

117280 Sjt. R. S. Hackett, M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of four guns of his eight-gun battery. When there was only one officer surviving, though his crews were reduced to two per gun, and these were in the line for the first time, he kept his gun in action, digging out, cleaning, and resetting them as they became buried by the heavy shell fire.

636 B.S.M. W. Hersee, M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in going voluntarily to his battery from headquarters to replace a N.C.O. casualty. When an officer was killed he took charge of four guns, keeping them in action, digging out, cleaning, and resetting them as they became buried by shell fire, although his men had been reduced by casualties to two per gun.

458592 Pte. S. Le Marquand, Mtd. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as one of an advanced section of runners during an attack. While taking a message to battalion headquarters, when his partner was badly wounded he stopped and dressed his wounds and carried him to cover in a shell hole, and then delivered his message. He constantly volunteered to carry messages.

198556 Cpl. P. H. Lindsell, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. When an enemy machine gun opened fire on the advancing troops he rushed the position through our barrage and captured the machine gun and fourteen prisoners, one of whom was an officer. By his splendid courage and resource he prevented many casualties and enabled the advance to continue.

748236 A./Sjt. T. G. MacAuley, Mtd. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during two days' fighting. He himself captured, single-handed, four of the enemy unwounded and armed. He was an inspiration to the small garrison of a farm during a critical period.

797 Sjt. H. D. A. Niven, A.S.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a convoy of wagons transporting rations and material through heavy shell fire to the forward area. When two shells wounded him and one of the drivers, killed and wounded four horses and smashed three wagons, he removed the wounded man to a dug-out, disposed of his loads, and got his convoy out. Though suffering great pain from his own wound, he dressed the wounded man, procured a stretcher, and, with the help of two other men, succeeded in carrying him three miles to the dressing station, thereby probably saving his life. The greater part of the journey was under heavy fire, and the nature of his wounds made walking very difficult.

310606 Dvr. B. A. Northam, Fld. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His gun team came under heavy

shell fire on a road which was congested with traffic, and many casualties were caused to men and horses. He remained at his post and took the gun into action alone with the greatest courage and determination.

430094 Pte. U. Nurse, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. When part of the line was held up by an enemy post, he rushed forward alone, bombed the position, and killed five and captured the remainder of the garrison. He showed splendid courage and determination.

41019 Sjt. T. I. Patterson, Fld. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when acting as Battery Serjt.-Major. The battery was almost continually under shell-fire night and day for three days, and heavy casualties occurred. When a road had to be built during this period in order to move the guns, he made three attempts at this work with a party, but each time they came under intense fire. He did splendid work in collecting and dressing the wounded and in rallying men to their work. His fine example of coolness and determination did much to maintain the morale of his men.

467019 Sjt. M. Bowden, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He took command of the company when all the officers became casualties, and consolidated the captured position with great skill under heavy fire. He displayed great courage and initiative, and set a splendid example to his men.

425275 Opl. W. Rumford, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. Though wounded, he continued to advance, and when part of the attack was held up by machine-gun fire from an emplacement he rushed it single-handed, killed two of the crew, and captured the machine-gun and four prisoners. He showed splendid courage and determination.

438114 Pte. I. W. Scott, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while one of a party digging out an old trench. He uncovered a bag of Mills grenades, and the pin of one of them came out while he was removing them. He heard the fuse burning, and at once called to the six men with him to get clear, while he groped in the dark to find the grenade. He succeeded in picking it out from the others, and threw it over the parapet, where it immediately exploded. By his courageous and prompt action he immediately saved several casualties.

886276 Pte. R. J. Scott, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. When part of another unit met with strong opposition from an enemy concrete post, on his own initiative he worked round behind the position with another man, attacked it, and captured the whole garrison. His splendid initiative and courage enabled the advance to continue and prevented many casualties.