

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.