

major as soon as his own company serjeant-major was severely wounded. Later, when his officers were all killed and wounded, he took command of the company and led it with great resource and skill in a difficult situation.

20094 Sjt. S. Hill, 22nd Bn., Manch. R. (Bolton). (ITALY)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during Piave operations, October 27th-29th, 1918. He repeatedly went forward under very heavy shrapnel fire, encouraged the men, reorganised sections, and cleared casualties. Later in the advance he continually led forward sections who were checked under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, with total disregard of personal safety.

403243 Sjt. J. F. Hind, M.M., 1/2nd (W. Rid.) Fld. Amb., R.A.M.C., T.F. (York).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in the Avesnes-le-Sec area from 10th to 18th October, 1918. On two days he went out alone under heavy and continuous artillery fire, working incessantly day and night. The successful clearing of the wounded from the front area, and the control of the field ambulance-bearers attached to units, was directly resultant on his personal courage, tenacity and initiative.

618001 Sjt. (A./B.S.M.) W. G. Hitchcock, R.H.A., T.F. (Southampton). (EGYPT)

For gallantry, initiative and devotion to duty at Ras Jibbin on the 24th September, 1918. A section of the battery was ordered to advance in the open and shell a retreating enemy column. The section commander being a casualty, this warrant officer took command and brought a very effective fire to bear, which caused severe casualties to the enemy and enabled our cavalry to capture large numbers of prisoners and complete the rout of the remainder.

18961 L./Cpl. (A./Ftr.-Sjt.) H. G. Holben, D./69th By., R.G.A. (Leyton). (EGYPT)

West of Bir Adas, on the 19th September, 1918, during bombardment of the enemy's trenches, the left section of the battery came under heavy hostile fire, causing casualties. The section commander collected some men, and Serjeant Holben came up and volunteered to carry on. He proceeded to clear the killed and wounded, and set a splendid example to the men under him, and in five minutes he had the gun in action again, and completed the bombardment.

241030 Sjt. H. C. Holloway, 5th Bn., Ches. R., T.F., and 2/3rd K. Afr. Rif. (Chester). (EAST AFRICA)

This N.C.O. showed great gallantry and devotion to duty on 21st July, 1918, at Namirru in organising parties and assisting materially in putting out a serious fire caused by enemy shells, under a very heavy cross fire from machine guns. It was mainly owing to the exertions of this N.C.O. that the fire was prevented from spreading and rendering our position untenable.

200052 Sjt. T. Holloway, M.M., 1/4th Bn., R. Berks. R., T.F. ([E] Abingdon). (ITALY)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty north of Asiago on November 1st,

1918. When the company on his left was held up by machine-gun fire, he showed marked gallantry in organising headquarters, and leading them forward under very heavy fire. Later, when his company moved forward to capture its final objective, he headed a party and captured Sichelstal Trench.

11525 C./S./M. E. L. Homer, M.M., 8th Bn., York. R. (Middlesbrough). (ITALY)

During the period 26th/29th October, 1918, in the Piave Battle, he showed great skill and conspicuous gallantry in carrying out his duties. When all officers of his company except his company commander had become casualties, he took over the duties of second in command. On one occasion he personally led an attack on a strongly fortified post and succeeded in killing or capturing the garrison.

23 C./Q./M./S. L. Hunter, 1st Bn., W. Gds. (Camberwell).

For conspicuous gallantry at Amfroipret on the night of 5th/6th November, 1918. The billets occupied by his company were heavily shelled, and one shell burst in a barn, killing six men and wounding twenty-six. He attended to the wounded, and later went to Battalion Headquarters, being heavily shelled all the way, to bring up the medical officer.

300392 C./S./M. C. V. Ilott, 1/7th Bn., Essex R., T.F. (Leyton). (EGYPT)

At Kefr Kasim, on the 19th September, 1918, this Warrant Officer showed great gallantry and devotion to duty throughout the day. He was the first to lead the way whenever opportunity occurred. The example and bearing he set to his men, under heavy fire, was of a very fine order.

14001 L./Sjt. W. Ireson, 11th Bn., W. York. R. (Worsbrough). (ITALY)

Throughout the operations on the Piave of 27th, 28th and 29th October, 1918, he displayed most conspicuous gallantry and dash. On the 27th, with one other man, he worked his way along the Bund, and at close quarters captured three machine guns and their crews. On the 29th, after the Monticano was crossed, he captured single-handed four machine guns and crews, and, after being badly wounded, refused to leave the line until ordered to do so.

57821 Spr. (A./2nd Cpl.) A. H. Jackson, M.M., 36th Div. Sig. Coy., R.E. (Coragh, Co. Armagh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Moorseele from 14th to 17th October, 1918, in charge of a party of signallers working in the forward area. Although constantly under shell fire, he kept up practically continuous communication between brigade and battalions during the whole time.

60930 Pte. F. Jacobs, 2nd Bn., R.W. Surr. R. (W. Kensington). (ITALY)

On 29th October, 1918, near the village of Cimetta, when the attack was held up by machine-gun fire, he worked forward with his Lewis gun till seriously wounded. At one time a maize field masked the field of