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War Office,

5th December, 1918.

His Majesty The KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of a Bar to the Distinguished Conduct Medal to the under-mentioned Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, and Men, for gallantry and Distinguished Service in the field:—

4803 R.S.M. T. Adams, D.C.M., 13th Bn., L'pool R. (Halifax, Can.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an advance. He supervised the consolidation of a position and sending forward of ammunition and stores to their forward positions under very heavy fire. Throughout the whole operations his cheerfulness and untiring energy were the admiration of all ranks.

(D.C.M. gazetted 3rd September, 1918.)

G/95066 C.S.M. A. Bonser, D.C.M., 2/4th Bn., Lond. R. (Mansfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the advance of the battalion was held up by machine-gun fire, and the officer in charge wounded, this warrant officer led forward two platoons, outflanking

the enemy and causing them heavy casualties. Two days later, in spite of the enemy barrage, he went up and down organising and directing parties who were mopping up in a village. His assistance in consolidating after the capture of the objective was invaluable, owing to his energy and control over the men.

(D.C.M. gazetted 22nd October, 1917.)

31424 C.S.M. S. Cownie, D.C.M., M.M., 13th Bn., R. Scots (Edinburgh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a counter-attack by the enemy, he held up by grenade fire a party of the enemy attacking the right flank of the company until he was practically surrounded. His initiative saved the situation. On another occasion he got bombs and ammunition up to the company during an enemy bombing attack, and personally accounted for three men.

(D.C.M. gazetted 1900.)

50183 C.S.M. J. Fisher, D.C.M., M.M., 1/5th Bn., Lan. Fus. (T.F.) (Greenfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He rallied and encouraged two

platoons under heavy enemy barrage, showing utter disregard for personal safety. The only company officer having become a casualty, he took command and organised the defence so ably that it withstood the enemy counter-attack. His conduct throughout was a splendid example to all under him. (D.C.M. gazetted 3rd September, 1918.)

240054 C.S.M. D. Houston, D.C.M., 1/5th Bn., E. Lan. R. (T.F.) (Church).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an advance of his company the headquarters, numbering six men, encountered an enemy patrol of one officer and 42 other ranks. He led his party against them, killing the officer, wounding two others, and taking the remaining 40 prisoners. He set a splendid example of courage and leadership.

(D.C.M. gazetted 3rd September, 1918.)

51277 Cpl. J. Lynch, D.C.M., R.E., attd. 2nd Gds. Bde., Sig. Sec. (Redditch).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under heavy shell fire he succeeded in maintaining communication between battalions and brigade headquarters throughout four days' operations. He reorganised the visual signalling stations and showed great coolness under fire.

(D.C.M. gazetted 16th November, 1917.)

390569 C.S.M. E. T. MacKenna, D.C.M., 9th Bn., Lond. R. (Ilford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This warrant officer contributed largely to the success of two night operations, especially on the second night, when he led his company, which had lost all its officers, to the final objective, consolidated and reported to the nearest officer. During both attacks he showed the highest courage, and inspired the men of his company by his example.

(D.C.M. gazetted 4th June, 1917.)

16355 Sjt. J. McMillan, D.C.M., 13th Bn., R. Scots (Blackridge).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy put a heavy barrage on the outpost line, lasting half an hour, this N.C.O., without waiting for orders, brought his platoon up through the barrage to reinforce the posts, and organised and led a bombing party, driving the enemy back and capturing two machine guns. He later did good work with a Lewis gun, and set a fine example to his men.

(D.C.M. gazetted 26th July, 1917.)

4389 C.S.M. E. J. O'Hare, D.C.M., 1st Bn., I. Gds. (Londonderry).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. When all his officers had become casualties he took command and handled them brilliantly. He consolidated them in their new position, reorganised them under heavy machine-gun fire, and showed the greatest coolness and disregard of danger. He had the company during two days' fighting and showed marked ability to command.

(D.C.M. gazetted 4th March, 1918.)

11406 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) A. Robertson, D.C.M., 3rd Bn., S. Gds. (Kincardine).

For conspicuous gallantry. When in command of a patrol to locate the position of the enemy he was fired on by machine-guns. Realising that these would seriously impede the attack of the battalion which was about to advance, he turned back and led his patrol against the enemy, charging with the bayonet, putting the guns out of action and killing the crews. By his great courage and contempt for the odds against him he enabled the attack to progress without Tanks to their final objective. He was severely wounded.

(D.C.M. gazetted 3rd September, 1918.)

8491 Pte. E. A. Whiting, D.C.M., M.M., 2nd Bn., C. Gds. (Hempnall, Norfolk).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. When all the officers and most of the N.C.O.'s had become casualties he led two platoons through intense enemy fire with splendid courage and skill directly on to the objective. His quick grasp of the situation was invaluable, and he took many prisoners, and set a brilliant example to all ranks.

(D.C.M. gazetted 4th March, 1918.)

AUSTRALIAN FORCE.

967 C.S.M. L. J. Mathias, D.C.M., 33rd Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In advancing through a wood this warrant officer with four men captured three enemy strong points, killing three and taking sixteen prisoners. Although cut off from the rest of the company by dense fog, he went on with great dash, and rushed a field gun which was firing over open sights, capturing the gun, killing two gunners and taking two prisoners. His leadership and initiative in the attack and his energy in consolidating, were an inspiration to all ranks.

(D.C.M. gazetted 3rd June, 1918.)

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Distinguished Conduct Medal to the undermentioned Warrant Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, and Men for gallantry and distinguished service in the field:—

23299 Pte. A. Acton, 2nd Bn., G. Gds. (Knutsford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He brought up much-needed ammunition to a Lewis gun which was closely engaged with several enemy machine-guns. Though one man had been shot in the attempt, he succeeded in reaching the Lewis gun over open ground, continually shot at by machine-gun and rifle fire at close range. He did splendid work.

S/17484 L./Cpl. A. Anderson, 1st Bn., Gord. Hghrs. (Ballygrant, Islay).

Whilst in charge of his section in operations, he displayed conspicuous gallantry and initiative in capturing hostile machine-guns with their crews. On one occasion, in rushing the guns, his two men were killed. Single-handed he attacked the enemy, killed two of

the crew, and took the rest prisoners. Throughout he proved himself to be a splendid fighter, and set a fine example to all ranks.

241337 C.S.M. R. Andrew, M.M., 2/4th Bn., York. L.I., T.F. (Goole).

When all his officers had become casualties he took charge of the company, and by his skilful leadership during an enemy counter-attack he saved a situation which, at one time, had become very precarious. His remarkable coolness, initiative, and utter disregard for danger on all occasions were beyond praise.

10273 Sjt. R. Armour, M.M., 2nd Bn., R. Scots (Loanhead, Midlothian).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. When all the platoon commanders but one had been killed or wounded he took charge of half the company, and led them to their objective. It was largely due to his skilful handling and fearless initiative that chaos was avoided and discipline maintained at a most critical time.

235578 Sjt. A. S. Arnold, 1st Bn., Linc. R. (Nottingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and determination in action. While on patrol, he crawled with four men to within ten yards of an enemy machine-gun post. The enemy opened fire, killing two of his men. He at once rushed the post, capturing two machine-guns and eighteen prisoners, having first killed one man of the post.

9008 Sjt. W. Atkey, M.M., 2nd Bn., Hamps. R. (Farnborough).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. Although in a rear wave company, he dashed forward with all the available men he could collect and charged a group of five enemy machine guns, thus saving the line from being held up. He then pushed on and captured more machine guns and 20 prisoners, and when his company on the objective were being harassed by machine-gun fire at close range, he led four men and captured a gun and seven prisoners, his company inflicting considerable casualties on the enemy as they withdrew. He showed magnificent courage throughout the operations.

22506 Pte. D. Atkins, 2/4th Bn., W. Rid. R. (T.F.) (Yeadon).

When the two leading platoons in an attack were held by a machine gun, he pushed forward to a flank with a N.C.O. and brought fire on the machine gun. The N.C.O. was killed, but he eventually silenced the machine gun, thus enabling the advance to continue. Throughout he showed fine courage and very good initiative, and set a splendid example to all ranks.

59090 Sjt. G. H. Aylmore, 42nd Bn., M.G. Corps (Waltham).

While reconnoitring for positions during an attack, he came upon a party of 25 of the enemy who were working their way towards his section. He immediately attacked them with the bayonet, shouting for his gun team to follow with bombs, and took them prisoners. Throughout the action he displayed the greatest gallantry and devotion

to duty and afforded a splendid example to his men.

377044 Pte. C. Ayre, 1/10th Bn., Manch. R. (T.F.) (Burton-on-Trent).

He took out a patrol of two men to reconnoitre the enemy's position. Having located a machine-gun post, he led the patrol to the rear of it and from there rushed it, killing three of the enemy and capturing one prisoner and a machine gun. He showed fine courage and determination.

27722 Pte. E. Baddams, 2nd Bn., Hamps. R. (Southampton).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. He rushed an enemy machine-gun post, killed four of the enemy himself, and captured the gun. He showed magnificent courage and determination. Later, he did good work as a runner.

8312 Sjt. F. Bailey, M.M., 12th Bn., Glouc. R. (Gloucester).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack on a village. When his company commander was wounded he assumed command and led it through the attack until the village was captured. During the advance he went forward alone and bombed the gunners from a strongly defended machine-gun post, killing some of them and capturing the gun. When again held up by very heavy fire, he obtained the assistance of the brigade machine gunners, went forward under their barrage, and secured a number of prisoners, machine guns and war material in the village. Throughout the operation he displayed great courage and ability to command.

202740 Cpl. F. Baldwin, 2/4th Bn., Hamps. R. (T.F.) (Maidstone).

At the commencement of an action, and when the officer and all N.C.O.'s of a platoon had become casualties, he, then a private, assumed command and led it forward with such dash and gallantry that, in spite of heavy machine-gun fire, it gained its objective. He continued to act as platoon commander for several days, accounting for many of the enemy and taking prisoners. Throughout the whole operations his magnificent example was an inspiration to all ranks.

275021 Sjt. F. Bamber, 1/7th Bn., Manch. R. (T.F.) (Manchester).

For gallant conduct during an attack in charge of half a company. With great promptitude and total disregard of danger, he, with two men, worked his way behind the enemy's position and captured and brought as prisoners one officer and 49 other ranks.

22837 Pte. (L./Cpl.) S. H. Bannell, 1st Bn., C. Gds. (Wandsworth).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative when out with an officer's night patrol which came suddenly on an enemy's post. While the officer fired his revolver this man started bombing, and when the patrol was driven back by force of numbers, he found a way out through thick belts of wire. He then returned with the officer to bring in a

wounded man. He showed great intelligence, and set a fine example.

118377 Cpl. J. G. Barrett, 42nd Bn., M.G. Corps (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the bombardment prior to an enemy counter-attack the position of his gun was blown up. Although wounded he went on under heavy shell fire to reconnoitre a new position and led his team over to the new position and got his gun into action on the enemy as they came over. He was at last ordered back by his section officer in a fainting condition. He behaved splendidly.

285564 Pte. T. Barrett, 13th Bn., Welsh R. (Bwlch, Brecon).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative when his company, while crossing a canal, was suffering many casualties from snipers. Seeing two of the enemy in a shell hole covering the bridge he dashed across and bayoneted both. His prompt courage enabled his company to cross the bridge and saved many casualties. He has previously done fine work.

18335 Pte. P. Barry, 2nd Bn., Leins. R. (Moyard).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He crawled forward round an enemy machine-gun post in face of heavy fire and captured the gun and turned it against the team, causing them considerable casualties as they retreated. He showed splendid courage and initiative.

77190 Cpl. J. Bell, 12th Bn., Tank Corps (Ayr, N.B.).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. When his Tank got badly ditched and received a direct hit, wounding the commander, he evacuated the Tank and assisted to carry his officer three hundred yards back to the front line under heavy fire. He then returned to the Tank and stood by for two hours under heavy machine-gun fire until the infantry passed through. On a previous occasion when his Tank, in advance of the infantry, was put out of action he manned a 6-pdr. gun and by his fire kept down machine-gun fire and enabled the crew to evacuate the Tank, after which he formed them into Lewis gun posts and returned to the Tank for more guns and ammunition and carried on firing until the infantry moved forward. He set a fine example of courage and devotion to duty.

50955 L./Cpl. P. Bell, 2nd Bn., R. Scots (Innellan).

For conspicuous gallantry as acting platoon serjeant during an attack. When his platoon was held up by a machine gun he went forward alone and rushed the gun, killing three and wounding five enemy and capturing the gun and enabling the platoon to move forward. He set a splendid example of courage and determination to his men.

29198 Pte. (L./Cpl.) J. Bennett, 3rd Bn., G. Gds. (Keswick).

For conspicuous gallantry and daring. He led his section in an attack on a machine-gun nest which from a hundred yards distance was enfilading his company, and in

spite of the fire and casualties rushed the post and captured two guns and their teams.

40055 Pte. F. Bennetta, 15th Bn., Welsh R. (Bolton).

47750 Pte. A. Brandon, 15th Bn., Welsh R. (Luton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a critical period of forty-eight hours these runners maintained uninterrupted communication between company and battalion headquarters, continually passing through heavy artillery and machine-gun barrage. They also carried rations when practically all the ration party were wiped out. Their courage and devotion to duty were an example to all.

TZ/815 P./O. T. Bestford, M.M., Drake Bn., R.N.V.R. (Seghill).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He pushed ahead with a few men, and mopped up an enemy machine-gun position. He then pushed on, and bombed another gun position, damaging the gun and killing the crew. His great courage and ability to deal with unforeseen difficulties inspired all about him.

3/7098 Pte. R. Black, 1st Bn., Norf. R. (King's Lynn).

For great gallantry and tenacity in attacking an enemy machine-gun post. When his platoon commander called for volunteers to capture the gun, he rushed forward. His officer was killed within thirty yards of the hostile gun, but this private went on, killed the crew and captured the gun, thus enabling his platoon to continue their advance. A magnificent effort.

12474 Sjt. G. E. Blackwell, 1st Bn., C. Gds. (Gravesend).

For conspicuous gallantry and fine leadership. On two occasions, in reorganising his command and consolidating the position under most trying circumstances and intense artillery fire, he showed great initiative and courage.

14161 Sjt. J. A. Bland, 1st Bn., S. Gds. (Burnley).

For conspicuous gallantry. When in command of his platoon, on entering a village they were met by heavy machine-gun fire; by skilful leading and dash he surrounded two machine guns, killing or capturing the entire teams, and thereby saving his company many casualties. He then led his men on to the final objective, and consolidated the position gained.

241937 Pte. (L./Cpl.) H. Boardman, 1/7th Bn., Lan. Fus. (T.F.) (Middleton).

During a successful attack by his company his Lewis gun section was at one time surrounded by superior numbers of the enemy, but by his promptness and skill in handling his gun he dispersed them. In the initial attack his section rushed a machine-gun post, and it was due to his courage and fine leadership under heavy machine-gun fire that the casualties were comparatively slight.

57384 B./S./M. J. Bond, 400th By., 14th Bde., R.H.A., attd. Gds. Div. Arty. (Millom).

For exemplary coolness and courage under heavy fire. After three nights without sleep he volunteered to be second in command of a section sent up to support advancing infantry. Whilst taking the teams away under rifle and machine-gun fire, three 5.9's burst simultaneously, killing and wounding drivers and horses. Notwithstanding this, he collected his teams and brought them safely out of the barrage.

