

preparatory to an attack. To expedite erection he, with a sapper, crossed to the enemy side of the river and encountered a patrol. After inflicting casualties both were wounded, and he assisted his comrade back 200 yards under fire to a stretcher-bearer post. He then recrossed the stream, but was wounded a second time, and, being almost surrounded, swam back again, in time to help to launch the first bridge before collapsing.

1316 L./Cpl. D. Hanna, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As he was not able to get a good position for his Lewis gun, he stood up and fired it from the hip, all the time under frontal and enfilade fire, until the attack was driven off. He afterwards advanced 20 yards with his gun and cleared out some snipers.

2961 C.S.M. H. J. Hare, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On an enemy attack being driven off, he went out with a platoon to exploit the reverse. While out the platoon came under machine-gun fire. Having one officer killed, another wounded, and several casualties, this W.O. took charge and heavily punished the retiring enemy, then withdrew, bringing in the wounded, carrying the officer himself.

4525 Pte. R. Helyar, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon came under very heavy machine-gun and rifle fire from an enemy strong point, during a counter-attack on the enemy's position, Private Helyar and a comrade advanced with a Lewis gun in front of their platoon and directed such an accurate, demoralising fire on the enemy that forty of them, with four machine guns, surrendered to these two men, to whose courage and unhesitating action this valuable success was due.

1854A Sjt. B. L. Henderson, Fld. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion in operations. During a heavy shell fire at the commencement of an action he was severely wounded. As the battery was suffering heavy casualties he refused to leave his gun, and continued to direct and control his detachment until "Cease fire" was given. As he was leaving for the dressing station a S.O.S. call was received from the infantry. He immediately returned, and effectively controlled his gun until the battery ceased firing. His sterling courage, work and determination during a most critical period were of a high order.

953 Sjt. W. F. Hughes, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. was in charge of telephone linemen. During all hours of the day and night he worked under heavy fire, until at last he was severely wounded by shell fire in a gallant attempt to maintain communication with the front line.

602 Pte. W. G. Johnston, M.G. Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The enemy had massed for attack, and when our infantry charged he assisted his No. 1 to place a machine gun in an exposed position,

and whilst the No. 1 was firing, he shielded him with his body. He was soon wounded, but continued at duty till the situation was clear. He showed great courage, and exacted heavy losses from the enemy.

167 T./B.Q.M.S. S. Kanair, R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst the position was being heavily bombarded by high-explosive, gas shells and machine guns, this N.C.O. stuck to his work of dismounting three heavy howitzers, and enabled one gun and portions of two others to be withdrawn. He has displayed a splendid example of courage and resource throughout the operations.

2646 Pte. D. A. Kell, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Private Kell displayed great gallantry and devotion to duty during trying circumstances when the emergency position we were occupying was heavily bombarded by the enemy with gas and high-explosive shells. With complete disregard for his own safety, Private Kell moved up and down the company, bandaging the wounded and attending to the gas cases, until it became necessary for the company to change its position to avoid further casualties from the shrapnel which the enemy was now using. Private Kell, being sent from company headquarters to the different platoon commanders, had to pass through an area saturated with gas and heavily barraged with high-explosive shrapnel shell. On his way he was seriously wounded, but managed to crawl to the nearest platoon commander; having delivered his message he lost consciousness. By his self-sacrificing courage Private Kell was the means of saving many casualties, and this example of his conduct is not an isolated instance of behaviour which has several times been brought to notice as deserving of the highest praise during the last fifteen months he has been employed as company "runner."

2763 Cpl. J. Kingston, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a heavy barrage he volunteered to go up to the front line when it looked as if nothing could live. Shortly after starting his arm was shattered, but he continued for another 500 yards, ascertained the situation, and returned with the information, fainting through loss of blood as he delivered it.

442 Tpr. (L./C.) F. E. Lanagan, I. Horse R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of a patrol sent out to obtain information he successfully carried out his instructions with courage, coolness, and great initiative in face of stiff enemy resistance. When held up by the fire of a machine-gun post, leaving one man as horse-holder, he rushed the post with the two other men, capturing it and taking four prisoners. He then pushed on alone, and gathered valuable information and captured another prisoner, returning afterwards to brigade headquarters with all his prisoners and the information he had obtained. On three other occasions he has acted as leader of patrols, and the manner