with him were severely wounded. He set a fine example to those with him.

4477 Sjt. C. Smith, 45th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the operations west of Belleglise, north of St. Quentin, on 18th September, 1918. When troops on the right were held up during the advance he with

great skill and determination manœuvred his platoon in such a manner that he was able to engage the enemy at short range and force him to evacuate, our line being thereby established. He set a very fine example to the men throughout.

1737 Sjt. C. Smith, 53rd Bn., Aust. Infy.

During the operations near Bellicourt, from 30th September to 2nd October, 1918, he displayed conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy counter-attacked along a trench he three times collected bombs and rushed forward, forcing them back, and causing heavy casualties. He took part in bombing down a section of 600 yards of trench, and rendered invaluable service to the officer in charge by collecting quantities of enemy grenades and using them with good effect. Throughout the operations he rendered very valuable service.

3002 Cpl. R. G. Stephenson, 58th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations north-east of Bellicourt 29th September-1st October, 1918. He worked all night 29th/30th continuously under fire, re-organising parties who were wandering in front of our line, bringing them into the front trench and then guiding them across to their position on the left flank. He also brought in a considerable number of wounded men who were lying out in front of the line. Throughout he did excellent work.

1750 Cpl. C. W. Tayler, 9th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and ability. Near Villeret, on 18th September, 1918, when the attack was held up by strong enemy machine-gun fire from a trench, he immediately brought his Lewis gun into action in an exposed position, thus helping a small party of "moppers-up" to approach the trench from a flank. He then rushed forward, firing his gun from the hip, and took up a position on the enemy side of the trench, and brought covering fire to bear on the enemy's position while the "moppers-up" completed the capture of the post. He did excellent work.

2227 Sjt. F. V. Tuxworth, 19th Bn., Aust. Infy.

During the attack on the Beaufort Line, north of St. Quentin, on 3rd October, 1918, he displayed conspicuous gallantry in dealing with enemy opposition. While the attack was held up on the right, he worked his way up the trench system from the left, and located an enemy machine-gun post in the trench, which was still firing and causing considerable trouble to the main attacking party. He immediately bombed the post, and the surprise caused by his accurate bombing having scattered the enemy, he rushed the post, eight prisoners and two machine guns being captured. He did fine work.

2428 L./Cpl. C. R. Williamson, 46th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous courage and most determined leadership during operations on the

night 18th-19th September, 1918, west of Bellenglise, north of St. Quentin. He fought his way into a trench held by a large party of the enemy. After throwing all his bombs he seized an enemy gun and turned it on them, inflicting heavy losses and causing the remainder to surrender. He then rallied a few men, and getting more bombs he fought his way along the trench, and after another stiff fight he captured a large number of the enemy. He did splendid work.

1963 Bdr. W. J. Wilson, 106th Bn., 6th Bde., Aust. F.A.

At Saint Souplet, on 17th October, 1918, he was with a patrol under an officer on a forward reconnaissance. While the party were advancing with the infantry through enemy barrage he was wounded, and the other two men incapacitated by wounds. He assisted in carrying them a considerable distance through the barrage and assisted his officer in his reconnaissance, returning with him to the battery, and afterwards carrying out his duties on his gun throughout the day's fighting. He showed marked gallantry and devotion to duty.

6578 Pte. J. J. Woodhouse, 37th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Le Catelet, on 1st October, 1918. He was sent forward as a scout, and reconnoitred the northern entrance of the St. Quentin Canal Tunnel, which was close to the enemy's position and under heavy fire. Later he guided a section to command the entrance of the tunnel, and whilst so doing was severely wounded. Throughout the operation he showed remarkable resource and an utter disregard of danger.

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14556 Sjt. F. Baker, M.M., 1st Bn., Wellington R.

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, east of Le Quesnoy, on 4th November, 1918. During the attack, whilst doing consistently good work throughout the day, he rushed two machine-gun posts and captured the garrisons. Later with two men he was instrumental in capturing a battery of 4.2's and 77 mm. guns, taking prisoners three of the crew. His exceptional coolness and magnificent dash were a very fine example to the men in his platoon.

36944 Rfn. C. Birch, 1st Bn., N.Z. Rif. Bde., attd. 3rd N.Z. L.T.M. Bn.

For conspicuous courage and good work. He was one of a light trench-mortar gun team in the attack on Le Quesnoy on the 4th November, 1918. He went forward and located a machine gun which was holding up the advance, enabling the remainder of his gun team to blow out the gun and thus allow the advance to proceed. He, with one other man, then made a daring reconnaissance of the locality from which the machine gun had been firing and captured and brought in an enemy officer and 27 other ranks.