26323 Pte. T. Booth, 1st Bn., G. Gds. (Bradford).

He showed the greatest courage and resource when cut off by large parties of the enemy, who several times tried to force him to surrender, attacking him and two wounded men with him, with bombs and a constant hail of bullets. He managed to return, under heavy machine-gun fire, with the information gained while in the enemy's lines, thus enabling a counter-attack to be repulsed. Later, he guided stretcher-bearers through the hostile barrage and brought in the two wounded men.

10133 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) H. Bray, 1st Bn., I. Gds. (Dublin).

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership during an attack. When his platoon officer was early killed, he took command and led his platoon brilliantly through intense barrage and machine-gun fire. Throughout the day he continued to handle his men in a most able manner, and finally reorganised them and consolidated his position under heavy machine-gun fire. He showed splendid courage and coolness.

2918 Pte. M. Brown, M.M., 2nd Bn., R. Scots (Edinburgh).

In company with a N.C.O. he volunteered to go forward and silence five hostile machine guns which were holding up the advance of the company. Although exposed to heavy rifle and machine-gun fire, they succeeded in capturing the five machine guns, together with 25 prisoners, besides killing several of the enemy. He afforded a splendid example of courage and determination.

201531 Pte. (L./Cpl.) R. Brown, 2nd Bn., Linc. R. (Horncastle).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O.'s section on the right flank of the attack was advancing through thick mist when it suddenly came on a strong point of about 20 men and a machine gun. Before the gun could come into action he charged forward, killing or capturing the garrison. His prompt action saved many casualties.

651258 Sjt. J. Buss, 1/21st Bn., Lond. R. (Camberwell).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative during an attack. Seeing that the company on the left had lost direction and left his own left flank in the air, he quickly organised a defensive flank with Lewis guns, and when the flank was safe got the other company to their right position. Afterwards, when the enemy counter-attacked under heavy bombardment and enfilade minenwerfer fire, he worked his Lewis guns forward coolly and

skilfully and helped to save a critical situation. Throughout he set a fine example of courage and leadership.

38462 Sjt. J. Button, 12th Hy. By., R.G.A. (Southwold).

Whilst the battery position was being heavily shelled he showed most conspicuous gallantry and devotion in assisting to unload ammunition at the guns. His fine example to the men enabled his guns to be kept in action, thereby assisting the infantry to repel an hostile counter-attack.

200866 Sjt. J. Byram, 2/4th Bn., York. L.I., T.F. (Middlestown).

Acting as C.S.M. during operations, he carried out his duties with conspicuous courage and ability. During an attack he charged a machine gun with his company commander, who was killed almost immediately, but he captured the position single-handed, bayonetting the team. Throughout he never ceased to cheer his men, and his example of courage and devotion to duty was of a very high order.

6945 Pte. M. Byrne, M.M., 2nd Bn., Leins. R. (Burnley).

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a stretcher-bearer. Whilst under a heavy concentration of enemy artillery fire, he noticed a direct hit on a dug-out in which he knew there were many men. He dashed out of his shelter, across 100 yards of open ground, to their assistance. With the assistance of two other bearers he extricated the wounded from the ruin, and made five journeys to and fro over the shell-swept zone to the company headquarters, where he dressed all the wounded; subsequently assisting to carry the cases to the regimental aid-post in rear, through intense fire. He had been wounded the previous night, but refused to go sick whilst the men of his company needed his assistance. His behaviour was admirable.

2233 Sjt. D. Campbell, 120th By., 27th Bde., R.F.A. (Frimley).

For conspicuous gallantry in action. When heavy enemy bombardment caused several casualties to his battery and ignited an ammunition dump, he called to the detachments to keep on firing, and ran and beat out the fire unaided; after which he extricated two severely wounded men from a gun-pit and carried them to a place of safety. It was due to his cool courage and promptitude that the guns were kept in action throughout the shelling.

120017 Sjt. M. Capstick, M.M., 36th Bn., M.G. Corps (Sedbergh).

When ordered to take his section to an advanced position during an attack, he pushed rapidly forward, carrying the gun himself, established it, and inflicted heavy casualties on a large body of the enemy, who were trying to outflank the line. When his officer was killed, he assumed command, controlling the fire of the guns, and by his courage and fine example, cheering his men under most difficult circumstances.

238043 C.S.M. F. J. Carless, 1/5th Bn., Lan. Fus. (T.F.). (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy counter-attack. When a party of the enemy tried to work round a machine-gun which was stopping their attack, he immediately collected men and charged them, taking ten prisoners and killing the remainder. He then put out posts to protect the gun against further attack. His prompt courage and initiative saved the gun. Throughout the operations he set an admirable example to all.

200168 Cpl. F. Chadwick, 1/5th Bn., Manch. R. (T.F.). (Eccles).

He invariably showed great courage, coolness and exceptional power of command in organising attacks under heavy shell and machine-gun fire on hostile machine-gun positions. On one occasion he led his section against a machine-gun post and captured three guns, killing or wounding all the crews.

85873 Sjt. J. T. Churchyard, D/152nd Bde., R.F.A. (Strand, W.C.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Soon after his battery, in an open position, started a barrage, the enemy put down a heavy return on the guns, killing and wounding several men. This non-commissioned officer, who was acting serjeant-major, displayed great coolness, and by personally giving first aid to the wounded, and immediately replacing casualties, kept all six guns in action to the end. He set a splendid example of energy and cool courage.

G/76294 Pte. E. Clark, 1/4th Bn., Lond. R. (Maunden).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This man, in charge of a Lewis gun, whilst advancing with his platoon saw one of the enemy firing at his platoon officer. He immediately fired and rushed at him, killing him after a hand-to-hand fight. His prompt action undoubtedly saved the life of his officer.

15595 Cpl. L. Clark, K.O.S.B., attd. 21st T.M. Bn. (Rochdale).

For conspicuous gallantry and determination. When his gun was twice buried in a bombardment by night, he dug it out both times and came into action again. The following night, answering a S.O.S. call, he used his helmet in place of the base plate, which had been damaged. When his gun team became casualties, he remained out under heavy fire dressing their wounds. He showed great perseverance and ingenuity.

13461 Sjt. R. Clark, M.M., 7th Bn., Linc. R. (Kirtton Lindsey).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon splendidly, and single-handedly rushed a machine-gun post, bayoneting two and shooting the remaining four of the team. Shortly afterwards, while reorganising his platoon to repel a bombing attack, he was wounded. He showed splendid courage and marked ability to command.

6014 Sjt. C. W. Clarke, M.M., 1st Bn., S. Gds. (Northampton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of the battalion sig-

nallars on two occasions he maintained communication with battalion headquarters, notwithstanding exceptional difficulties, during the progress of the attacks, and the fact that he was subjected to heavy shell and machine-gun fire all the time.

19484 Cpl. A. Clementson, M.M., 1/4th Bn., R. Lan. R. (T.F.). (Tyldesley).

For conspicuous gallantry and enterprise. After driving the enemy from two advanced posts, he also repulsed an attempt to recover those posts. After he had been relieved, the enemy again counter-attacked in strength, driving back our men 200 yards, whereupon this non-commissioned officer immediately led a counter-attack, repulsing the enemy by bomb and rifle fire. His vigour and determination were of the greatest value.

4616 Cpl. J. Cogley, 2nd Bn., R. Ir. Regt. (Enniscorthy).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. When his platoon commander had become a casualty he assumed command, and by bold and skilful leadership was largely responsible for the objectives being attained. On another occasion, when heavy machine-gun fire had caused a gap on the left, he reorganised his platoon, filled the gap, and saved the situation. He did splendid work.

16651 Sjt. H. E. Coles, M.M., 1st Bn., G. Gds. (Heanor).

Throughout an advance of 3,000 yards, under heavy machine-gun fire, he led his platoon with the greatest skill, proving himself a leader of the highest merit, and utterly regardless of personal danger. As a result of the attack he captured over fifty prisoners and several machine guns, and greatly facilitated the advance of the remainder of the battalion.

202229 Pte. (A./L./Cpl.) G. P. Collins, 1st Bn., R. Scots Fus. (Castleford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. When his platoon was held up by a machine gun he crawled forward and bombed the team from their post, enabling his platoon to advance. During the consolidation his cheerfulness under very heavy bombardment encouraged the men. His conduct throughout was splendid.

69290 Gnr. (L./Bomdr.) M. Connell, A/14th Army Bde., R.F.A. (Birkenhead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Three times backwards and forwards over 2,000 yards of shell-swept ground this N.C.O. carried messages between his post at Battalion Headquarters and the battery, as all wires had been cut. Two days later, while the battery was being heavily shelled, he was of the greatest assistance in attending to and placing the wounded under cover. He showed marked energy and courage.

L/11886 C./S./M. C. S. Cooper, 7th Bn., R. Fus. (Tottenham, N.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during two attacks on a wood and a village. His company was badly cut up, and all the officers had become casualties.

He reorganised the remnants and led them forward to the final objective with great determination. Working under very adverse conditions and in the face of intense fire this warrant officer set a fine example in maintaining the discipline and morale of the company.

246304 Sjt. W. Cooper, D/15th Bde., R.F.A. (Bermondsey).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On two occasions he was with a convoy of wagons carrying ammunition, which was subjected to heavy shelling. The first time, after reconnoitring, he volunteered to conduct the wagons, one by one, through the barrage, passing through the shelling twelve times. On the other occasion three wagons stuck in a place being heavily shelled. His great courage and presence of mind prevented a panic and enabled the wagons to be successfully got away.

315790 Pte. G. Corbett, 18th Bn., Sco. Rif. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While acting as stretcher-bearer he saw a wounded man among the enemy wire, 300 yards away. He immediately proceeded to his aid, and, despite continuous sniping, brought him back part of the way, and finally with some help got him under cover. Later, when the company was ordered to withdraw, he, along with two others, remained with two wounded men for a day and a night. Subsequently, when one of the men died, he endeavoured to get the other back, but failed owing to the amount of wire in the way. He then returned to our lines, and in the evening, as gas was to be projected, volunteered to go out and affix the S.B.R. on the wounded man, but failed to find him.

29528 Pte. J. W. Cotton, 2nd Bn., Hamps. R. (Cowes).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He went forward alone to silence a troublesome machine gun, although fired on from about twenty yards. He rushed the post, capturing two machine guns and five of the crew. Later in the day he assisted in capturing another two machine-gun posts. His courage was magnificent.

22054 Pte. (L./Cpl.) E. Coulton, M.M., 3rd Bn., G. Gds. (Wigan).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative. When in command of his platoon this non-commissioned officer led it with great courage and skill into the objective. While engaged in consolidating the position he found some more of the enemy, who had not been engaged by our troops, and at once attacked and forced them to surrender.

G/5723 Pte. J. Cowell, 1st Bn., R.W. Kent R. (Westerham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a platoon runner. He advanced with his platoon to the attack, and after his serjeant had become a casualty assumed command and led his men forward to the objective, working his one remaining Lewis gun successfully in covering the advance. He

established touch with the battalion on his right and superintended the consolidation of the line of shell holes in touch with the troops on either side of him. On being relieved next day he brought his men out with only one casualty through a shell-swept area. His conduct throughout was magnificent and inspired all his men.

CZ/2047 P./O. J. G. Cowie, M.M., Hood Bn., R.N.V.R. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and resource during the attack on and capture of a village. He bombed a machine-gun post, killing the crew, and later, when counter-attacked, though he was wounded and gassed, he did invaluable service in getting together men of another unit as reinforcements, and by his fine courage and personal example aided materially in repelling the counter-attack.

M2/100487 Pte. W. T. Crawford, A.S. Corps (M.T.), attd. 103rd Fld. Amb., R.A.M.C. ([E] Plymouth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of a motor-ambulance wagon. He cleared casualties from the regimental aid-post, under heavy shell fire, for twelve hours. On one occasion, when the road was being heavily shelled in front of him, he volunteered to drive his car through the barrage to bring a badly wounded man back to the advanced dressing station, and, owing to his courage and resource, the man's life was saved. His was the only car that got through.

25561 Sjt. A. E. Cribbes, 6th Bn., Sea. Highrs. (T.F.) (Kensington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This non-commissioned officer was in charge of a patrol sent forward by day to reconnoitre. In the face of heavy machine-gun fire and sniping, he captured an advanced post consisting of five men and a machine gun. Sending back the prisoners, he continued the reconnaissance until he had established beyond doubt that the line was held by the enemy in force.

27847 Pte. W. Crook, 2nd Bn., Hamps. R. (Stoke Canon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He attacked, single-handed, an enemy machine-gun post which was holding up the attack. He succeeded in getting round it, and killed or captured the whole crew. Throughout the operations he showed most determined courage.

65350 Pte. J. J. Cross, 4th Bn., R. Fus. (Folkestone).

For conspicuous gallantry in action as a stretcher-bearer. The enemy were occupying a sunken road in strength, and were inflicting heavy casualties on our men. Despite very accurate and deadly machine-gun fire, at a range not exceeding 200 yards, and in full view of the enemy, he remained in "No Man's Land," dressing and attending to the wounded, continuing his magnificent work without interruption for eight hours, until he was finally wounded.

200798 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) G. Crossley, 2/4th Bn., W. Rid. R. (T.F.) (Halifax).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Acting as company serjeant-major in operations, he took charge of all men in his vicinity after his company officer had been wounded and, successfully establishing a line, after carrying out a daring reconnaissance under heavy machine-gun and artillery fire. His courage and prompt action foiled a hostile counter-attack. Early in the action, single-handed, he drove the enemy from a dug-out, capturing thirty-eight prisoners.

265405 L./Cpl. (A./Cpl.) L. Crosthwaite, 2nd Bn., W. York. R. (Leeds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in covering the withdrawal of his company. He sent away all his men and remained on duty with a Lewis gun and offered a stout resistance to the enemy. He finally got away with the Lewis gun on a bicycle. His courage and determination were splendid, and he rendered very valuable service.

18079 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) W. Cunnington, 1st Bn., C. Gds. (Workshop).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under circumstances of great difficulty, in a fog, he displayed fine judgment in handling his platoon and gained the objective, although much opposition was offered. On another occasion he showed similar fine courage and initiative.

203090 L./Cpl. W. Davidson, 1st Bn., R. Sco. Fus. (Hunwick).

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership in charge of a Lewis gun section. When his team became casualties he, carrying the gun himself, led on a rifle section, and by his covering fire enabled them to close with the enemy. His tripod was shot away, but he reached the final objective with his gun and then by his fire materially helped to hold the position. His conduct was splendid and an example of courage to all.

408 Sjt. E. S. Davies, 1st Bn., W. Gds. (Stockport).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under intense machine-gun fire he carried in a man who was wounded on patrol, and, though suffering from the effects of gas poisoning, remained on duty through two days' fighting, and only gave in and went to hospital when his company were taken out of the line. He set a fine example of courage and endurance.

57547 Pte. T. J. Davis, 1/6th Bn., Manch. R. (T.F.) (Newport, Mon.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack, heavy enfilade fire from a nest of hostile machine guns was holding up the left flank of the attacking company. Realising the situation, he, with a non-commissioned officer, rushed through our own barrage, killed six of the enemy gunners and took the remainder prisoners, thus putting every gun out of action. The gallant conduct of these men was largely responsible for the success of the attack.

11744 Pte. (L./Cpl.) R. H. Day, 1st Bn., C. Gds., attd. 2nd Gds. Bde. T.M. By. (Nelson).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This non-commissioned officer during a counter-attack by the enemy maintained a heavy and continuous fire with his gun under extremely difficult conditions and very heavy shell fire, he himself being blown into the air by a shell which killed six men a few yards away. He displayed the greatest gallantry and courage.

