

575 Cpl. A. S. Dobell, M.M., M.G.C. (Chesham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He handled his machine gun with great skill and coolness until the enemy were within a few yards of his position, when he himself covered the withdrawal of his gun and team, killing several of the leading men of the enemy. Two days later this N.C.O. acted in a similarly gallant manner, and but for his great courage and cool judgment serious casualties would have been inflicted on his gun team.

143024 C./S./M. R. M. Doidge, R.E. (Mitcham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst awaiting orders to withdraw he was taken prisoner by the enemy. Being in possession at the time of documents of great value to the enemy, he by his coolness and ingenuity succeeded in hiding himself from his captors, destroying the documents, and, in escaping to our lines, bringing with him valuable information. His work as serjeant-major has been invaluable, and he has at all times set a very high example of courage and devotion to duty to all ranks.

1429 Sjt. E. J. Elton, M.M., R.A.F. (Wimborne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the past month he has destroyed six hostile machines and brought down another out of control. On two of these occasions he has caused two enemy planes to crash to earth, although on each occasion his formation was fighting against very heavy odds. He has at all times displayed the most marked courage, skill and determination.

14/992 Sjt. C. Firth, York & Lanc. R. (Worsboro' Bridge).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of the left flank of a raiding party he led his men forward through heavy machine-gun fire, killed a dozen of the enemy, captured two prisoners, and then skilfully withdrew his party. Hearing on his arrival in our lines that there were some wounded lying out in "No Man's Land," he returned at once, and did not come in again until satisfied that all the casualties had been brought in. He showed the greatest gallantry and coolness.

276834 Sjt. A. Fraser, R.G.A. (Dover).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He kept his guns in action under heavy shell fire, and although wounded on two occasions, returned to his gun and carried on his duties until the position was evacuated. His determination and courageous endurance were most praiseworthy.

29955 Sjt. W. Fraser, M.M., L'pool R. (Battersea, S.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy had penetrated our lines and the situation became critical, he collected a few men and rushed up to a position from which he could bring fire to bear on to the enemy, causing heavy casualties amongst them. Though a hostile machine-

gun opened a heavy and accurate fire on his party, he continued to fire until wounded.

147025 Cpl. J. Freebury, R.E. (Swindon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He, with seven other ranks, held up the enemy for two hours until reinforcements arrived. The enemy, after several attempts to penetrate the line, held up a white flag. Thinking that the enemy were about to surrender, he beckoned to the party to come forward, but was immediately fired upon. Whereupon he shot the man holding the white flag and opened rapid fire on the remainder of the party. His courage, determination and leadership were of a high order.

281613 L./C. E. Freeman, Lond. R. (Waltham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as Lewis gunner. He went forward with his platoon during an enemy attack, occupied an advanced position under heavy fire, and helped to bring a Lewis gun into action against a large number of the enemy who were advancing. When the N.C.O. in charge of the gun and the Number 1 were killed, he at once took charge and fired the gun until the enemy's advance was checked. He saved the situation by his coolness and courage at a critical time.

300040 C.S.M. A. Gibb, R. Scots (Edinburgh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a Lewis gun team, which had been sent out to protect an exposed flank, lost touch owing to the difficult nature of the ground, he at once went out under heavy machine gun fire, and, though severely wounded, located the Lewis gun and brought it into action. He showed great courage and initiative.

14880 B.S.M. J. Grant, R.G.A. (Plymouth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the battery was shelled and a dug-out was blown in, he at once organised a party to rescue six men who were buried in the debris. In spite of continuous shell fire he remained at work in the open until the men were extricated. He set a splendid example of courage and self-sacrifice.

227425 Cpl. J. Harte, R.E. (South Shields).

For conspicuous gallantry, devotion to duty and resourcefulness under dangerous and trying circumstances. This N.C.O. was in charge of a barge, with a crew of six sappers, which broke adrift from a tug in a storm. The tug was not seen again, but, with able seamanship and judgment, he kept the barge safe until she was blown ashore and looted by hostile natives. With great initiative he brought his men to a friendly port after enduring hardships for fifteen days.

345018 A./C.S.M. W. Henderson, R. Highrs. (Kelty).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He reorganised and led his company