20290 Sjt. S. Board, 1st Bn., Wellington R.

For marked gallantry and good work east of Le Quesnoy on the 4th November, 1918. Early in the attack, when his platoon officer became a casualty, he took over command of the platoon and led them admirably. His platoon inflicted many casualties on the enemy and captured about 200 prisoners and ten machine guns. Throughout the attack he displayed fine courage and leadership.

13733 Sjt. H. O. D. Clark, 1st Bn., Wellington R.

For most conspicuous courage and good work east of Le Quesnoy on the 4th November, 1918. During the attack it became necessary at one stage for his platoon to be split into sections for mopping-up purposes. He then worked single-handed, fearlessly entering cellars alone, and capturing many prisoners. Later, he noticed one of his sections being held up by a machine gun. He immediately shot two of the crew, then rushed the post, capturing the gun and making prisoner the remainder of the crew.

22419 Sjt. J. P. Cunneen, 1st Bn., Canterbury R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of a platoon. When his platoon was surrounded by the enemy he fought his way out to the flank with a few men, and pushed forward behind the enemy and attacked him in rear, capturing 30 prisoners. By this gallant and skilful action he saved a very difficult situation. He set a very fine example to all ranks.

10/5000 R./S./M. D. Davis, 1st Bn., Wellington R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Briastre on 11th/12th October, 1918. On the 11th October he took charge of a party of stretcher-bearers which went up to the front line, and superintended the evacuation of all the wounded of one company under most difficult conditions and spasmodic shell and machine-gun fire. The next night he again assisted in the evacuation of wounded from the front line, and personally ascertained that no wounded were left lying out. Throughout he showed great energy and devotion to duty.

11016 Sjt. F. C. Fergusson, 2nd Bn., Otago R.

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the 23rd October, 1918, near Salesches, when his company was held up, he led the support platoon round to a flank, and then getting into a good position opened fire with his Lewis gun. With five men he crawled round the end of the enemy position and then charged. Sixteen prisoners and several machine guns were captured by him and about 16 of the enemy were left dead in the post. This splendid action enabled his company to go on.

13901 Cpl. W. Friend, 1st Bn., Otago R.

For marked gallantry and devotion to duty. During the advance near Neuville, on the 23rd October, 1918, he went forward with a patrol and sent back valuable reports which enabled his company to move ahead. On reaching the point of assembly he personally reconnoitred the forward posi-

tion and afterwards took prisoners about 80 enemy. Later, he shot an enemy officer who fired at him from behind a hedge. Throughout the operation his work at difficult points was of an exceptionally high order.

24/157 Sjt. J. Grubb, 2nd Bn., 3rd N.Z. Rif. Bde.

For marked gallantry and good work during the operations near Le Quesnoy on the 4th November, 1918. During the attack he led his section with great skill. After clearing two machine-gun posts he encountered a nest of three, and, assisted by a light trench mortar, removed this obstruction and went forward to the objective, taking a large number of prisoners and several machine guns. By this gallant action he took the objectives of the platoon on the right.

24/451 Sjt. S. Hartley, 2nd Bn., 3rd N.Z. Rif. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and good work during the operations near Le Quesnoy on the 26th/30th October, 1918. On the night of 28th/29th October he volunteered to conduct a raid on an enemy position containing an N.C.O. and 16 men, with two heavy machine guns, and accounted for four of them—the rest fled. The following night he again led a raiding party against an enemy post with such speed as to utterly rout them, overtaking and killing three of the enemy. On each occasion he got his party home without casualties.

45217 Cpl. M. Kerrigan, 2nd Bn., 3rd N.Z. Rif. Bde.

For most conspicuous gallantry and good work in the operations near Le Quesnoy from 26th to 30th October, 1918. On the 29th he was a member of a party consisting of seven men, under a serjeant, which was to raid an enemy strong point 300 yards from our line. The party crept out to within 30 yards of the enemy positions, and it was found that the post occupied by the enemy were small and several. He immediately rushed one post alone, killing three of the enemy. He then rushed another post, killing two and capturing one of the garrison, whom he brought back to our lines. He afterwards went out and brought in a wounded comrade. He behaved magnificently.

47439 L./C. F. Lang, 1st Bn., Wellington R.

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty east of Le Quesnoy, on the 4th November, 1918. He led his section with conspicuous skill, and kept it well under control. At one stage the line was in danger of being held up by an enemy machine-gun post in a hedge, when he rushed forward alone and hacked a way through the obstructing hedge, which enabled his section to push through and envelop the post. He did fine work.

29833 Cpl. W. C. S. Moorhouse, 1st Bn., Otago R.

For marked gallantry and initiative. During the advance across the l'Ecaillon River, Beaudignies, on the 24th October, 1918, our line was held up after crossing the river by machine-gun fire from the front and

from both flanks. He crawled forward with his gun team to a position whence he could enfilade the enemy, and by his fire covered the advance of the platoon on the right which worked round and brought enfilade fire to bear on the trenches. On this the enemy surrendered, and three officers, seventy-five O.Rs., and six light and one heavy machine guns were captured. He did excellent work.