47481 Sjt. C. J. Dee, 15th Bn., Welsh R. (Cardiff).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. He handled the company with brilliant vigour and initiative, and held the men together under heavy fire in consolidating his objective, pending the arrival of a company commander. Later, he exposed himself fearlessly in bringing in and tending wounded. He showed fine courage and devotion to duty.

39561 Pte. W. Delmege, 42nd Bn., M.G. Corps (Cork).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. Three hostile 77mm. guns were firing on the infantry at close range. With the greatest determination and coolness he worked his way to the gun positions, bombed the teams, causing one to surrender, and captured all three guns.

25256 Pte. (L./C.) A. Diley, 2nd Bn., G. Gds. (Moston).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. He repeatedly reorganised what was left of the company, and kept direction. On reaching the enemy's second system of trenches he advanced well in front of the company through intense machine-gun fire, and drove the enemy single-handed from the trench. On reaching the final objective he consolidated the position and protected his exposed flanks. He showed splendid courage and leadership.

801 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) J. Dodds, M.M., 4th Bn., Gds. M.G. Regt. (Low Valleyfield, Fife).

For conspicuous gallantry. After the infantry had retired, he went forward to the line recently held, and, though constantly sniped, managed to bring back information which enabled the officer in command to arrange for the withdrawal of the sub-section which was covering the retirement with their guns. This, without doubt, saved the machine guns from falling into enemy hands.

325144 Cpl. J. Dolan, 1/8th Bn., Lan. Fus. (T.F.) (Ormskirk).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative during an attack. On reaching the objective he noticed a machine-gun post on the right flank. He turned his Lewis gun on the post, and then personally led a bombing attack, driving off the garrison and capturing the gun. As a result of his courage and initiative the line was made intact.

341263 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) O. Dolan, M.M., 64th (W. Lancs.) Fld. Amb., R.A.M.C. (T.F.) (St. Helens).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Seeing some infantry caught in a sudden enemy barrage, including gas, he rushed forward, and carried in one man on his back from the gas cloud. Later, though suffering from the effects of gas, he led his bearers and cleared the remainder of the wounded. By his fine action and example he saved lives.

6193 Sjt. P. Dolan, 1st Bn., I. Gds. (Bawnboy, Co. Cavan).

For conspicuous gallantry as one of a fighting patrol sent out some 800 yards from the lines. When ordered to withdraw the party was nearly surrounded and subjected to machine-gun fire from three sides. With his officer and another man he kept the enemy off whilst the Lewis gun, which had been put out of action, was got away; and when his officer was wounded he carried him while another man threw bombs to keep the enemy off. Eventually, thanks to his courage and devotion to duty, the officer and other wounded men were got safely back over ground swept by machine-gun fire.

76226 Sjt. G. Drinkwater, 4th Bn., Tank Corps (Pimlico, S.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. For two days he kept his Hotchkiss gun incessantly in action, destroying several machine-gun nests. When a shell struck his Tank on one side, breaking his arm, he kept on firing from the other side until another shell crashed in the roof of the Tank, disabling the crew. Wounded for the second time, he helped his officer to clear his wounded comrades and get the Tank out of further danger.

201379 Sjt. H. Duddridge, 7th Bn., Tank Corps (Bridgwater).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. His Tank successfully cleared the first objective, putting out of action several machine-gun nests. He also put out of action a field gun before his Tank was hit and set on fire. He then evacuated it under very heavy fire and took up Lewis-gun posts in a trench in front, where he rendered great assistance and remained until infantry reinforcements arrived. Throughout the action he displayed great skill and courage.

528042 Sjt. J. Duff, 1/4th Bn., Lond. R. (Old Meldrum).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. He led the leading platoon with great dash and captured twenty prisoners and a number of machine guns at the first objective. He then went on, and in face of very heavy fire took the second objective, maintaining his position for several hours until the platoons on the flanks came to his assistance. By holding on where he did he was mainly responsible for the capture of eighty prisoners and ten machine guns. His courage and leadership were admirable.

245420 Sjt. H. Ebbs, 20th Bn., Durham L.I. (King's Lynn).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the officers of his com-

pany became casualties he took command, moving about amongst the men and organising them against a counter-attack. Owing to heavy casualties and a withdrawal on his flank he was eventually obliged to withdraw a short distance. He set a fine example to the other non-commissioned officers and men.

17178 Cpl. E. J. Elcock, 13th Bn., R.W. Fus. (Droylesden, Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack on a redoubt this non-commissioned officer with six men worked round the flank of a strong post, capturing it with two machine guns, enabling the company to advance. Finding another machine gun firing from his right rear, he rushed it, being wounded for the seventh time during the war. His coolness under fire and skilful leadership were worthy of all praise.

8523 Pte. G. H. Elston, 1st Bn., Linc. R. (Southampton).

While his company was holding a position he volunteered for patrol duty, during the course of which a party of the enemy was encountered. He at once rushed at them and captured ten single-handed. He invariably displayed great courage and devotion to duty.

240261 Cpl. J. Entwistle, 1/5th Bn., E. Lan. R. (T.F.) (Burnley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst acting as platoon serjeant. When his platoon had become depleted in number through casualties he collected together men of another regiment and by his courage and determined efforts effected the capture of over sixty prisoners.

265294 Cpl. H. Falkingham, 2/4th Bn., W. Rid. R. (T.F.), attd. 186th T.M. Bty. (Bingley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Early in an action a platoon was held up by very heavy machine-gun fire from enemy lines. On his own initiative he crawled forward with his gun into the open, where he could reach the lines. While going forward he was wounded; but, in spite of this, he at once opened fire, inflicting heavy casualties, causing the enemy to retire, thus enabling the infantry to advance and take the lines.

3776 C./S./M. J. Fennell, 2nd Bn., Leins. R. (Dublin).

For conspicuous gallantry in an attack. He took command of his company when all his officers had become casualties and led them brilliantly to the final objective, on one occasion rushing with a few men a machine-gun post which was holding up the advance. At the objective he showed fine powers of organisation, placing his posts with great skill. His courage and personal example inspired all under his command.

678074 Sjt. A. H. Fenner, 1/21st Bn., Lond. R. (Tolleshunt D'Arcy).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative during an attack. After the objective had been taken a strong enemy point on the left

menaced the trench. This non-commissioned officer collected bombs from along the line, and in conjunction with his company serjeant-major organised attacks on this point, succeeding after attacks and counter-attacks in reducing it after some hours and clearing it of the enemy. He rendered most valuable service and set a splendid example to his men.

22248 Sjt. M. Fisher, M.M., 2nd Bn., Manch. R. (Bath).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His platoon was on the flank of his company, which was far in advance of the troops on the right, and was the first to reach the objective, in spite of heavy machine-gun and shell fire. His action materially assisted in the capture of a village, and he inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy from the position he had reached. Throughout he displayed high qualities of leadership and tireless energy.

265137 Sjt. J. Fitzsimmons, 2/7th Bn., L'pool R. (T.F.) (Bootle).

For conspicuous gallantry and determination in action. He made repeated attacks with his men to prevent the enemy bringing their machine guns into action. On one occasion he rushed a party of the enemy alone, capturing some and putting the others to flight. Though wounded in the eye, he did not leave his post until the line was thoroughly consolidated. His coolness and dash set a splendid example.

11712 Pte. (L./C.) M. Flanagan, M.M., 1st Bn., I. Gds. (Paddington).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. When the platoon serjeant and all the non-commissioned officers were killed he took command of his platoon, captured his final objective, and consolidated under intense machine-gun fire. His leadership and courage were of a very high order. Later, he organised and led a patrol into the enemy trenches and captured four prisoners.

28198 Pte. (L./Cpl.) W. Fleming, 3rd Bn., G. Gds. (Warrington).

When in charge of a reconnoitring patrol he located five machine guns by his bold advance, and reported their positions. Afterwards, when the attack was made, he himself captured forty prisoners and two of the machine guns. He displayed high qualities of courage and determination throughout.

CZ/2219 A./B. J. S. Flett, "Drake" Bn., R.N.V.R. (Findochty).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as company runner. He continually kept up communication to the rear by carrying messages under very heavy shell fire. He volunteered and successfully carried a most important message regarding the company situation to battalion headquarters, over unknown ground, swept by enemy barrage, and returned through the barrage with a message to company headquarters. Throughout the operations he showed determined courage and rendered most valuable service.

61886 Sjt. R. H. Foster, M.M., 91st Fd. Amb., R.A.M.C. (Galway).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of a party of stretcher-bearers during an attack on a village. He worked continuously from 3 a.m. to 9 p.m., clearing R.A.Ps., and while supervising the various squads was constantly exposed to very heavy shell fire. Thanks to his untiring energy about ninety severely wounded men on stretchers were safely and quickly removed, which undoubtedly saved the lives of many of them.

12124 Pte. M. Gallagher, 1st Bn., I. Gds. (Newtown-le-Willows).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When an advance party was almost cut off by the enemy he got back with a message over eight hundred yards of ground, under intense machine-gun fire, and, although badly wounded, returned to the party again and finally got back to our lines, where he fainted from pain and exhaustion. He showed splendid courage and endurance.

44098 Sjt. W. Gallagher, M.M., 17th Bn., M.G. Corps (Armagh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst in charge of two machine guns in a newly captured position, he assisted in reorganising the infantry, and collected six Lewis guns which were lying in the open, their teams having become casualties. He manned these with his spare numbers and used them to repel a counter-attack. He engaged the enemy at point-blank range for nearly an hour, steadying the troops around him by his personal example of coolness and determination.

5021 C./S./M. G. Garton, 6th Bn., Leic. R. (Nottingham).

For remarkable courage during operations. He walked along the top of a trench, regardless of machine-gun fire, in order to encourage his company. Again, he gallantly reconnoitred enemy machine-gun posts, and by his swift appreciation of the situation was instrumental in driving out the enemy and capturing the posts.

2793 Pte. R. Geon, 1st Bn., I. Gds., att'd. H.-Q. 1st Gds. Bde. (Wicklow).

For conspicuous gallantry as brigade orderly. Three times during the morning he made his way backwards and forwards between brigade headquarters and his battalion through enemy barrage, and delivered his messages in a most efficient manner. Later, he volunteered, after several orderlies had been killed or wounded, and went forward under very heavy machine-gun and shell fire to his battalion, and brought back most valuable information to brigade headquarters. His courage and devotion to duty were admirable.

G/10247 Sjt. A. T. Gilbert, 1st Bn., R.W. Kent R. (Maidstone).

For conspicuous gallantry in command of a platoon during an attack. Noticing an awkward gap in the attacking line, he changed his direction and led his platoon to a flank in face of heavy machine-gun and rifle

fire. He then cleared a trench, taking several prisoners and a machine gun which was in a position to enfilade the attacking line. His immediate grasp of a serious situation and his own personal courage were of great value at a critical moment.

18425 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) R. I. Gilder, 1st Bn., C. Gds. (Salisbury).

For conspicuous courage and exceptional devotion to duty. On his platoon officer being killed this non-commissioned officer assumed command and led the platoon with the greatest gallantry and dash through intense machine-gun fire, and, having gained the objective, consolidated the position in a manner beyond all praise. On another occasion, under intensely critical and adverse circumstances, he displayed high qualities of leadership, setting an unrivalled example of resource and cool judgment and an utter disregard for personal safety, though suffering severely at the time from the effects of gas.

8622 C./S./M. L. Gillborn, 1st Bn., North'd Fus. (Nottingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led a party of fifty men and recaptured a stable and two trenches lost earlier in the day. On numerous occasions he exhibited fine courage and ready resource.

1090 L./Cpl. J. Glennon, 4th Bn. Gds. M.G. Regt. (Birr, Co. Tipperary).

This non-commissioned officer showed a capacity for leadership of a very high order during operations when the attack was held up and his officer had been wounded. At great personal risk he discovered the two remaining guns of his section and helped to organise the position in consultation with the infantry commanders. He made constant expeditions to battalion head-quarters throughout the day, bringing back ammunition across an area swept continuously by hostile fire.

12347 Pte. W. E. Godfrey, M.M., 2nd Bn., G. Gds., att'd. 1st Gds. Bde. H.Q. (Addlestone).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as brigade orderly. He continually carried important messages through enemy barrage between brigade headquarters and his battalion, and during the day, when his battalion headquarters had been moved, he crossed some 500 yards of ground subjected to heavy machine-gun fire to deliver important orders. Throughout the operations he showed splendid courage and rendered most valuable service.

93498 L./Cpl. (A./Cpl.) J. D. Goldie, 219th Fd. Co., R.E. (Beith).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative when a river had to be crossed in reconnoitring both banks for suitable spots. He twice crept forward alone across floating debris, under constant machine-gun and rifle fire, to report on the situation. His energy and conduct throughout were beyond praise.

53078 Sjt. H. Goodyear, 38th Bn., M.G. Corps (West Bromwich).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of a section. When the enemy were seen advancing for a counter-attack he took his guns forward under very heavy fire, and also got some captured machine guns into action, firing one of them himself. Largely owing to his fine courage and initiative the attack was stopped dead.

21233 Cpl. T. Gormley, 1st Bn., R. Dub. Fus. (Dublin).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. With twenty men he captured in face of intense fire a farm defended by a machine gun; he killed many of the enemy, took several prisoners, put the gun out of action, and, though his party was reduced to five, held the farm until the arrival of reinforcements. Throughout he set a very high example of courage, initiative and devotion to duty.

41572 Pte. (A./L./Cpl.) J. Gracey, 9th Bn., R. Ir. Fus. (Dreimgor, Lurgan).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After his section commander had been wounded he took command and led a charge on two enemy machine-gun positions, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. Subsequently, though wounded himself, he assisted the stretcher-bearers in bringing in the wounded under heavy machine-gun fire.

13334 Sjt. E. Gray, 4th Bn., Bedf. R. (Melton Mowbray).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack this non-commissioned officer's platoon was held up by a machine gun firing out of the fog and smoke screen at short range. He immediately went forward by himself, shot the gunner and two of the crew dead, and then bombed a traverse in the same trench, killing four and capturing two of the enemy. Later he volunteered to take out a daylight patrol to locate a machine gun which was enfilading the right flank. He succeeded in the attempt, though the remainder of the patrol were wounded by the heavy fire. His gallant conduct saved many lives.

S/4166 Sjt. J. Gray, 1/8th Bn., Argyll and Suth'd Highrs. (T.F.) (Stirling).

For conspicuous gallantry and leadership in charge of a platoon, carrying up blocking material to consolidate a trench which was being attacked. When the first attack was unsuccessful he organised his platoon in sections and brought them up to get in touch with the attack. This resulted in a number of the enemy being hemmed in and the trench captured. He then fetched up the required stores, keeping his platoon well in hand, though heavy bombing and rifle fire was going on.

201500 Cpl. C. Greenhalgh, 1/5th Bn., Lan. Fus. (T.F.) (Bury).

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership in an attack and counter-attack. He was in command of a Lewis-gun section, and on his serjeant and corporal becoming casualties he assumed command of the platoon and led it brilliantly to its objective

and consolidated the position. When the enemy counter-attacked he led out his section and silenced a machine gun which was covering their advance. His courage and resource were mainly responsible for the repulse of the attack.

24877 Pte. (L./C.) J. Greenwood, 2nd Bn., G. Gds. (Bacup).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. When communication by runners was impossible, and it was of vital importance to get a message back as to the position of the battalion, he stood up under intense machine-gun fire and delivered fifteen exposures on the Popham panel to a contact aeroplane, thus enabling the battalion commander to receive information as to the position on the flanks and the strength of the enemy. He showed splendid courage and initiative, and by his action ensured the success of the operation.

