

610006 Fittr. S./S. T. Spiers, R.H.A. (Leicester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He by his untiring energy and determination succeeded with the aid of a few men in making a road over the most difficult and rocky country for the passage of the guns. Later, when the battery was in action and before ammunition wagons could be sent up, he, on his own initiative, at a critical time organised a party, which served the guns with ammunition. His devotion to duty was most commendable.

201766 Pte. R. J. Thomas, Hamps. R. (Corfe Castle).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He served his gun under heavy fire and changed its position with sound judgment as circumstances demanded. He displayed great coolness, ability and a complete indifference to danger.

412208 Sjt. R. H. Thomson, R.E. (Wishaw).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of a working party, on his officer becoming a casualty, he left the trench, though subjected to heavy fire, and carried him in, after which he continued to supervise the work. His courage and presence of mind were most marked.

235701 Pte. (A./Sjt.) H. Trapp, Hereford R. (Hereford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As brigade orderly-room serjeant he has performed his duties in a most careful, conscientious and praiseworthy manner. His knowledge and ability are of the utmost value to the brigade, and he has shown the keenest devotion to duty.

200543 Pte. P. Trethewey, D.C.L.I. (Grampound Road).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He, as stretcher-bearer, showed great gallantry and endurance in collecting wounded under fire consecutively for thirty-six hours. On one occasion he volunteered to proceed from a post to the front line under an extremely intense fire over an area, in which several of his comrades had been wounded, but was recalled by order of his medical officer in the interests of the unit. His courage and utter indifference to danger were beyond all praise.

240722 Cpl. W. J. D. Venn, Som. L.I. (Tiverton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has carried out with marked success many important tasks with which he had been entrusted with the object of obtaining information, and has done consistent good work in scouting. He has at all times shown a complete disregard of danger.

H/45712 Sqdn. S.M. (T./R.S.M.) W. G. White, Hrs. (Cricklewood, N.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As regimental serjeant-major he has performed his duties in an able and efficient manner, and throughout his conduct has been characterised by untiring energy and devotion to duty.

250784 Pte. W. Young, R. Scots (Bo'ness).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed the utmost gallantry in action when, single-handed, he rushed a hostile machine gun, bayoneted one of the team, routed the remainder, and then put the gun out of action; there being a danger of an immediate counter-attack by the enemy. His courage, dash and initiative cannot be too highly praised.

AUSTRALIAN FORCE.

377 Sjt. J. M. Bargh, L.H.R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of a patrol when the enemy launched an attack. Seeing the enemy advancing in strength he galloped his troop forward and occupied a cutting in advance of the infantry firing line. He opened fire on the advancing enemy, and by his bold simulation of strength checked their advance and compelled them to dig in. He showed splendid courage and initiative.

390 Tptr. (T./C.S.M.) W. V. Dawson, L.H.R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed great initiative and skill during the operations and set a splendid example to his men.

491 Sjt. H. W. Farmer, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He made a reconnaissance of a well 150 feet deep, and found that it contained over 500 slabs of explosives, which had been placed in by the enemy. The explosives were connected with two fuses, which were ready to be fired instantaneously. He succeeded in disconnecting the fuses and in removing all the explosives. He showed great ability and contempt of danger.

588 Cpl. J. Frazer, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a detached post was driven back from a position which was connected by telephone with the brigade on the right, he went out at great personal risk and cut the telephone wire. He carried out his duties as despatch rider during the operations with great skill and courage under the most difficult conditions, and never failed to deliver his despatches.

767 L./O. J. E. Hamilton, L.H.R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He crawled about sixty yards forward towards the advancing enemy under heavy fire, got his machine gun into action, and held up the enemy's advance, inflicting heavy casualties on them. He remained at his post for six hours regardless of the enemy's fire, showing magnificent courage and determination.

1955A Tpr. E. T. Johns, L.H.R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as stretcher-bearer. Whilst galloping into action, he dismounted under heavy machine-gun fire to attend to three wounded men and got them under cover. He showed utter disregard of danger.