

junction with another battalion. When the O.C. of the second wave of his company was wounded, he took charge and carried out the attack on, and demolition of, the second objective.

79012 B.S.M. E. Tyler, R.F.A. (Little Berkhamstead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed great coolness and courage in reorganising the men of the battery after it had been heavily shelled, one gun being knocked out, and the whole of two detachments having become casualties. He also rushed into a pile of blazing ammunition, dragged out a wounded man, and, having got him to a place of safety, went back to rescue another man. It was largely owing to his energy and skill that the battery was able to continue firing.

35452 Pte. (L./C.) J. A. Uttley, Lanc. Fus. (Rhodes).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He rushed forward alone under heavy fire during an advance, and, single-handed, captured the whole of an enemy machine-gun crew who were causing casualties to his company. He set a magnificent example of courage and initiative.

13668 L./C. W. Varnham, North'n R. (Old Windsor).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went out on patrol and examined the enemy's wire in daylight previous to a raid; remaining for four hours close to the enemy's position, and obtaining valuable information. He carried out several other patrols, reconnoitred the best lines of approach, and guided several parties to their points of entry into the enemy's trenches. He showed the greatest courage and initiative, and contributed largely to the success of the enterprise.

9589 Sjt. E. R. Vickers, C. Gds. (Dunstable).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in command of a platoon during an attack. When advancing on to the final objective he met with considerable opposition from the enemy concealed in some houses. By using every weapon to the best advantage he ejected them from a strong position. When ammunition became short he went out into "No Man's Land" to look for some, causing Very lights to be fired to help his search.

200077 C.S.M. W. Wagg, York & Lanc. R. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company became disorganised while crossing a marsh during an attack, he was of great service in rallying them and leading them forward under heavy machine-gun and artillery fire. After reaching the objective he exposed himself fearlessly while reorganising the company. He acted with the greatest coolness throughout.

14925 Cpl. H. C. Wale, 8th Bn., Suff. R. (Stoke).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of an advanced post

close to an enemy strong point. On two occasions his post was attacked, and when the enemy gained a footing in it he at once led an attack and recaptured it. His determination and contempt of danger under most difficult conditions were worthy of the highest praise.

9065 C.S.M. (A./R.S.M.) H. Walker, York & Lanc. R. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He superintended the removal and distribution of rations from the transport limbers under heavy shell fire. It was due to his fine example and total disregard of danger that the limbers were unloaded and safely withdrawn, and that the carrying parties were able to carry out their duties. His coolness and judgment undoubtedly saved many casualties.

G/67215 L./C. N. W. Walter, Lond. R. (Tunbridge Wells).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. With only a few men he attacked an enemy position, which he captured, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. He then collected some men of his own and another unit and led them in the advance, ultimately establishing and consolidating a post. He beat off a strong enemy attack, and held his position with great courage and determination until relieved.

32509 Pte. (A./Sjt.) R. G. Wardrop, M.M., R.A.M.C. (Hartley Wintney).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a bearer post. He got all the wounded away from his post under intense shell fire, and in spite of casualties among the bearers, working in the open with utter disregard of danger. He set a magnificent example of courage and untiring energy.

251 Sjt. A. Westgate, R. Suss. R. (Willingdon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of his platoon. After his officer had become a casualty he consolidated the strong point which the platoon had captured. Though seriously wounded, he continued to command the platoon until he became too exhausted and had to leave.

239287 Spr. (A./Sjt.) W. Whitehead, R.E. (Didcot).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He constructed a gun emplacement under very heavy fire. Though several of his men became casualties during the work, by his gallantry and good example the position was completed under the most difficult conditions.

S/8140 C.S.M. T. Whitiham, Rif. Bde. (Ashton-under-Lyne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a heavy enemy bombardment a dug-out containing five men was blown in. He at once went to their rescue, digging unceasingly in spite of the heavy barrage, and rescued three of the men, the others