201600 Cpl. J. Grimshaw, 1/5th Bn., Manch. R. (T.F.) (Wigan).

After his platoon officer had been wounded, he led his men with the greatest courage and initiative. On one occasion he attacked a hostile machine-gun crew single-handed, killing the gunner and putting the rest to flight, even chasing them into our own barrage.

20614 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) W. Habberjam, 3rd Bn., G. Gds. (Castleford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in command of his platoon he beat off a heavy counter-attack by maintaining excellent fire discipline and control of his men, and succeeded in maintaining the line in spite of heavy shelling.

153318 2nd Cpl. (A./Cpl.) E. G. Hall, Gds. Div. Sig. Co., R.E. (Sutton Coldfield).

For conspicuous gallantry during an advance. He went forward with another corporal to establish wireless communication back to brigade headquarters, and though the position was heavily shelled and swept by machine-gun fire, they succeeded, after several attempts, in erecting the wireless, only to have it shot down again. Corpl. Hall then accompanied his commanding officer to a new position and established communication. He behaved with marked courage and devotion to duty.

9115 C./S./M. J. J. Hall, 2nd Bn., R.W. Fus. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative in assisting to control his company in the face of extreme difficulty. Having no connections on the flanks, he established a Lewis gun post and protected the right flank, beating off the advancing enemy and withdrawing into line, while bringing back all the wounded at the same time. He was of great assistance in reorganising the company, and though badly wounded, stuck to his duty until all was clear.

8995 L./Cpl. E. Hampson, 2/4th Bn., York. L.I. (T.F.) (Hull).

In a counter-attack he was ordered to take a Lewis gun to engage an enemy machine gun. Without a moment's hesitation he dashed across an open piece of ground which

was swept by machine-gun and rifle fire, and under a heavy barrage selected a site for the gun. Immediately he brought it into action, quickly silencing the enemy gun. He was wounded while trying to push further forward. His gallantry and cool initiative were admirable.

8368 Pte. G. Harpin, 2nd Bn., Leic. R. (Atherstone). (MESOPOTAMIA)

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He maintained communications throughout the action under very heavy fire, displaying great courage and determination.

G/4041 Cpl. G. Harris, 1st Bn., R.W. Kent R. ([E] Strood).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. When an enemy machine-gun post was enfilading the battalion he led his section to a flank, and under cover of fire from his Lewis gun section, rushed, at the head of the remainder of his men, and took the machine gun, killing the team. He showed fine courage and leadership.

7683 Sjt. F. Harrison, 2nd Bn., R. Ir. Regt. (Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a heavy counter-attack on his trench. After his officer had been wounded he took command and reorganised his platoon, and by his fine example and courage caused the attack to be successfully beaten off. During the whole advance he did consistent good work.

29370 Pte. J. G. Harrison, 1/5th Bn., E. Lan. R. (T.F.) (Horwich).

He was No. 3 of a Lewis gun section, which proceeded in advance of the platoon. His section effectively silenced four enemy machine guns, taking the teams prisoners. On reaching the final objective he, with another man, rushed a dug-out, killing the sentry and taking one officer and sixteen other ranks prisoners.

7103 Pte. J. Hassall, 3rd Bn., M.G. Corps (Stockport).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. Coming in full view of an enemy field gun who fired over open sights at him, he at once mounted his machine gun, and despite heavy enemy machine-gun fire on him from a flank, he silenced the field gun and killed five of the gunners, besides others who came out of a dug-out, before they could reach their gun. During the operation he fired his gun continuously for eight hours, showing great courage and coolness throughout.

9131 Cpl. A. E. Heap, 2nd Bn., Manch. R. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This non-commissioned officer was one of the garrison of an isolated post, which came under heavy fire, two men being killed and four wounded. He attended to the wounded, and held on till reinforcements arrived, though the enemy twice attempted to envelop the post. It was due to his stubborn determination that the post was held and the wounded evacuated.

42732 Pte. (L./Cpl.) A. T. Heasman, 1/7th Bn., Manch. R. (T.F.) (Tunbridge Wells).

He was in charge of a Lewis gun team during an attack, and, at a critical moment, when the advance was held up by hostile machine-gun fire, he left the line with his team, engaged the gun, and succeeded in putting it out of action, killing the officer in charge and its crew. During the encounter he was wounded. His great courage and quick decision enabled the advance to be continued.

16549 L./C. R. Herdman, 1st Bn., R. Ir. Rif. (Belfast).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst advancing on its objective, the platoon was seriously harassed by machine-gun fire from a post on the right. This non-commissioned officer, realising the precarious situation, took his section round to the right, and when only a few yards from the post rushed it, knocking out the crew and securing the gun. His prompt and courageous action removed a serious menace to the advance and saved many casualties.

G/2776 C./S./M. W. M. Hewitt, M.M., 7th Bn., R. Fus. (Norwich).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This warrant officer rushed a machine-gun post single-handed, which had been enfilading the line of attack from a wood for some time. He killed three and captured eight prisoners. He was unable to get clear of the wood till dark; but kept guard over his prisoners and generally learning the dispositions of the enemy. His gallant action saved many lives and led to the success of the attack.

241517 Pte. F. Hewson, 1/5th Bn., Lan. Fus., T.F. (Todmorden).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when his platoon encountered strong opposition from an enemy post. After all three section commanders had been wounded he took command of the double Lewis gun section, and, working forward, succeeded in capturing the position and twenty prisoners. He carried on his good work until after the objective was captured, and throughout the operation his courage, initiative and good leadership were most marked.

269554 Cpl. J. Hibbard, 2/7th Bn., L'pool R. (T.F.) (Salford).

For conspicuous gallantry and resolution in action. He attacked a party of 13 of the enemy with his section, three of whom were at once wounded. With the remaining three he gave chase and followed the enemy down a dug-out, where he killed two and took the remaining eleven prisoners.

253484 C./S./M. H. J. Hill, 3rd Bn., Lond. R. (Camberwell).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This warrant officer, when all officers of the company had become casualties, took command and handled it with great skill. Throughout four days' fighting his coolness under fire and initiative set a fine example to his men in all the attacks they carried out.

53448 Pte. S. L. Hills, 1/5th Bn., Manch. R. (T.F.) (Brighton).

While bandaging up his officer several of the enemy came from a dug-out and attempted to fire on the rear of his company. He shot the first, and, calling on another man to help him, captured twenty-five prisoners from the dug-out. His courage and coolness were worthy of high praise.

1092 Sjt. H. Hiscock, 4th Bn., Gds. M.G. Regt. (Westminster).

By his initiative and judgment in selecting new emplacements, to which he took his two teams under heavy machine-gun fire, he enabled a company of infantry to retire. He then withdrew his two guns to another position, from which he could protect the flank, and where he ultimately broke up an enemy counter-attack. The skill with which he handled his guns was only equalled by his indifference to danger.

27744 Sjt. J. Hodgson, 8th Bn., R. Lan. R. (Swarthmoor).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. When his platoon had fought their way through a village, and were consolidating the objective forward, an enemy machine gun opened from a house behind them. This non-commissioned officer immediately went back, through intense fire, to attack it. Finding himself unable to get at the gun unaided, he ran over to a Tank, 300 yards away, and guided it to the house. The Tank crushed the house and he rushed the position, and brought away the gun. His splendid courage and initiative saved many casualties and enabled consolidation to be satisfactorily completed.

350932 Sjt. H. Holden, 1/6th Bn., Manch. R. (T.F.) (Oldham).

During an attack, heavy enfilade fire from a nest of three enemy machine guns was holding up the left flank of the attacking company. Realising the situation, he, with another man, rushed through our own barrage, killed six of the enemy gunners, and took the remainder prisoners, thus putting every gun out of action. The gallant conduct of these men was largely responsible for the success of the attack.

11992 Pte. W. Hurst, 2nd Bn., C. Gds. (now Res. Bn.) (Pemberton).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. He led his section with the greatest dash, and rushed a machine gun, capturing the gun and its crew of seven. Throughout his splendid courage and leadership inspired all under him.

37249 Pte. A. W. H. Hussey, 12th Bn., Glouc. R. (Bristol).

For conspicuous gallantry as battalion scout. He went forward under very heavy fire, and returned with accurate information. Next day he went forward, and though wounded, obtained, under very heavy fire, the exact disposition of the companies. He then had his wound dressed, and went out again, successfully getting touch between the left company and the unit on the left. Throughout the operations his courage and devotion to duty were most marked.

12507 Pte. (A./Cpl.) H. Huxley, 63rd Bn., M.G. Corps (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry in charge of a sub-section of machine guns during an enemy counter-attack. He fought his guns brilliantly without infantry assistance, doing great execution on the enemy. Later, when the enemy had succeeded in getting into the trench, he managed, notwithstanding his heavy casualties, to withdraw one gun to a position to a flank where he was able to hold the enemy down until the infantry came to his assistance, many hours later. His fine courage and resource inspired all his detachment.

L8168 C./S.M. H. T. Hylands, 1st Bn., R.W. Kent R. (Crockerhall).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. He was of great assistance to his company commander, after his officers had become casualties, under heavy fire, and was entirely responsible for the consolidation of the left flank of the captured position and the maintenance of touch with the battalion on his flank. When his company commander was wounded, he led a portion of the company to a position from which by their covering fire they materially assisted the division on the left. Throughout the operation his bold and clever leadership was of the greatest assistance to the advance.

251301 Pte. J. R. Ingram, 1/6th Bn., Manch R. (T.F.) (Stockport).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative during an advance. Seeing that one flank of his company was exposed, he took his Lewis gun out, and covered the flank until other troops arrived. He kept about seventy of the enemy in dug-outs by his prompt action, who were taken prisoners, being exposed himself to heavy shell fire throughout. He performed most valuable service.

60773 Sjt. M. Jardine, M.M., 3rd Bn., M.G. Corps (Lockerbie).

During an advance, when his officers became casualties, he assumed command, and despite heavy hostile shelling and severe losses he resolutely pushed forward, showing great gallantry and determination and totally ignoring all danger, and ultimately gaining his position. He then opened heavy concentrated machine-gun fire at the opposing enemy, greatly assisting the work of the infantry by his fine execution.

15087 Sjt. J. H. Jarman, 1st Bn., G. Gds. (Newtown, Mon.).

During an attack by his battalion on high ground his company was held up by machine-gun fire, his captain and another officer becoming casualties. He at once took charge of all men he could collect, and brought them forward under heavy fire, capturing five machine guns and thirty prisoners, afterwards gaining his objective some 1,000 yards ahead. His magnificent example of courage and fortitude was worthy of the highest praise.

7793 Sjt. L. J. Jeffery, 2nd Bn., S. Gds. (Cowden).

During an attack, when his company came under very heavy machine-gun fire, he went

forward to find No. 4 platoon, of which he took command. He located the machine guns which were holding up the attack, accounting himself for at least two of the enemy, and established touch with the platoon on his right under very heavy fire. His coolness and contempt for danger were of the greatest value in encouraging all ranks.

16551 Pte. J. Jenkins, 1st Bn., G. Gds. (Kettlebrook).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a strong bombing party of the enemy worked down a trench, endangering the leading companies' communications, this man collected some men and initiated a counter-attack, driving them back and capturing two light machine guns, and then put up a block. He showed fine initiative and powers of leadership.

18305 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) H. Johnson, 1st Bn., C. Gds. (Consett).

For conspicuous gallantry and determination. In an attack, after the objective had been gained, it was found that the right flank of the company was exposed, and this non-commissioned officer and his section were told off to cover the organisation of a defensive flank. In this he succeeded and showed great initiative in the choice of position, and saved many casualties by his well-directed covering fire.

17420 Sjt. W. Johnston, 63rd Bn., M.G. Corps (Edeney).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This non-commissioned officer, in charge of a sub-section, held his position against a determined counter-attack, finally stopping it thirty yards in front of his guns. His determination in holding his ground gave the infantry, who had been driven back, time to reorganise and reoccupy their original line.

823 Sjt. E. Jones, 1st Bn., W. Gds. (Treorchy).

By his fearless example of courage and determination he enabled his platoon to gain their objective, and was at the head of his men when he was very severely wounded.

201117 Pte. E. Jones, 1/5th Bn., E. Lan. R. (T.F.) (Blackburn).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative. While his platoon was mopping up prisoners he noticed an enemy officer and two other ranks a little distance away bringing a machine gun into action. He immediately rushed this post and captured the three of them. He showed great courage and promptitude.

58286 Pte. F. Jones, 16th Bn., R.W. Fus. (Blackpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and fine leadership with his platoon, after the platoon commander had been wounded. He pushed forward, on his own initiative, and outflanked a hostile machine gun which was holding up the company. It was due to his covering fire that his company was able to advance, and at the same time he captured sixteen of the enemy.

3/8688 C./S./M. H. J. Jones, M.M., 2nd Bn., Suff. R. (Ely, Cambs.).

When his company commander became a casualty, during an attack, and the company was checked, he led it forward to the objective and reorganised it there. Later, when compelled to retire, through an attack from the rear and flanks, he withdrew to a sunken road and, collecting what men he could, held on for three hours. He showed conspicuous gallantry and coolness throughout.

64042 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) J. J. Jones, 32nd Bn., M.G. Corps (Talybont).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This non-commissioned officer accompanied his officer in the first attacking wave, and, after selecting sites for two machine guns, went back and brought them up into action in the face of heavy fire. He subsequently moved them forward, under intense machine-gun fire, and, bringing neutralising fire to bear, enabled the infantry to advance and consolidate. His disregard for personal safety inspired all his men.

11000 Pte. T. A. Jones, V.C., 1st Bn., Ches. R. (Runcorn).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This man went forward five times with messages through an intense barrage. He also led forward stragglers and placed them in positions. His fine example and utter fearlessness of danger were a great incentive to the men.

531587 L./Sjt. T. W. Jones, 1/15th Bn., Lond. R. (S. Croydon); and 531737 Sjt. J. J. Neil, M.M. (Goswell Road).

For conspicuous gallantry in an attack. When their company came under very heavy machine-gun fire they went forward to locate the position of the guns. Having done so, they collected a party and led an attack on them, capturing three machine guns and twenty-five prisoners and enabling the company to continue its advance. They set a very fine example of courage and initiative. Later, in an attack, they were conspicuous for their bold and able leadership.

26913 Cpl. C. Jordison, 38th Bn., M.G. Corps (Thirsk).

When the infantry was temporarily held up by hostile machine-gun fire he volunteered to locate and silence the post. Accompanying his section officer, he worked round to a flank, and, in spite of heavy machine-gun fire and bombing, they killed seven of the team, silenced the gun, and forced the remainder to surrender. His coolness and gallantry were worthy of the highest praise.

18929 Pte. L. Kenny, 2nd Bn., Manch. R. (Salford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Throughout a heavy day's fighting in front of a village this man showed tireless energy, either in keeping up communication with the unit on the flank, in delivering messages, or in leading up parties to fill gaps in the line. Always under heavy fire of all descriptions, whether by day or night, he was ready for any emergency.

558303 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) W. J. Kenny, 56th (Lond.) Div. Sig. Co., R.E., T.F., attd. 168th Infy. Bde., H.Q. (Walthamstow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Within four hours he laid lines to three battalions in an entirely new area. He was under heavy gas-shell bombardment and had to cross places swept by machine-gun fire. By his splendid example of energy and contempt of danger he caused communication to be completed before the attack commenced.