47458 L./C. F. J. Nettleingham, 2nd Bn., Wellington R.

For marked courage and initiative. On 4th November, 1918, near Pont de l'Alouette his platoon came under very heavy machine-gun fire. He pushed on ahead, located the enemy gun, and bringing enfilade fire to bear, forced the crew to abandon the gun. He then rushed alone into the trench, taking the garrison, fifteen in number, prisoners. His prompt and courageous action undoubtedly saved the company many casualties. He did fine work.

30650 L./Sjt. I. G. Short, 1st Bn., Wellington R.

For most conspicuous gallantry and initiative east of Le Quesnoy, on the 4th November, 1918. Early in the attack, when in support, he led a section and mopped up an enemy machine gun that had been passed over, killing several of the team and taking the remainder prisoner. Later, with a few men he outflanked and took prisoner a party of the enemy who were taking up a firing position. After reaching the final objective he went forward to reconnoitre, and was severely wounded by a strong party of the enemy after he had killed one of them. He set a splendid example to those with him.

65162 Pte. W. G. Vial, 1st Bn., Wellington R.

For most conspicuous gallantry and initiative east of Le Quesnoy on 4th November, 1918. Accompanied by his section commander he rushed a machine-gun post which was holding up the advance of the section, killed two of the gun crew, made the remainder prisoners, and captured the machine gun. Immediately afterwards he led his section in an attack on another machine-gun post, and captured the whole of the crew. He set a splendid example to the men of his section.

NEWFOUNDLAND FORCE.

2247 Pte. W. Anthony, 1st Bn., R. Newfoundland R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 3rd October, 1918, at Ledeghem, when the enemy put down a heavy barrage prior to counter-attacking. He took out his Lewis gun entirely by himself 150 yards in front of the front line, and caused considerable casualties on the enemy. He was entirely alone for a quarter of an hour, and during the whole of the counter-attack remained out in his advanced post. He did fine work.

1368 L./Cpl. M. Brazil, M.M., 1st Bn., R. Newfoundland R.

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the 14th October, 1918, during the advance from Ledeghem, when the attack was held up by four field guns firing at very close range, he and another man doubled forward with a Lewis gun by short rushes under intense fire, until they

reached a position from which their covering fire enabled the platoon to advance further and finally to capture four field guns and four machine guns. He did fine work.

1403 Cpl. C. F. Carter, 1st Bn., R. Newfoundland R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 3rd October, 1918, at Ledeghem. The enemy put down a heavy barrage prior to counter-attacking, and under cover of a timber-yard pushed forward a machine gun, and were causing several casualties. Cpl. Carter with a section worked his way forward among the timber and opened fire on the enemy and silenced the gun. He established a post well out in the timber-yard, and remained there during the remainder of the counter-attack.

3423 Pte. T. Corbin, 1st Bn., R. Newfoundland R.

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On 14th October, 1918, during the advance from Ledeghem his platoon was being enfiladed by enemy machine guns and fired at by field guns at point-blank range. He and another man immediately opened fire with their Lewis gun on two machine guns. Though both men were very much exposed and at very close range they outfought and killed the enemy machine gunners. Though both men were slightly wounded they carried on through the action.

3289 Pte. S. Greenslade, 1st Bn., R. Newfoundland R.

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the 14th October, 1918, during the attack from Ledeghem towards Lys his section was temporarily held up by an enemy machine gun and snipers firing from a farmhouse. On his own initiative he dashed forward with his Lewis gun, got it into position, and opened fire with his gun through the windows of the farmhouse. Under cover of his fire his section advanced, captured the machine gun and 12 prisoners. His quick action and dash were admirable.

3382 Pte. A. S. Whalen, 1st Bn., R. Newfoundland R.

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the 14th October, 1918, during the advance from Ledeghem, his platoon was being enfiladed by enemy machine guns and fired at by field guns at point-blank range. He and another man immediately opened fire with their Lewis gun on two machine guns. Though both men were very much exposed and at very close range, they outfought and killed the enemy machine-gunners. Though both men were slightly wounded, they carried on through the action.

SOUTH AFRICAN FORCE.

2471 A./Sjt. C. G. Alexander, 2nd Bn., S.A. Infy.

During the advances from Beaufort to Maurois on the 8/9th October, 1918, he displayed great courage and resource. On one occasion, when the division on the right were out of touch, he collected about fifty men out of a wood and pushed them forward to the final objective. Armed with a Lewis gun, he moved quickly from point to point and dealt with enemy machine-gun posts

most effectively on several occasions. At the final objective, when all the officers but the company commander and all the senior N.C.O.'s had become casualties, he took over the duties of C.S.M., and was of the most valuable assistance to his company commander. His initiative and devotion to duty were outstanding.

