

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