2807 C./S./M. F. J. Keown, M.M., 1st Bn., I. Gds. (Kesh, Co. Fermanagh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When an advanced party was cut off he went out 500 yards under intense fire to ascertain how the party was situated. His information enabled a covering party to be formed to assist the advanced party's withdrawal, and when the enemy tried to cut the latter off he led the covering party under very heavy fire to a position whence they could assist the withdrawal. He showed great courage and initiative.

301991 Sjt. G. W. Kerwood, 14th Bn., Tank Corps (Mitcham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This non-commissioned officer fought his Tank with great dash, being responsible for the capture of a considerable part of an important village. He knocked out a number of machine guns by his gun fire, and when his ammunition was exhausted used his Tank as a battering ram, causing havoc to houses and walls and driving the enemy out in confusion. Though three or his crew were wounded, he kept his Tank in action over two hours.

276640 Cpl. A. W. King, 1/7th Bn., Manch. R. (T.F.), attd. 127th L.T.M. Bty. (Manchester).

He was in charge of a party during an attack carrying Stoke mortar bombs for a gun in action against two machine guns. He left the ammunition with the gun, and leading his carrying party, rushed in on the machine guns. One had been destroyed by trench-mortar fire, but he captured the other with its team. He afterwards took another post in the same way. His fine fighting spirit was an example to all ranks.

43127 Sjt. T. H. King, 1/1st Bn., Herts. R. (T.F.) (Braintree).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the officers had become casualties he showed great initiative in collecting the remaining men of the company. Although the whole line was held up by heavy machine-gun fire, he pushed forward to the objective, drove out the enemy, and captured several machine guns. He showed fine courage and leadership.

200 Sjt. S. T. Kirkham, 4th Bn., Gds. M.G. Regt. (Tonge, Bolton).

In an attack, when the infantry were held up and both his officers had been killed, he assumed command of the section and got his guns into such a position as to protect the right flank of the division, which was at one time in the air, notwithstanding the fact

that after two hours his personnel was reduced to himself, a corporal and eight men. He showed throughout the day a soundness of judgment and capacity for leadership of a high order.

43723 Sjt. H. G. Kitchener, 6th Bn., North'n R. (Loughton, Bucks.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went forward with a strong patrol to get touch with the division attacking on the right. Finding that a village on his right had not been cleared of machine gunners, he went forward under their fire with one man, located the left of the division, and then reconnoitred a line to cover the gap that existed. This necessitated passing through various enemy posts, but he got back successfully, and later guided two platoons forward to the line, thus securing the right flank of the battalion. It was due to his bold and skilful carrying out of this reconnaissance that liaison was kept with the division on the right throughout the attack.

10840 Sjt. W. B. Lack, 2nd Bn., G. Gds. (Battersea).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. He dashed forward through intense machine-gun fire, knocked out a machine gun, killed the gunners, and opened heavy covering fire to enable his platoon to gain their objective. Throughout the operation he set a splendid example of courage and devotion to duty to his men.

25439 Pte. P. Lamb, 1st Bn., R. Dub. Fus. (Dublin).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. On his own initiative he rallied a small party of men, and leading them gallantly under very heavy machine-gun fire, he stormed an enemy position, killing many and taking twenty prisoners. His fine leadership turned a leaderless party into a valuable assaulting asset at a critical moment in the attack.

201524 L./Cpl. T. Lane, 9th Bn., Tank Corps (Clonakilty, Co. Cork).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. When his Tank received a direct hit, severely wounding three of the crew, including the commander, he and the remainder of the crew carried them to a trench. He then, under very heavy fire, went and recovered a stretcher and got his officer back to a dressing station. The following day he went out with another non-commissioned officer to the Tank under heavy shell fire, and after it had been mended drove it back. Throughout the action he showed utter disregard for his own safety and set a fine example to his crew.

375228 Sjt. C. Langley, 1/10th Bn., Manch. R. (T.F.) (Oldham).

He showed great courage and initiative in handling his platoon when sent forward to reinforce the leading line. He advanced himself under heavy machine-gun fire to ascertain the situation, and by skilful leading was able to bring his platoon to the desired position with but few casualties. His promptness of action enabled the company he was supporting to continue its advance.

17070 Sjt. W. H. Lavers, 1st Bn., G. Gds. (Lewisham).

During an attack, when all the officers of his company had become casualties, he took command, and reorganised and led it with the most conspicuous courage and ability. His energy was amazing, and he was everywhere, cheering on his men. In a mist his company was cut off and almost surrounded by overwhelming numbers of the enemy, but he beat them off with severe losses, taking some prisoners. His quick judgment and untiring devotion to duty were beyond praise.

200867 L./Cpl. J. B. Lawrence, 4th Bn., Tank Corps (Northampton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This non-commissioned officer, although seriously wounded by a shell which hit the Tank and wounded all in it, continued to drive it against an enemy machine-gun post until it was again hit and set on fire. Even then he did his best to carry on and extinguish the flames until exhausted by loss of blood. He showed the greatest determination and endurance.

200381 Sjt. J. Lea, 1/5th Bn., Lan. Fus. (T.F.) (Bury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy counter-attack. When a party of the enemy tried to work round a machine gun which was stopping their attack he collected his section and charged them, either bayoneting or capturing the lot. His prompt courage and initiative saved a critical situation.

25110 Pte. A. Lee, M.M., 5th Bn., W. Rid. R. (T.F.) (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry in the capture of hostile trenches, when the success of his party was largely due to his great courage and effective use of the bayonet. The party was held up by bombers, but he rushed forward, killed two, and cleared the part of the trench which was giving trouble. Throughout he set a fine example of daring and determination.

L.Z./3115 L./S. S. G. Lemm, Hawke Bn., R.N.V.R. (Clapham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. When his officers had become casualties he took charge of the company and handled them with great ability. He rushed the enemy positions under extreme machine-gun fire, and captured three machine guns and a number of prisoners, afterwards quickly consolidating his position. He showed fine courage and leadership.

40701 Cpl. C. Liddamore, 10th Bn., Lan. Fus. (Swindon).

When advanced troops had reached their objective, an enemy machine gun about 100 yards in front of the position opened fire. On his own initiative he at once went forward, and single-handed brought back the gun and gunner. He invariably set a fine example of courage and devotion to duty.

240810 Sjt. C. Liesley, 1/6th Bn., Notts. & Derby. R. (T.F.) (Chesterfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This non-commissioned officer, in com-

mand of a platoon, passed through a battalion to attack two posts from which our advance was being stoutly contested. He succeeded in working round the first, from which the enemy retired, he then rushed the second, killing six of the enemy and securing two prisoners and a machine gun. He then reorganised, and charged a third post, driving the enemy out, shooting four before they escaped. He showed great qualities of leadership and disregard of danger.

20674 Pte. D. Llewellyn, 1st Bn., G. Gds. (Gilly-gaer, Glam.).

During operations he displayed magnificent gallantry and a superb contempt of danger worthy of the highest commendation, inspiring all around him by his personal courage. In the major portion of an attack the fog was dense, and hostile fire was directed on a Tank. He reconnoitred ahead, and led it forward to the enemy machine-gun nest, which he located. Later, he went off in the fog to find another Tank, whose engine could be heard, meeting on the way several parties of the enemy, whom he killed. Although wounded, he continued in action until the objective was gained.

26424 Pte. E. S. Lowe, 13th Bn. (now Depôt), Welsh R. (Bedwas, Mon.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the line was checked this private volunteered to carry a message to battalion headquarters and succeeded in delivering it, despite the fact that it was impossible to move without coming under heavy fire and that he was wounded in the side almost as soon as he started. He arrived in a state of collapse, but gave valuable information to the battalion commander.

40298 Pte. P. Mansbridge, 10th Bn., S.W. Bord. (Cowfold).

For conspicuous gallantry and determination as company runner. When a platoon was cut off from his company during a heavy gas-shell bombardment this private went out alone, and after one and a half hours' search succeeded in locating it. On many occasions he has carried messages under the heaviest machine-gun fire, setting a fine example of courage and devotion to duty.

92739 Sjt. S. March, 9th Bn., Tank Corps (Woolwich).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. Noticing that another Tank was badly ditched, he got out of his Tank under very heavy fire and, with the assistance of another non-commissioned officer, fixed his steel hawser to the ditched Tank and dragged it out with his own, thus saving it from being knocked out. He showed an utter disregard for his own safety and set a fine example to his crew.

61429 Sjt. D. Martin, M.M., 12th Bn., Manch. R. (Bootle).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an enemy counter-attack the bulk of the company, including all the officers, were completely surrounded, and fighting with bayonets and even fists within the circle. This non-commissioned officer stood on the parapet regardless of heavy fire, and rallying the remnants of the company,

dashed forward and extricated the isolated party. He personally killed many of the enemy at close quarters, and by his prompt action at a most critical moment turned the tide of the fight.

Ch./296509 C./P./O. J. J. Martin, M.M., Drake Bn., R.N.V.R. (Tonbridge).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He got forward a supply of battalion ammunition under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, enabling enemy counter-attacks to be beaten off. Later, during an attack, he got ammunition forward under extremely difficult circumstances. He showed splendid energy and disregard for his own safety.

676594 Farr.-Sjt. F. McAllister, A/74th Bde., R.F.A. (Liverpool).

He was in charge of the first and second line wagons coming to guns just brought into action. The position was being heavily shelled. His magnificent example of gallantry and coolness was instrumental in getting the wagons up, the ammunition dumped and the teams away with only a few casualties.

47589 Pte. T. J. McCarthey, 15th Bn., Welsh R. (Bromley).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. When his platoon was checked by machine-gun fire, which was causing heavy casualties, he single-handed got round the rear of the post and was responsible for the capture of it and fifty men. He displayed great courage and initiative.

52003 L./Cpl. W. McDonald, 1st Bn., R. Soc. Fus. (Glasgow).

With another man he rushed and captured an enemy machine-gun post under heavy fire, thereby permitting his platoon to advance. The machine-gun nest contained a team of twenty-two of the enemy and four machine guns. The daring and spirit of the charge completely upset the nerves of the garrison, and when three had been killed the remainder surrendered. He then turned one of the captured guns on another enemy party, causing casualties.

14421 Sjt. D. McGowan, M.M., 13th Bn., R. Scots (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack on the outpost line, when the fighting was at its height, this non-commissioned officer rushed forward and brought back a wounded man over a distance of 100 yards under intense fire. A few days later, when one of our advanced posts had been attacked and occupied, he led forward a bombing party and retook it, holding it with very few men. He showed fine fighting qualities.

303335 Pte. P. MacGregor, 1/8th Bn., Arg. and Suth'd Highrs. (T.F.) (Lenzie).

For conspicuous gallantry and coolness with a trench reconnoitring patrol, which was suddenly heavily bombed from behind a block, the officer being wounded. This man led a rush on the block under a shower of bombs and the enemy bolted. Later, when the enemy counter-attacked in force, and the

patrol had to withdraw, he kept the enemy at bay by bombing until his men had got away, and then fell back himself. It was due to his courage and determination that the patrol was extricated from a difficult situation without loss.

22176 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) J. McLeod, 2nd Bn., K.O.S.B. (Lumphinnans).

For conspicuous gallantry as one of a fighting patrol of an officer and eight other ranks sent to clear out a machine-gun nest. The officer being early killed, this non-commissioned officer took command, and, dividing his party into two, succeeded in rushing the guns and killing or capturing the crews. In all, six machine guns and a number of prisoners were captured. Throughout his courage and good leadership inspired his men with great confidence.

200791 Sjt. W. McNicoll, 4th Bn., Tank Corps (Kinnettles, Forfar).

When in command of a Tank, he fought it for five miles into hostile territory, until it was put out of action by two direct hits, seriously wounding him and all his crew except one. He then ordered the crew to evacuate the Tank, but he remained to cover their withdrawal by machine-gun fire. Eventually when the infantry arrived, he was removed to a dressing station. His gallantry and devotion were most praiseworthy.

S/5185 Pte. (L./Cpl.) J. Miller, 1/7th Bn., R. Highrs. (T.F.) (Carnoustie).

For conspicuous gallantry in charge of a Lewis gun section. Under heavy shell fire he maintained his gun in action after the team had all become casualties and the gun itself buried three times. He remained on duty for four hours after being wounded in the stomach, refusing to leave his post till finally carried off, exhausted. Previous to this he led a bombing raid and cleared an enemy pocket. His courage and devotion to duty were of a very high order.

250981 C./S./M. W. Mink, M.M., 3rd Bn., Lond. R. (Somers Town).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during four days' fighting round a village. He was always busy helping his own and officers of other companies in the ever-recurring work of reorganisation after gaining objectives. By his coolness and courage under heavy fire he set a fine example to all ranks, and during heavy shelling he assisted in dressing and evacuating wounded.

5628 C./S./M. A. Mitchell, 1st Bn., S. Gds. (Upper Tooting).

In an attack, when the left of his company was in the air and a large party of the enemy trying to work round it in the mist, this warrant officer at once moved up a Lewis gun to the threatened flank, and, with the corporal in charge of the gun, together wiped out the party, capturing any who survived. On another occasion, though badly gassed and wounded in the head, he continued to carry out a reconnaissance under very heavy shell fire, and did not desist until he had obtained most valuable information. Throughout the whole of the operations he

displayed fine judgment and splendid courage.

38076 Sjt. T. Moore, C/74th Bde., R.F.A. (Islington, N.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while his battery were firing a creeping barrage in support of infantry. Under very heavy enemy shell fire he kept his gun in action until all the detachment, including himself, became casualties. He then extricated wounded from the burning ammunition around the gun, in doing which he was further wounded, and had to be carried off the field. He set a splendid example of courage and determination.

251740 Pte. S. Moores, 1/6th Bn., Manch. R. (T.F.) (Manchester).

During an attack he came across a small hostile party in charge of an officer. He, single-handed, killed the officer and two of the enemy, when the remaining four surrendered to him. The rest of the day he acted as company runner, and carried a large number of messages under very heavy fire. He set a brilliant example of courage and coolness.

16913 C./S./M. J. H. Moss, 9th Bn., W. Rid. R. (Bradford).

For conspicuous gallantry. With the assistance of another man he attacked and captured an enemy machine gun which had been holding up the advance, and throughout the operations showed great powers of organisation, which were of material assistance to the success achieved.

201711 L./Cpl. F. W. Moulding, 18th Bn., Glouc. R. (Stapleton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This non-commissioned officer, with six men, was in charge of a Lewis gun-post in the outpost line when the posts on both his flanks were surrounded and driven in. He held on to his post, which was completely isolated, until dawn, when he retired under fire, and rejoined the new outpost line. He had been out with his post under sniping and shell fire for forty-eight hours, with no food but his own rations. He showed great determination and endurance.

TZ/2815 C./P./O. J. R. Muirhead, Hawke Bn., R.N.V.R. (South Moor).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He led small parties of men forward under intense machine-gun fire, repeatedly returning to shell holes for others, and eventually got the whole company forward and captured the position. All his officers were killed, and it was through his fine courage and leadership that the attack was successful. He advanced one thousand yards into enemy positions after being wounded.

4184 Sjt. W. Mullane, 1st Bn., Lan. Fus. (Manchester).

For most conspicuous gallantry and initiative. This non-commissioned officer, with six men, charged a party of forty of the enemy, who, with two machine guns, had got behind two platoons on the right flank. He completely repulsed the enemy, who sur-

rendered to the battalion, who were some 300 yards to the right rear. The two guns were captured, and several of the enemy were killed. This charge saved the right flank from being turned.

