

dug-outs, and generally helping to locate the enemy.

13/833 Sjt. S. A. McNamara, M. R. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while on patrol with his troop. A squadron of hostile cavalry was suddenly encountered, and in the fight which ensued the officer leading the troop was killed. He at once took charge and occupied a position from which he brought rifle fire to bear on the squadron and put it to flight. He then completed his allotted task. Throughout the engagement, by his coolness and disregard of personal risk, he set a fine example.

8/438 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) W. P. Morrin, M.M., Entrenching Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The enemy were reported to be advancing along the road, and he at once, on his own initiative, brought his platoon across the road and organised its defence. He showed great skill in handling his platoon, and his resource and courage inspired his men with confidence.

13/3068 Tpr. D. D. Nesbitt, M. Rif. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a night attack, as our line approached the enemy's trench, he dashed ahead, calling to the others to follow him. He charged a machine-gun on his own and bayoneted the gunners. He then quickly turned the gun round and fired on the retiring enemy. By this gallant piece of work he saved his squadron many casualties.

3/1184 Pte. T. W. Parsons, M.M., Med. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, while in charge of bearer squads. Showing great courage, he carried on his work of rescuing wounded, under very heavy fire, at all times and under most difficult conditions. He set a magnificent example to other bearers.

8/1594 Sjt. (T./C.S.M.) W. J. Pauling, Entrenching Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company took over a line of detached posts exposed to enemy snipers and heavy machine-gun fire, he took charge of the three leading platoons and successfully posted them under most difficult circumstances. His cheerfulness and courage set a fine example to his men.

7/264 Sjt. F. Robertson, M. Rifle Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. In the absence of his troop leader, and though wounded in the head early in the day, he refused to leave the post, but remained throughout the action rallying and cheering his men. His fine example of courage, under heavy shell fire and most trying conditions, was worthy of the highest praise.

13822 L./Cpl. R. C. Shannon, Rifle Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when the enemy attacked a position held

by his battalion. He was one of a Lewis-gun team and did splendid work until his gun was put out of action by shell fire. Though wounded in the hand, he immediately attached himself to a post guarding a sap, up which fully 100 of the enemy were pushing, and ran across the open from his trench and bombed the sap at close range. He killed the officer leading and two men and wounded five; the rest ran. His fine display of gallantry and entire disregard of danger greatly inspired all.

12294 Cpl. S. W. Toms, Rifle Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of a Lewis-gun section in an advanced post. Noticing a movement in front he immediately jumped over the top and ran to the wire, where he found an enemy officer with ten men behind him. He shot the officer with his revolver and caused the rest to bolt under Lewis-gun fire. This N.C.O.'s dash and gallantry on this and many other occasions had a most inspiring effect on all ranks.

6/3199 L./Cpl. (T./Cpl.) W. White, Cant. Regt.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy had penetrated a small portion of the line occupied by the battalion adjoining his battalion, he rapidly organised a bombing party and worked along the trench and ejected the raiders, capturing nine prisoners. His rapid grasp of the situation, combined with clever and gallant leadership, enabled the line to be restored.

#### SOUTH AFRICAN FORCE.

13004 Sjt. F. Hogarth, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Someone in a party of men shouted "Retire," and a general movement to the rear took place. Realising the dangerous situation thus created he raised his revolver, and facing the retiring men sent them back. His timely action and initiative saved what might have been a very serious disaster. Throughout the retirement, lasting three days, he showed an utter disregard for personal danger, and by his splendid example inspired confidence in all ranks with him.

5293 Pte. C. J. Hope, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a Lewis-gun section during lengthy operations. He used his gun to the utmost advantage and with great effect, invariably remaining at his post and covering the retirement of his unit although the enemy were within bombing distance of his position. He inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy, and his coolness and courage contributed in no small degree to the high morale of his comrades.

920 Pte. (A./L./Cpl.) A. F. Lilford, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, during an enemy attack, in charge of two guns. Under very heavy bombardment he fired 200 rounds per gun, and then went to another emplacement for extra ammunition. When all his ammunition was expended, both his guns were partially buried by enemy trench mortars, and the enemy was almost on the top of them. Assisted by a private, he