5664 L./Sjt. M. H. Fisher, 4th Bn., S.A. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 17th October, 1918, at Le Cateau. He was in charge of stretcher-bearers, and attended to the wounded in the open under heavy shell and machine-gun fire. He worked with untiring energy for forty-eight hours in the treatment of the wounded while the R.A.P. was being heavily shelled. His courageous conduct throughout was a fine example to all ranks.

15543 Sjt. J. G. Mack, 1st Bn., S.A. Infy.

On the night of the 17th/18th October, 1918, when the enemy was still on the railway embankment north-east of the River Selle, he collected and steadied his men under very heavy machine-gun fire at close range, charged the enemy, and drove him from his position. He showed great courage and devotion to duty.

9175 Sjt. P. Mundy, 4th Bn., S.A. Infy.

For marked courage and initiative. On 17th October, 1918, during the attack on Le Cateau, an enemy machine gun on the flank was inflicting severe casualties on the advancing troops. On his own initiative he dashed forward for 200 yards across the open to the gun. On reaching the emplacement he released the lever of a bomb, holding it in his hand until the fuse was almost spent, and dropped it in the centre of the gun team, thus preventing any of them escaping. He then turned the machine gun on the enemy, enfilading their position and compelling them to withdraw, thus enabling that portion of the line to advance. He did fine work.

5241 Pte. L. A. Townes, 4th Bn., S.A. Infy.

On the 17th October, 1918, during the attack on Le Cateau, when his company was held up in front of uncut enemy wire, he went forward under heavy machine-gun fire and cut a gap large enough to allow his company to pass through. The platoon officer and all N.C.O.'s of his platoon becoming casualties early in the advance, he took charge and led the men most gallantly to their objective. His fine example contributed greatly to the success of the advance.

X/633 Pte. B. Wellensky, 4th Bn., S.A. Infy.

During the advance on 8th October, 1918, towards Maurois his platoon commander and serjeant became casualties, and he took com-

mand of his platoon, which was the leading wave, and led it to final success. His courage was beyond praise, and the leadership he displayed throughout the attack contributed greatly to the success of the operation.

EAST AFRICA.

229 Sjt. Chichasi, Northern Rhodesia Police (E. AFRICA)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Fusse's Village on 4th/5th October, 1918. This N.C.O. set a fine example to his section under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire at close range, and by encouraging the young Askari was largely instrumental in breaking off the enemy attack.

CORRECTIONS.

The following are the correct descriptions of Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men who have been awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal:—

120017 Sjt. M. Capstick, 36th Bn., M.G. Corps.

(London Gazette dated 5th December, 1918.)

G/1927 L./Cpl. W. Chapman, R.W. Kent R.

(London Gazette dated 20th October, 1916.)

2068 Pte. G. L. Davis, 1/6th Bn., L'pool R., T.F.

(London Gazette dated 14th January, 1916.)

976 Sjt. A. Gregory, 7th Bn., R.W. Kent R.

(London Gazette dated 12th March, 1919.)

G/11160 C./S./M. J. Prooth, 13th Bn., R. Fus.

(London Gazette dated 22nd September, 1916.)

SOUTH AFRICAN FORCE.

5924 Cpl. P. C. Greeff, Sth. Afr. Mtd. Rif.

(London Gazette dated 30th October, 1918.)

EAST AFRICAN FORCE.

98 Pte. C. Boardman, N.W. Rly. Vol. Rif., M.G.S. (EAST AFRICA)

(London Gazette dated 3rd October, 1918.)

56 Cpl. C. Lowe, M.G.S. (EAST AFRICA)

(London Gazette dated 3rd October, 1918.)

94 Sjt. A. E. McNevin, N.W. Rly. Vol. Rif., attd. Bharatpur I.S. Infy.

(EAST AFRICA)

(London Gazette dated 28th March, 1918.)

ID/1445 Pte. Masumbuko Bin Nganga, Int. Dept. (EAST AFRICA)

(London Gazette dated 28th March, 1918.)

The announcement of the award of the Distinguished Conduct Medal to the undermentioned, which appeared in the London Gazette of the 4th May, 1917, and the statements of services published in respect of the same in London Gazette dated 26th May 1917, are cancelled:—

1888 Cpl. Hamis Mohonza, E.A. Pol. Serv. Bn.

1941 Sjt. Mahomed Ahmed, E.A. Pol. Serv. Bn.

3444 3/Const. Ndone Nzemba, E.A. Pol. Serv. Bn.

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