55674 Cpl. G. Murphy, 2/4th Bn., Y. & L. Regt. (T.F.) (Birmingham).

In a hostile counter-attack, after all his company officers had become casualties, he led the men forward over the open to meet the oncoming enemy. After severe fighting at close quarters, they were driven off with heavy casualties, leaving several prisoners in our hands. He then advanced, occupied a position, and reorganised the company. His great gallantry and fine leadership did much to encourage all ranks with him.

16752 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) E. A. Myers, 10th Bn., W. Rid. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. After two officers of his company had been wounded he led two platoons through heavy fire against a strongly held position. He was subsequently badly wounded, but refused to be carried back until the signal to return had been given. He showed great coolness and initiative throughout.

24489 Pte. (L./Cpl.) W. Napier, 37th Bn., M.G. Corps (Edyell).

For conspicuous gallantry and coolness while in charge of a front line post which the enemy raided under a heavy barrage. He opened fire with his gun, and continued in action till the enemy retired, in spite of the fact that his helmet, jacket and gun were hit by bullets, and his condenser bag blown away by a bomb. His determination was responsible for the discomfiture of the enemy.

330232 Pte. A. Newnham, 2nd Bn., Hamps. R. (attd. 1/4th Bn., Leic. R.) (Wroxhall).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He did twenty-four hours' continuous work in charge of a squad of stretcher-bearers, and carried on with his duties after being knocked down and badly shaken when his aid-post was hit. He dragged his wounded company commander to a place of safety under heavy fire, and though weak after his injuries, went and fetched in a wounded man. His pluck and energy were splendid.

51681 Sjt. J. J. Nickson, 1/8th Bn., Lan. Fus. (T.F.) (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of his platoon during an attack. He personally led his men on with the bayonet, killing and capturing many of the enemy. He has at all times shown great courage and able leadership.

15709 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) J. A. Nicol, 1st Bn., S. Gds. (Aberdeen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In an attack under circumstances of great difficulty he led his platoon with the greatest dash and skill, ensuring the direction of the objective to be gained by constantly repassing in front of his sections under very heavy machine-gun fire, and pointing it out to the men as they lay on the ground. On a

subsequent occasion, though badly gassed, and wounded in two places, he continued in his place, and after fierce fighting, in which he killed several of the enemy, succeeded with his platoon in capturing his final objective and taking eight machine guns. His example and courage were beyond all praise.

12437 Pte. P. Nolan, M.M., 2nd Bn., S. Gds. (King's Norton).

During an attack, as a company sniper, he co-operated with two Lewis guns in an attempt to outflank hostile machine guns, and, although under heavy fire, he accounted for at least twelve of the enemy. Later, acting as a runner, he carried many important messages through heavy machine-gun and shell fire. Throughout he was invaluable to his company commander.

17537 Pte. W. Norriss, 10th Bn., S.W. Bord. (Llanhilleth).

During an attack, when all the non-commissioned officers had become casualties, this private took command of the platoon and pushed forward under very heavy machine-gun fire to support the leading company, which was at that time outnumbered and urgently in need of reinforcements. He displayed great courage and initiative, and his coolness was an excellent example to the men of his platoon.

97310 Pte. (L./Cpl.) R. G. Norton, 14th Bn., Tank Corps (Abergavenny).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. He drove his Tank with skill and determination, inflicting numerous casualties on the enemy until it was knocked out by a direct hit. Though suffering from severe shock, he then drove a fresh Tank to the second objective; and, after having rallied, drove for the third time into action to the assistance of the infantry. In attacking a factory which had held up the infantry, his Tank was knocked out, and he then assisted his Tank commander to establish a strong point, and by their fire forced a large body of enemy machine gunners to abandon the building. Throughout the day this non-commissioned officer showed marked courage, cheerfulness and devotion to duty.

23321 Pte. (L./Cpl.) T. Oakley, 3rd Bn., G. Gds. (Colchester).

For conspicuous courage. When in command of a patrol of five men, this non-commissioned officer captured a machine-gun post with its team of fifteen men over 500 yards in advance of our line. Later in the same day he led his patrol another 700 yards in advance, and brought back most valuable information, which had to be obtained under heavy machine-gun fire.

352156 Cpl. A. Oldham, 1/5th Bn., Manch. R. (T.F.), attd. 127th T.M. Bty. (Droylsden).

During operations he displayed conspicuous gallantry and resource in dealing successfully with hostile machine-gun nests under heavy shell and machine-gun fire. Throughout his coolness and energy under most trying conditions were admirable.

G./40567 Cpl. A. H. Onyett, 4th Bn., Midd'x R. (Tottenham).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. When his platoon was held up by an enemy machine gun he dashed forward, threw a couple of bombs, and rushed the gun single-handed, killing the gunner and capturing the gun and the remainder of the team. His fine act of courage set a splendid example to his men.

5320 Pte. W. C. Organer, 2nd Bn., Leins. R. (Dogdyke).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. He attacked an enemy machine-gun post single-handed, and succeeded in putting it out of action when it was causing many casualties to another company on the flank. Throughout the action he showed the greatest courage and devotion to duty.

53325 Sjt. H. Osborne, M.M., 15th Bn., Durh. L.I. (Leeds).

For conspicuous gallantry during an enemy raid. He rallied his men, and made such good use of their Lewis-gun fire that the enemy failed to reach our line. He then, alone, followed them down a communication trench as they withdrew, and killed two of them within eighty yards of their lines. Throughout two days' operations he displayed the greatest coolness and contempt of danger, and set a splendid example to his men.

22624 Sjt. F. J. Paget, 12th Bn., Glouc. R. (Calne).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. When his company was held up by the enemy in force, he led his platoon forward in face of very heavy fire, and bombed the enemy from their position, securing some 200 prisoners and several machine guns. Later, he again cleared the way for his company with his platoon, and finally took command of half the company, and secured the objective. He showed splendid courage and leadership.

37696 Sjt. T. Palmer, 12th Bn., Glouc. R. (Cardiff).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. He outflanked two enemy machine guns with his platoon, and captured the guns and fifty prisoners; he was wounded, but remained at duty. Next day, with one of the captured machine guns he engaged a 77mm. battery until his gun broke down. While going back for another gun he was badly wounded. He showed splendid courage and initiative.

9273 Sjt. G. Payne, 1st Bn., C. Gds. (Peckham).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative. Under heavy shell fire, when the most prompt action was necessary in order that the battalion should be kept supplied with ammunition, this non-commissioned officer, by his grasp of the situation, enabled the important work on hand to be completed without suffering any casualties.

6124 Sjt. A. Pennington, M.M., 3rd Bn., M.G. Corps (Southport).

Whilst with his section officer on a reconnaissance during operations the officer was

killed, but in spite of heavy shelling he continued the reconnaissance alone, and found positions for the guns. The section advance was then continued, but heavy casualties occurred, and he found himself in command, without officers or non-commissioned officers, and with very weak teams. Undismayed, he succeeded in placing his guns and in supporting the infantry by his fire. His conduct throughout was superb.

TZ/1962 C./P./O. J. W. Petty, Hawke Bn., R.N.V.R. (S. Shields).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He was of the greatest assistance in helping to handle the company and keep platoons in touch, and when the company on the left had lost their officers he dashed over to their aid, and brought them in touch. He continued to the objective, taking two machine guns on the way. He acted with great courage and determination throughout.

348037 Sjt. A. G. Phipps, 1/8th Bn., Manch R. (T.F.) (Kidderminster).

Finding himself with his platoon in a very difficult situation and under heavy fire from three sides, he made a daring reconnaissance, after which he selected a new position, to which he skilfully moved his men, and so disposed them that he was able to open up effective fire on the enemy and inflict heavy casualties. His courage, coolness and initiative were magnificent.

339017 Sjt. R. Pierce, M.M., 98th Fd. Amb., R.A.M.C. (Seacombe).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He supervised the evacuation of wounded under heavy shelling at a bearer relay post. While assisting in lifting a stretcher case on to the wheeled carrier, a shell wounded him. Nevertheless, he at once resumed his work under unabated shell fire, and secured the safe evacuation of several more cases, only seeking medical attention when the post was completely cleared. He behaved splendidly.

280707 L./Sjt. M. Pinder, 1/7th Bn., Lan. Fus. (T.F.) (Hulme).

In an advance his platoon, which was only eighteen strong, attacked vastly superior numbers of the enemy, either killing or capturing them. Throughout he was remarkable for his courage and dash against machine-gun nests, which were firing at point-blank range, and his total disregard for his own safety inspired a splendid spirit into all ranks, which led to the ultimate success of the operations.

KW/149 A./B. H. G. B. Pollard, Anson Bn., R.N.V.R. (Ossett).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He crawled out to a wounded man under heavy machine-gun fire, dressed his wounds, and later guided stretcher-bearers out and brought him in. His disregard for his own safety under heavy fire was the admiration of all his comrades.

42580 Cpl. F. Pollard, M.M., 6th Bn., R.F.A. (Lewes).

He accompanied the battery field observation officer on a reconnaissance. The officer

was killed and another fatally wounded by shell fire. With another man he at once rushed to assist the wounded officer and conveyed him to a place of safety. They then returned to the dead officer, collected his effects, completed the reconnaissance, and returned with information which proved correct. He showed a gallantry under close shell fire deserving of the highest praise.

490344 L./Cpl. J. E. S. Poole, 1/15th Bn., Lond. R. (Seven Kings).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. While endeavouring to get into touch with the battalion on the left he came under very heavy machine-gun fire. He immediately rushed the machine gun single-handed, killing three of the crew and dispersing the remainder. Later he returned with a party and captured the gun and the remaining three men. He did splendid work, and throughout the operations he showed great courage and initiative in scouting and in bringing in wounded under machine-gun fire.

S/19958 A./L./Cpl. H. Porter, 14th Bn., Arg. and Suth'd Highrs. (Westhoughton).

For conspicuous gallantry. In order to ascertain if a certain line was held by the enemy he led several patrols across 1,000 yards of No Man's Land, and ultimately returned with most valuable information. On another occasion he volunteered to go out with a party in broad daylight in order to search for the company serjeant-major of another company, and while doing so was dangerously wounded in the head by a sniper.

20540 L./Sjt. P. Power, 10th Bn., S.W. Bord. (Dungarvan).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative in action. When all the officers had become casualties this non-commissioned officer took charge of the company, collected the men and controlled their fire, until he formed a line. He then consolidated the position and linked up both flanks. During the fight he was shot through the helmet, the bullet making a groove in his head, but he refused to go to the aid post and carried on as if nothing had happened.

305826 L./Cpl. T. Prince, 1/7th Bn., Lan. Fus. (T.F.) (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and coolness during a successful attack by his company when in charge of a rifle section, which he led forward under heavy machine-gun fire. His personal disregard for his own safety was magnificent and inspired his men with confidence, enabling them to capture a machine-gun post of vastly superior numbers.

53080 Sjt. A. Pryor, 38th Bn., M.G. Corps (Hitchin).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative in reorganising his section and filling a gap of 500 yards in the line, after his officer and other non-commissioned officers had become casualties. During the day this thinly held line was exposed to heavy shell and machine-gun fire, one of his guns being blown up, but he beat off two counter-attacks with heavy loss, using a machine gun captured from the

enemy. His example and resource saved a critical situation.

276932 Pte. J. Quinn, 1/7th Bn., Manch. R. (T.F.) (Manchester).

He was one of a party which carried Stokes mortar bombs forward for a gun during operations and was a leading spirit in two rushes made on machine-gun nests, and by his energetic fighting and great daring did much to destroy them and capture the garrisons. Later he used his rifle and bayonet in the thick of the fighting with great effect.

241754 L./Cpl. W. Raeburn, 1/5th Bn., R. Sco. Fus. (T.F.) (Kirkcaldy).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He led his section brilliantly, and by bombing the enemy some 200 yards down a trench enabled a block to be formed without interruption. Later, when enemy trench mortars opened on the block, he went out with three men and rushed them, killing the teams and bringing in two mortars. Again later he went out with two men and brought in the body of his company commander, together with three prisoners. He set a splendid example of coolness and daring.

G/574 Sjt. F. J. Ransom, M.M., 7th Bn., R. Suss. R. (Bexhill).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. All his officers having become casualties between the first and second objectives, he reorganised the company and at the head of two platoons made a determined attack on the latter, accounting for three of the enemy himself. It was due to his fine courage and leadership that the second objective was taken.

534039 Spr. D. W. Reeves, 491st (H.C.) Fd. Coy., R.E. (T.F.) (Bexhill).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while attached to the battalion during an attack. He materially assisted in putting an enemy machine gun out of action which was holding up the advance by working to a flank and bayonetting the gunner. By his bold, determined action he undoubtedly saved many lives.

43912 Rfn. H. M. Richardson, 18th Bn., K.R.R.C. (Rotherhithe, S.E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst endeavouring to gain touch with the post next to his own he lost direction and got behind the enemy lines. Coming across a trench full of the enemy, he compelled three of them to lay down their arms. In making his way back to his lines he was heavily fired upon by an enemy machine gun, but, in spite of this, he succeeded in bringing in his three prisoners safely. He did splendid work.

47158 Cpl. J. Richardson, 80th Fd. Coy., R.E. (Bishop Auckland).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After his officer and serjeant had become casualties he took charge of his section and under heavy shelling erected two trestle bridges across a river. It was owing to his courage and resourcefulness that the bridges were erected in time for the transport to cross.

95459 Sjt. J. H. Roberts, 12th Bn., Tank Corps (Birkenhead).

For conspicuous gallantry in action. When his Tank received a direct hit, killing both officer and driver and wounding the remainder of the crew, he evacuated the Tank and attended to the wounded under heavy fire. Then, with an officer from another Tank, he crawled forward with a Lewis gun towards a party of the enemy, and, finding the gun would not work, he wounded some with his revolver and caused the rest to retire. On the way back to the nearest infantry unit, he and the officer found two badly wounded men and carried them to the shelter of a trench. He showed great fearlessness and devotion to duty throughout.

44668 Sjt. W. Roberts, 1/6th Bn., Manch. R. (T.F.) (Salford).

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership whilst in charge of fighting patrols to keep touch with the enemy and advance the line. He led his men to the second objective under very heavy fire, and, despite the fact that both his flanks were unprotected, owing to other patrols not being able to advance he held on most determinedly under very difficult circumstances. Later, his platoon officer being wounded, he assumed command and handled the platoon with great skill. He set a very fine example to his men and gained valuable information.

265303 C./S./M. J. Robertson, 1/6th Bn., Sea. Highrs. (T.F.) (Burghead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. Under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire he reorganised the left flank of his company when it was in danger of being outflanked, and so readjusted the posts as to prevent the enemy cutting the company off. His fine courage and leadership, when all the officers were casualties, prevented the enemy from breaking through.

67540 Sjt. T. H. Rogers, M.M., 123rd Fd. Coy., R.E. (Neyland).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under continuous enemy gas and shell fire, he supervised the removal of wounded and gassed cases, and then, though gassed himself, returned and rendered valuable assistance in constructing a pontoon bridge. On other occasions he has also displayed great courage.

7882 A./C./S./M. R. Rohrer, M.M., 16th Bn., R.W. Fus. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry during an advance. After a heavy enemy counter-attack, when all his company officers had become casualties, he took command and led the company with great skill and determination. On this and on subsequent occasions his cool courage and able leadership inspired all under him.

11552 Sjt. W. J. Ross, 1st Bn., S. Gds. (Fearn).

For exceptional gallantry and resource. When the difficulties of an attack were greatly increased by intense fog, gas shells and counter barrage, this N.C.O., acting as Co. Sergt.-Maj., rendered the greatest ser-

vice to his officers by the wonderful example and untiring energy which he displayed and which had the most inspiring effect on the men of his company.

