

men back one at a time—he himself being the last to leave, carrying his remaining stock of bombs with him, and assisted three wounded men to return to our lines, also carrying one who was very seriously wounded.

23524 C.S.M. P. Stabler, Leic. R. (Leicester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of a party working on a light railway under heavy fire. He showed great coolness and initiative in directing the work and encouraging his men under heavy fire, particularly in handling, under very dangerous conditions, a truck load of ammunition which had become derailed. He set an excellent example to his men.

3283 Cpl. G. Steel, M.G. Corps (Keele).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a reconnaissance, he led two machine-gun teams through a heavy barrage without a casualty, although he was wounded himself, and, after reporting to his officer, he assisted a wounded man to a place of safety before returning to have his own wound attended to. His pluck and devotion were worthy of the highest praise.

27308 B.S.M. F. Stonard, R.F.A. (Leeds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst advancing with his battery into a forward position under heavy shell fire. After one officer had been wounded and another one killed he took charge of the guns, which had been bogged, and got them into position, in spite of heavy hostile shelling. He set a splendid example of courage and self-reliance to his men at a critical moment.

5277 Pte. W. J. Streat, E. Kent R. (Dover).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was leading a party from the front line when they came under very heavy shell fire, and he was wounded. Nevertheless he led his party on, and when they were again shelled and suffered several casualties, and he was again wounded, he collected his men, got the wounded safely away, and brought his party to their destination. He refused to go to the dressing station until he had personally reported the return of his party.

R/440 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) T. H. Straw, K.R.R.C. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although badly wounded in the head during an attack, he continued to command his company after all the officers had become casualties. Practically the whole of his company were wiped out during the hostile counter-attack which followed, but he hung on with seven men, displaying the utmost gallantry and determination.

290763 A./L./Cpl. A. Stubbs, Ches. R. (Macclesfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an advance against the enemy's position. Throughout the advance he was always well in front of his section, and at the final "run in" he raced his company commander to the enemy's trench. His splendid example greatly assisted his

leader in maintaining the advance and the subsequent attack on enemy support trenches.

301338 Sjt. W. Sutherland, R.A.M.C. (Wick).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a party of stretcher-bearers. Following a daylight raid he proceeded, on his own initiative, to "No Man's Land," and, in spite of great activity of enemy snipers and heavy shell fire, he searched the whole battalion front thoroughly until all the wounded had been brought in. His coolness and courage cannot be too highly spoken of, and on many previous occasions he set a magnificent example of pluck and fearless devotion to duty.

A/2271 A/Cpl. W. S. Swallow, K.R.R.C. (Staveley Town).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as stretcher-bearer. His company came under the most intense artillery fire. He was buried three times and had to be dug out, but in spite of this he rescued and dressed in the open many seriously wounded men. It was mainly due to his untiring efforts and coolness that these casualties were got away from the barrage zone. His courage and indifference to danger were a great example to all.

72320 Pte. (A./Cpl.) H. Tallon, R.A.M.C. (Brighton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as bearer. He remained all night in "No Man's Land" with 17 wounded and was responsible for the recovery of these men, dragging them by means of blankets and waterproof sheets along the ground. He then returned for more, and his work during the whole of the operations was marked by gallantry and devotion of the highest order.

6772 C.S.M. A. Taylor, York. L.I. (Darnall).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the officers of his company were hit and he himself was wounded by a bullet through the leg, he led his men forward and captured the first objective, which he immediately started to consolidate. He stayed with his company for twelve hours after being wounded, displaying the greatest pluck and determination, and only left when the consolidation was complete.

240414 Pte. F. Taylor, Worc. R. (Evesham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he saw a party of the enemy, led by an officer, issuing from a concrete machine-gun emplacement. He immediately shot the officer and the leading man, and penned the remainder of the party in the emplacement until his platoon came up. He showed great initiative and contempt of danger.

39353 Pte. R. Taylor, M.G. Co. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. When the guns were shelled out of their positions and had to fall back he made four journeys across a heavily shelled area to bring in the gun kit.