

captured a body of 50 enemy who were still offering resistance.

133442 Spr. (A./2nd Cpl.) F. Church, 79th Fd. Coy., R.E. (Oxford).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative on the night of 22nd/23rd October, 1918, near Le Cateau, under heavy shell fire. He made a valuable reconnaissance, returning with information through both our own and the hostile barrage. Later he led his section to the selected bridging sites and started work under heavy fire. He also did good work in removing mines.

K.W./498 P./O. D. Churms, Drake Bn., R.N.V.R. (Rotherham).

For most conspicuous gallantry and initiative during operations at the Escault Canal. Under intense machine-gun fire he swung himself across the broken bridge from girder to girder, others following his most gallant example. He promptly organised this party, bringing enfilade fire to bear on all the suspected enemy machine-gun employments. His initiative and resource at this time, apart from his utter disregard of danger, was undoubtedly instrumental in the capture of the canal.

300318 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) S. C. Clare, 1/7th Bn., Essex R., T.F. (Walworth).

(EGYPT)

On the 19th September, 1918, at Kebr Kasim, this N.C.O. showed great gallantry and devotion to duty. Before daylight, when his company came under heavy shell fire, he displayed exceptional coolness and courage in steadying it, and his utter disregard for his own personal safety was a splendid example to all ranks.

M.Z./175 P./O. H. Clark, Drake Bn., R.N.V.R. (Liverpool).

For most conspicuous gallantry and initiative during the operations from 27th September to 1st October, 1918, from Moeuvres to Proville. He displayed great courage and fearlessness in his continual attacks on machine-gun posts. In the Hindenburg support line he led an attack on an enemy post which had been holding up the advance of other units for over two hours. He dashed forward into the post, killing four of the crews and capturing 30 men and six machine guns.

9153 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) J. A. Clarke, 2nd Bn., H.A.C., T.F. (Hungerford).

(ITALY)

Throughout the attack on the Grave di Papadopoli on the night 23rd/24th October, 1918, to the final capture of the entire island on the 26th October. During the counter-attacks of the 26th October he showed the utmost fearlessness in bombing and rushing enemy machine guns which were firing at point-blank range. He then took his Lewis gun single-handed to a position commanding a footbridge over which the enemy were retiring, and caused them heavy losses.

776389 Sjt. L. D. J. Clements M.M., D/310th (W. Rid.) Bde., R.F.A., T.F. (Lavender Hill, S.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, on 7th November, 1918, at Bois du

Chene. He was wounded in the hand by one of the first shells, and as he was dressing his wound the battery passed him, and he noticed one of the teams was missing. Going back into the shell fire, he first found and relieved two wounded men, and then went to assist the team, freeing the wounded horses and releasing two wounded drivers.

49273 Pte. S. G. Coe, 54th Div. M.G. Bn., M.G. Corps (Wimbesh).

(EGYPT)

This man showed the greatest dash in keeping his gun team up in close support of the infantry advance from Majdel Yaba to Wadi Kaneh, on 19th September, 1918. In spite of a wound received when giving supporting fire from an exposed position, he carried on to the end of a most strenuous day's operations, showing an utter disregard of danger, and setting a splendid example.

152154 Pte. C. Collins, 23rd Bn., M.G. Corps (Newcastle).

(ITALY)

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the attack across the Piave River on the 27th October, 1918. Although wounded and suffering much pain he continued to advance, but was swept off his feet in the river, and the machine gun he was carrying was lost. Arming himself with an enemy gun on the first objective, he advanced another two kilometres, until he was exhausted. The courage and endurance shown by him had an invaluable effect on the men of his section.

2262 Sjt. F. Connell, M.M., 2nd Bn., R. Highrs. (Arbroath).

(EGYPT)

On the 19th September, 1918, during the attack on the Tabsor position, when his platoon was being held up, he rushed forward, bombed the enemy from the position, and then working forward with a Lewis gun, cleared another point, and was instrumental in putting an enemy machine gun out of action. During the whole attack he displayed great courage, coolness and initiative.

4609 C./S./M. C. Covell, 1/4th Bn., Norf. R., T.F. (Bungay).

(EGYPT)

During the operations of the 19th and 20th September, 1918, he was foremost in the pursuit of the enemy, and in the occupation of the village of Bidieh. Although suffering from a serious indisposition, he led his men over a most precipitous country, and by his personal example and fortitude was instrumental in the capture of several prisoners and large quantities of stores and ammunition.

41956 L./Cpl. J. Crilley, M.G. Corps (Cav.) (Newry).

(MESOPOTAMIA)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Hiwaish on 27th October, 1918. As No. 1 of the remaining gun of his subsection he succeeded, under heavy fire, in getting his gun into action within 200 yards of the enemy's line, and supported most effectively a cavalry attack. Later, he withdrew his team with great skill and coolness.

3963 Cpl. H. Critchley, 12th Bn., Manch. R., attd. 52nd L.T.M. By. (Oldham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 4th November, 1918. When his