266095 Sjt. J. Rossall, 2/7th Bn., L'pool R. (T.F.) (Kirkham).

For conspicuous gallantry during the advance, when he led his platoon with great skill and courage, capturing two machine guns with their crews. He personally killed three of the enemy, and rendered valuable assistance to his company commander by the clearness of his messages.

29291 Pte. R. Rothwell, M.M., 2nd Bn., R.W. Fus. (Radcliffe).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an advance. He volunteered to accompany his officer forward under heavy machine-gun fire and look for the company commander, who was wounded and missing. When well in front of the attacking troops they were attacked by small parties of the enemy. Although shot through the arm, he assisted in re-loading rifles for his officer, thus enabling them both to beat off the enemy, and get back safely to troops in rear.

19535 B./S./M. J. Salisbury, M.M., 284th Sge. By., R.G.A. (Comberford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under very heavy enemy shelling with high explosive and gas he worked for over an hour in assisting his commanding officer to carry out the order to remove all personnel from the neighbourhood of the battery to a place of safety; many were badly gassed and helpless, and this warrant officer displayed the greatest energy and disregard of danger throughout.

53961 Pte. F. Salter, 6th Bn., Som. L.I. (Waterloo Rd., London).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the attacking force was held up by two machine guns, this man, with his captain, went straight through the wire against the emplacement, under cover of their own rifle grenade fire, and bombed the machine gun through the loophole. The remainder of the party were thus enabled to work round and seize the position.

40422 Dvr. (L./Bombr.) A. Searle, M.M., 6th By., R.F.A. (Hornsey Road, N.).

He accompanied the battery forward observation officer on a reconnaissance. The officer was killed, and another fatally wounded. With another non-commissioned officer he at once rushed to assist the wounded officer and conveyed him to a place of safety. They then returned to the dead officer, collected his effects, completed the reconnaissance, and returned with the information obtained. He showed a gallantry under close shell fire worthy of the highest praise.

M2/131393 Pte. L. Sell, A.S.C. (M.T.), attd. No. 14 Fd. Amb., R.A.M.C. (High Cross, Hants).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With an utter disregard for danger when roads have been under heavy shell and aircraft fire, this private has on many occasions shown marked courage in clearing

cases by Ford ambulance from rear ambulance posts or from in front of those posts back to the collecting posts. He has shown a complete disregard for his own safety, and a cheerfulness and willingness beyond praise.

13935 Sjt. J. Sheed, 1st Bn., S. Gds. (Cabrach).

He led his platoon against enemy machine guns, killing several of the crew himself and capturing the gun, and then did valuable work in the consolidation of the final objective. On a subsequent occasion, though wounded at the assembly position, he continued his duties until ordered to the dressing station. His fine example of contempt for danger was an inspiration to all.

241422 L./Cpl. E. Smith, 1/6th Bn., Notts. & Derby. R. (T.F.) (Chesterfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After his officer had been killed and platoon serjeant wounded, he took command, reorganising his men, and although both flanks were unprotected continued the advance in face of strong opposition for several hundred yards. This assisted the advance of another platoon, and when he was finally held up by heavy fire in front and on the flanks he organised into posts, and kept up such a strong fire that the platoons on either side were enabled to push on to their objective. He showed initiative and determination of a high order.

281506 Sjt. J. A. Smith, 1/7th Bn., Lan. Fus. (T.F.) (Manchester).

During a successful attack by his company he led his platoon forward under heavy machine-gun fire with conspicuous courage and skill, capturing two machine-gun posts. Although the enemy were in the proportion of three to one, he showed so much dash and leadership that it led to the capture of the position with very few casualties.

30814 Sjt. H. Smyth, 1st Bn., R. Innis. Fus. (Newtownards).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Just before the battalion was leaving the line an identification was urgently required, and every effort was made to obtain it. The front was patrolled all night without success, but this N.C.O. remained out with his patrol till well after daylight, and eventually located a trench which was occupied, and decided to rush it, but the enemy came out to meet him. A hand-to-hand struggle ensued, and, thanks to the efforts of this N.C.O., one man was captured, one killed, and the remainder put to flight. He showed great patience and determination.

74549 Cpl. S. Spedding, 1/10th Bn., Manch. R. (T.F.) (Bolton).

In an advance he was in charge of a Lewis-gun section in the second wave. Seeing the first wave held up by machine-gun fire, he at once worked his section round on the right flank of the platoon, and, getting to close quarters, silenced the enemy guns. He then pushed rapidly forward, and was able to cover the advance of the platoon to the objective. His example of courage and coolness was exceptionally high.

9610 Pte. G. Spreckley, 2/4th Bn., Y. and L. Regt. (T.F.) (Peterborough).

His chief endeavour, when in charge of his section, was to capture a nest of machine guns, which were holding up the advance of the whole battalion. He led them forward under intense machine-gun and shell fire, but, owing to severe casualties, he had several times to obtain reinforcements from other platoons. Finally, he reached his objective, to which he held until wounded. His conduct throughout was magnificent.

265528 Cpl. J. Stag, 1/7th Bn., Sco. Rif. (T.F.) (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an advance. He guided his section of five men through thick belts of undamaged wire into the enemy's front-line trench, where he was attacked by greatly superior numbers. His party killed thirteen, and when enemy reinforcements drove them out he, though severely wounded, established them under heavy machine-gun fire in shell-holes some fifty yards further back. Here they remained until the line was taken. His courage and determined leadership were splendid.

139375 Cpl. C. Stewart, 499th Sge. By., R.G.A. (Bradford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of six signallers, whose duty it was to lay a line from a forward O.P. to a position in the enemy lines. He went forward through heavy barrage and got in front of the infantry, coming under heavy machine-gun fire. Though unable to reach the objective owing to the attack being held up, he continued to lay the line forward until ordered to return. He behaved splendidly.

34336 L./Cpl. F. Stirling, 2nd Bn., S. Lanc. R. (Ashton-under-Lyne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This man, acting as No. 1 of a Lewis gun team, was crawling to a flank to engage the enemy when his team came under heavy machine-gun fire; without hesitation he rushed in, killing two of the enemy and putting the gun out of action. He then got his Lewis gun into action and brought fire to bear on about twenty of the enemy who were running back. His prompt action saved many casualties.

201968 Pte. (L./Cpl.) W. Stockley, M.M., 10th Bn., R. War. R. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and endurance. He took part in the capture of three strong posts, including one machine-gun post. Although badly wounded three times, he continued to lead his men until a fourth serious wound rendered him helpless. His conduct was magnificent.

G/30785 Pte. M. R. Stott, 10th Bn., R.W. Surr. R. (Luton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While guiding a party up to the front line he was severely wounded, but kept on under heavy shell, machine-gun and rifle fire, accomplished his mission and returned to battalion headquarters. As he was one of the few runners left that knew the way, he

guided up a second party, and collapsed on his return. He gave a signal example of courage and endurance.

240227 A./Cpl. W. Swarbrick, 1/5th Bn., E. Lan. R. (T.F.) (Padiham).

In company with another N.C.O. and four men he made a determined attack at night on an enemy party, consisting of an officer and forty-two other ranks, killing the officer, wounding two of the men, and taking the remainder prisoners. His courage and resource were most conspicuous.

4620 Pte. R. Tait, 1st Bn., I. Gds. (Limavady, Co. Derry).

For conspicuous gallantry when one of a party was nearly cut off by the enemy. The officer and five men were wounded and the Lewis gun hit. Private Tait and a serjeant took it in turns to carry the officer and bomb off the enemy rushes. But for the great courage and devotion to duty of this man and the serjeant the wounded would have been captured. As it was, they were safely got back to our lines over open ground swept by machine-gun fire.

34506 Pte. H. Tandey, 5th Bn., W. Rid. R. (T.F.) (Leamington).

He was in charge of a reserve bombing party in action, and finding the advance temporarily held up, he called on two other men of his party, and working across the open in rear of the enemy, he rushed a post, returning with twenty prisoners, having killed several of the enemy. He was an example of daring courage throughout the whole of the operations.

300353 Pte. G. Tasker, 1/6th Bn., Manch. R. (T.F.), attd. 127th T.M. Bty. (Manchester).

Pte. Tasker was one of a Stokes mortar detachment. He remained throughout an action cool and determined in serving his gun under heavy shell and machine-gun fire, and was largely instrumental in destroying several machine-gun nests and posts. When the ammunition was expended, and further use of the gun impossible, he went forward and did excellent work with his rifle and bayonet. His courage and energy were an inspiration to all.

43424 Pte. (A./Cpl.) J. Taylor, 2nd Bn., R. Scots (Manchester).

When the advance of his company was checked by the fire of a nest of five hostile machine guns he volunteered to go forward and silence them. With another man he succeeded in so doing, capturing the five guns with twenty-five prisoners, besides killing several of the enemy. He displayed a fine example of courage, initiative and utter contempt of danger.

693 Sjt. W. G. Taylor, 4th Bn., Gds. M.G. Regt. (East Chinnock).

Shortly after the infantry had advanced they were held up by very heavy machine-gun fire. He at once brought his guns into action, and it was due to his courage and initiative that the situation was improved. Later in the day he was severely wounded while helping stretcher-bearers to bring in

wounded men of his gun teams. His conduct throughout was admirable.

751409 Gnr. W. H. Thackeray, M.M., D/223rd (H.C.) Bde., R.F.A. (T.F.) (Hebburn-on-Tyne).

With two other gunners he went forward with an F.O.O. during an attack, and throughout displayed a very high standard of courage and devotion to duty, never failing to deliver messages, although the work was very hazardous owing to hostile machine guns and snipers.

1529 Pte. (L./Cpl.) G. Thomas, 1st Bn., W. Gds. (Cardiff).

During an attack while on his way to the dressing station after being severely wounded and hearing that it was absolutely essential for a message to go to the leading troops from the battalion headquarters he immediately volunteered to act as guide. He continued in this position, though suffering great pain, until he collapsed and had to be sent back, and on the way was again wounded. His gallantry and devotion to duty were an example to all ranks.

25019 Pte. G. J. Thomas, 13th Bn., Welsh R. (Merthyr Tydvil).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative. Seeing two enemy machine guns trying to work round the flank of his company he rushed to that flank with his Lewis gun and engaged them so skilfully that he put both teams out of action. His prompt and fearless action saved his company from a difficult situation.

20485 L./C. M. Thomas, 15th Bn., Welsh R. (Llanelly).

For conspicuous gallantry in action. When his entire section was wiped out by concentrated shrapnel and machine-gun fire he continued alone to fire his Lewis gun and covered the withdrawal of his company. Later, during an attack, he killed sixteen of the enemy, firing his Lewis gun from the hip, thereby capturing two machine guns. He showed splendid courage and determination.

25573 L./Cpl. D. Thompson, 17th Bn., Welsh R., attd. Hood Bn., R.N.V.R. (Aberavon).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack on a village. He was in charge of two Lewis gun teams and led his section forward under severe machine-gun fire, and with his guns caused the enemy to evacuate their positions, himself controlling both guns and inflicting severe casualties on the enemy. When Nos. 1 and 2 of one of his guns became casualties he took the gun himself and carried it forward into action, enabling by his fire his platoon to advance. When the company arrived at its objective he formed a new gun's crew and again took the gun forward to an outpost position, where he remained and enfiladed the enemy when they counter-attacked. He remained in this isolated position until the enemy were ejected and the line was reformed. By his courage and devotion to duty he rendered most valuable service.

650731 Sjt. S. Tidmarsh, M.M., 1/21st Bn., Lond. R. (Peckham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He made daring reconnaissances in front of enemy posts. Later, he took the duties of the Intelligence Officer. He brought the first news of the attack, furnishing our dispositions correctly from personal reconnaissances. His work constantly led him under heavy fire, but after every change in the situation he returned with full and accurate news of events.

375831 C./S./M. K. Toogood, 1/10th Bn., Manch. R. (T.F.) (Oldham).

He led several attacks against hostile positions under heavy shell and machine-gun fire with conspicuous gallantry and devotion. He was of the greatest assistance to his company commander in organising the defence of a captured position, and throughout set a splendid example of courage and energy.

G/1192 Sjt. A. W. Trevor, M.M., 7th Bn., R. Suss. R. (Portslade).

For conspicuous gallantry and fine leadership. He commanded a platoon in the leading wave of the attack and cleared up a pocket of the enemy who were delaying troops on his right, and captured two machine guns and several prisoners. Later, he again led his platoon with the greatest courage, advancing over some three hundred yards of exposed ground under heavy machine-gun fire, and gained his objective.

52983 Sjt. W. Trousdale, 1st Bn., R. Sco. Fus. (Old Cumnock).

When an enemy machine gun was enfilading the line, and holding up an advance, he, with two men, attacked the post under very heavy fire. Both men were killed before going far, but he rushed on alone, shot the gunner and captured the team. From this position he saw another machine gun in action, and by sniping the gunner he rendered the gun useless. He displayed complete contempt for danger and the highest military qualities.

6897 Sjt. J. Trundley, 1st Bn., Bedf. R. (Hampton Wick).

During operations he continually exposed himself under intense fire, dressing wounded and placing them under cover, at the same time carrying out his duties as Acting C.S.M. with the greatest efficiency. Later, he assisted in re-organisation, and his fearless bearing materially assisted in keeping up the spirits of his men.

17925 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) J. Tyrer, 1st Bn., C. Gds. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In an attack in a dense fog he showed great skill in leading his section direct on to the objective, showing the most utter contempt of danger and setting a fine example under an intense hostile barrage. On another occasion he, at great personal risk, brought back a comrade who had been wounded and was lying in an exposed position to a place of safety, notwithstanding intense machine-gun fire.

26692 Sjt. A. J. Voyle, M.M., 13th Bn., Welsh R. (Mardy).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an advance. When all the officers had become casualties he assumed command of his company and by his fine example of fearlessness and able leadership he kept his men thoroughly in hand under very heavy fire and did much useful work.

1334 Pte. A. Walker, 4th Bn., Gds. M.G. Regt. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry. In the course of an enemy counter-attack it became necessary to send a machine gun across a gap in a trench about a hundred yards long. Although two men who attempted to cross in front of him were killed he unhesitatingly carried his gun across and mounted it, still under heavy fire. When the counter-attack developed it was repulsed largely through the accuracy and steadiness of his laying. He showed throughout an utter disregard of personal danger.

TZ/1899 P./O. J. Walker, M.M., Hood Bn., R.N.V.R. (Pelaw-on-Tyne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while acting company serjeant-major. When the enemy counter-attacked and broke through his line his company commander was killed. He assumed command, rallied the men and drove the enemy back. Single-handed he attacked a party of five of the enemy, killing them all. He then led his men forward and got in touch with the company on the right. He set a splendid example of courage and good leadership.

203393 Cpl. W. Waltho, 4th Bn., Bedf. R. (Hurstmonceux).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the company was held up by machine-gun fire and snipers this N.C.O. in charge of a platoon pushed forward under very heavy fire and placed in position the Lewis gun under his command. The whole of the team were wounded, but he organised another team and kept the gun in action. It was then found that the right flank was not supported, and he personally went about five hundred yards under fire in an endeavour to gain touch. His bearing during the whole operation was excellent, and his example encouraged the fighting spirit of his men.

22869 Pte. R. Watson, 1st Bn., R. Sco. Fus. (Glasgow).

With another man he rushed and captured an enemy machine-gun post under heavy fire, thereby permitting his platoon to advance. The machine-gun nest contained a team of twenty-two of the enemy and four machine guns. The daring and spirit of the charge completely upset the nerves of the garrison, and when three had been killed the remainder surrendered. He then turned one of the captured guns on another enemy party, causing casualties.

13353 Sjt. A. S. Watts, M.M., 3rd Bn., G. Gds. (Towcester).

When the leading platoon in an attack had been held up by casualties at the first objective he reinforced it with the support platoon of which he was in command and then assuming command of both organised an attack on

the second objective. After the two platoons had captured seventy prisoners he himself single-handed took a further fifty prisoners. He displayed great courage and initiative throughout.

6901 C./S./M. A. White, 1st Bn., C. Gds. (Buckingham Gate, S.W.).

For conspicuous courage and fine leadership. In a thick fog, intensified by smoke barrage, he was of the greatest assistance to his company commander in helping to keep the company in the right direction. He was instrumental in capturing six machine guns before the enemy had time to get them into action and, in consolidating the position, by his contempt for danger set a fine example under most trying circumstances. He was eventually wounded, but refused to leave until exhausted by loss of blood.

240106 Pte. F. Whittaker, 1/5th Bn., E. Lan. R. (T.F.) (Clayton-le-Moors).

He was No. 1 of a Lewis gun section, which proceeded in advance of the platoon. His section effectively silenced four enemy machine guns, taking the teams prisoners. On reaching the final objective, he, with another man, rushed a dug-out, killing the sentry and taking one officer and sixteen other ranks prisoners. He did splendid work.

6334 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) H. Whittaker, 2nd Bn. (now Reserve Bn.), C. Gds. (Accrington).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. When it was extremely difficult for the attacking waves to keep their alignment he reorganised the men, and by his efforts the advance was made in good order behind the artillery barrage. After the objective had been taken, he was wounded, but volunteered and crept across under withering machine-gun fire to bring up reinforcements. He showed splendid courage and devotion to duty.

352083 Sjt. A. Wignall, 1/6th Bn., Manch. R. (T.F.) (Hyde).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative as Scout Serjeant. When information was received that the enemy was withdrawing, he led out a reconnoitring patrol about 2,500 yards in advance of our line and brought back most valuable information as to their movements. Later, he was very successful on several occasions in getting touch with troops on the flanks. His work entailed his moving about over difficult country not previously reconnoitred, and he was subjected to heavy machine gun and rifle fire throughout.

56945 Pte. T. R. Wild, 13th Bn., Welsh R. (Kidwelly).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative during an attack. Seeing an enemy machine gun causing heavy casualties, this man, who was a company runner, collected a few men and rushed the gun, capturing it and killing the team. Later, he bayoneted two enemy snipers who were causing casualties to his company crossing a canal. He showed splendid courage and dash.

301496 Sjt. A. F. Wildman, 14th Bn., Tank Corps (Canterbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of a Tank, assisting the infantry in the capture of a village. He worked his Tank round two guns which had been holding up the Tanks, and had already accounted for one, and by his fire put both guns out of action. He then entered the village, clearing away machine-gun nests, and when severely wounded brought his Tank out of action and reported to his section commander before going to the dressing station.

18/1153 Cpl. J. G. Wilkinson, 20th Bn., Durh. L.I. (Bishop Auckland).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When two Lewis gun teams were knocked out, and the enemy were bombing the position, this N.C.O. rushed forward alone and brought one of the guns into action again. He kept it in action until he was severely wounded, both legs being broken. By his timely initiative he saved a critical situation.

60985 Cpl. J. W. Williams, M.M., 23rd Bn., Lan. Fus. (Bedlington Station).

For conspicuous gallantry and resource. When his company was held up by machine-gun fire, he succeeded in locating the enemy, and immediately opened fire with his Lewis gun, causing them to withdraw, and thus enabling his company to advance. Later, with his company commander, he rushed a machine-gun post, capturing three prisoners, including an officer.

366 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) G. Wilson, 4th Bn., Gds. M.G. Regt. (Alfreton).

During an attack, when the operations were much hindered by fog and enemy artillery fire, he displayed great resource in organising his men and keeping in touch with the infantry with whom he was working. He led his guns to their appointed places, showing throughout the day the greatest personal disregard for danger and soldierly qualities of a very high order.

147054 Cpl. G. Witney, 52nd By., 15th Bde., R.F.A. (Field End, Bucks.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On two occasions he displayed great courage and initiative in taking up ammunition to the guns under conditions of great difficulty, and when the road was blocked by overturned wagons and dead horses. On another occasion his horse was blown into a shell hole and rolled over him, cutting and bruising him severely, but nevertheless he succeeded in carrying out his duty.

250343 Sjt. G. H. Wood, 1/6th Bn., Manch. R. (T.F.) (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership. He led a fighting patrol to the first objective and maintained his position under extremely heavy machine-gun fire until forced to withdraw by enfilade fire. He carried out the withdrawal most skilfully without a casualty. He was frequently in

charge of fighting patrols by day and night, and invariably set a fine example of coolness and courage.

16109 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) D. C. H. Worrall, 2nd Bn., C. Gds. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership in charge of a platoon during an attack. He led his men splendidly under intense machine-gun and artillery fire, and when his company officers had become casualties he took charge of the company and took up and consolidated a position. Later, he repulsed a counter-attack, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. His conduct throughout was of the highest order.

10743 Pte. (L./Cpl.) H. Younger, 3rd Bn., S. Gds. (Edinburgh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At a critical moment, when a large number of the enemy were trying to work their way round the exposed left flank of the battalion, he moved his Lewis gun section and drove them back with heavy loss. On a subsequent occasion, though severely wounded, he went on to the final objective, superintended consolidation, and pushed out patrols to keep touch on the flank, only going back to the dressing station when ordered to do so.

63076 C./S.M. W. Younghusband, 5th Bn., York. L.I. (Washington Station, Co. Durham).

Although wounded in the early stages of an attack, he kept on, and, rallying scattered men, led an attack against a hostile machine-gun position, killing six of the enemy. Shortly afterwards he was knocked down by the concussion of a bursting shell, but declined to retire until given a direct order to do so. His fine fighting spirit was an example to all ranks.

CANADIAN FORCE.

106001 L./Sjt. R. E. Alexander, 1st Bn., Can. Mtd. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. After his platoon had captured all objectives he observed an enemy machine gun firing from a flank and inflicting heavy casualties on his platoon. He crawled up in the grass, rushed the gun post, killed three and captured five of the occupants and brought back the gun. He showed splendid courage and saved many casualties.

414154 Sjt. H. Cassidy, 25th Bn., Can. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. led his platoon through two days' fighting under very heavy artillery and machine-gun fire with skill and resource. At every available opportunity he reorganised his men, and by his leadership and disregard of danger on his own account set a fine example to his men.

743215 Pte. W. H. Gibbons, 26th Bn., Can. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This man, who was a company runner, in returning to the firing line went through a gap and found himself upon a machine-gun post. He rushed it, and when the firing line

came up to him they found three of the enemy dead and three prisoners. He saved many casualties by his splendid daring and promptitude.

69369 Sjt. C. J. Gilker, 26th Bn., Can. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during four days' operations as acting C.S.M. On one occasion, when all but one of the company officers had become casualties, and the advance was checked by the fire of machine guns, he collected two sections, and, working round to a flank, rushed the post and eased the situation. Later, when progress was again stopped, he assisted his officer in organising a defensive position. He was severely wounded in the head shortly afterwards, having set a fine example to his men.

743100 Sjt. R. W. Handren, 24th Bn., Can. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during attacks on a village and wood. He commanded a platoon on the first day, and, on the following day, when all his officers had become casualties, he took command of the company, bringing it through heavy shelling and machine-gun fire to the objective, when it dug in. At this point he moved up and down the company line exposed to machine-gun fire and sniping, encouraging his men and superintending the placing of Lewis guns. His judgment and initiative were such that the men were ready to follow him anywhere.

279325 C./S./M. J. J. McDonald, 8th Bn., Can. Rly. Troops.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While engaged on light railway work the enemy suddenly opened an intense bombardment, which wounded five of his men and cut off two trains. He first rescued the wounded and got them under cover from the shell fire, then returned and repaired the broken track, but the two tractors of the trains were so badly damaged they could not work, so he and his party pushed the trains out of the shelled area. He then went on repairing the line, getting up material, etc., under constant shelling with the utmost perseverance and determination.

67947 Sjt. A. McIsaac, M.M., 25th Bn., Can. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon was in support, seeing that the leading troops had suffered heavy casualties, he brought his men forward under heavy fire to their assistance and saved the situation, reorganising and consolidating the position. His personal dash and leadership were a great asset in the attack.

414629 Sjt. J. D. Sinclair, 25th Bn., Can. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his platoon, which was without an officer through three days' fighting. His skill in directing his men through several barrages minimised casualties and materially helped the attacks by the battalion. When the leading troops were in difficulties he brought up some of his men and relieved a difficult situation. His personal courage was an inspiration to his men.

405445 Cpl. A. Wallace, M.M., 26th Bn., Can. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Throughout four days' fighting this N.C.O., who was medical orderly, displayed coolness and courage in attending to the wounded. On several occasions he dressed wounded men under very heavy machine-gun fire and sniping, accompanying the medical officer over the fire-swept area. By his attentive care of the wounded he earned their gratitude and inspired confidence.

AUSTRALIAN FORCE.

3232 Sjt. H. D. Andrews, 1st Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. A unit on the left flank was held up while attacking a village, and he was one of a patrol of six who crossed the river to render assistance. He carried out daring patrol work and located enemy posts, and took a prominent part in the capture of a strong enemy post which yielded one officer and thirty-one other ranks and seven machine guns. He later did valuable work in using the captured guns against the enemy. Altogether his party accounted for one officer, seventy-one other ranks and nine machine guns. He did splendidly and showed great courage and initiative.

553 R./S./M. A. R. Baker, 48th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This W.O. kept well in front guiding and controlling the advance, and although twice wounded, collected his men and led them round the safest way. Later, he collected and detonated enemy bombs and placed them in dumps, a task which was carried out at great personal risk. He was of the greatest assistance in consolidating the line.

2446 Pte. R. E. Barrie, 48th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He kept well ahead in the advance and rushed machine-gun posts and snipers, causing them to surrender. Later in the day when the battalion runners had become casualties, he acted as runner and got valuable information through to battalion headquarters. He worked untiringly with great determination and initiative.

2518 Sjt. G. A. Bliss, 34th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an advance through a wood in a dense fog many men became separated from their units. This N.C.O. collected a scattered platoon and led it forward under heavy barrage until he joined up again with his company. He led a party of these men against a machine-gun post, capturing ten prisoners and three guns. Later, with another party he captured two more guns and twelve prisoners. He inspired his men with confidence, and was of great assistance to his company commander.

1672 Sjt. W. H. Boyes, M.M., 14th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While this N.C.O. was in charge of a

liaison post between two battalions the enemy, under cover of an intense barrage, attacked on the left, forcing back the troops on that flank. He at once organised a party, shooting the leading man and dispersing the rest with rifle grenades. While working along the trench directing fire on the retreating enemy, he was severely wounded. Owing to his immediate grasp of the situation this attempt by the enemy was checked and the line reoccupied.

148 Sjt. C. Carlson, 41st Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On his commander becoming a casualty he took charge of the platoon, handling it with skill and initiative. He rushed a machine gun which was checking the advance, killing two and capturing the remainder of the crew, as well as thirty more from a dug-out just behind. He set a fine example to the men of the platoon.

1578 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) C. J. Clarke, M.M., 14th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. assisted in maintaining communications throughout the operations, personally running lines and maintaining them over bare ground swept by field-gun fire over open sights. He worked for forty-eight hours mending breaks, and remained four hours after the unit was relieved helping the incoming unit in a village under shell fire of all calibres.

3058 Sjt. S. Collett, 58th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. was in charge of the Lewis-gun teams of his company, and kept moving from post to post under heavy machine-gun fire, keeping the guns in action, and when casualties occurred often firing the gun himself until a fresh gunner was sent up from the rear. His coolness and determination under difficult conditions was of the highest order.

88 Sjt. D. B. Cowan, 39th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the platoon was held up by artillery and machine-gun fire, the commander being killed and several others wounded, this N.C.O. grasped the situation, reorganised the platoon, and arranged for the evacuation of the wounded. His coolness and resource reduced casualties and ensured an unbroken line.

398 Sjt. (T./C.S.M.) G. Cowen, 30th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This W.O. was responsible for touch being kept with the next unit, advancing in a fog. He was eminently successful, and, moreover, single-handedly rushed a machine-gun nest, capturing eight of the crew, though the gun was got away. He subsequently organised a party to clean up a valley, and made many prisoners. He did splendid work throughout the action.

1803 L./Cpl. T. Cox, 33rd Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In company with another N.C.O. he rushed a strong point, capturing two

machine guns and fourteen prisoners. With the same N.C.O. he rushed and captured another post in the next wood, and also assisted in the capture of twenty-four prisoners. Throughout the advance he showed the utmost determination to get forward, and his courage was most marked.

2472 Sjt. T. O. Davies, 48th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O., who was signalling serjeant, took charge of all headquarters signallers and runners when his officer was wounded, and supervised the arrangements under heavy machine-gun fire. The final objective was captured at 12.10 p.m., and by 1.10 p.m. he had all companies connected by telephone to battalion headquarters. He kept these lines in repair, going out for this purpose under heavy shell fire. His incessant work kept battalion headquarters in touch with the situation.

2547 Sjt. S. Dempsey, 3rd Bn., Aust. Pnrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a runner, who was sent back to report the situation, was wounded before he had gone thirty yards, this N.C.O. at once went back with the message, which he knew to be urgent, binding up the wounds of the runner on the way, and brought back necessary instructions, having to crawl 300 yards across the open under sniping and machine-gun fire. Later on he crept out with a Lewis gun and silenced a machine gun which was enfilading the platoon. His daring initiative was a fine example to his men.

1701 Pte. H. V. Emery, 28th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an advance he rushed a trench occupied by the enemy, and alone captured thirty-two prisoners. Later, he rushed a machine-gun post, capturing its five occupants and a gun. He also directed a tank to another strong point, which was destroyed. He set a brilliant example to his comrades.

3930 L./Cpl. C. Finch, 13th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At the commencement of the attack he was No. 2 of a Lewis-gun section. Early in the advance the whole crew except this man became casualties. He took charge of the gun and carried it and the spare parts in addition to his panniers to the final objective, several times bringing it into action with great effect, and covering the consolidation by his fire. Finally he rushed out and bombed a machine gun, killing two and capturing five of the crew, bringing them and the gun back with him single-handed.

536 Sjt. E. P. Foster, 31st Bn., Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and able leadership when his company was temporarily checked by direct fire from a field battery. He did excellent work in rallying the men and working them forward. After reaching the final objective he cleared the ground for several hundred yards in advance, inflicting severe casualties on the enemy. His example was eagerly followed by his men.

4818 L./Cpl. E. B. Gibson, 59th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company was held up in front of a strong post and no Tanks were available he pushed forward alone in face of heavy machine-gun fire, bombed the post and captured twenty-five men and three machine guns, bringing them back to the lines. He has always displayed exceptional courage and initiative.

8183 L./Cpl. J. A. Gill, 4th Fd. Amb., Aust. A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a battery on the forward slope was being heavily shelled, the officer and most of the gunners being killed or wounded, this N.C.O. led his squad up at the double, collected the wounded and carried them to comparative safety. After dressing their wounds he helped his squad to carry them to the motor loading post. He undoubtedly saved the lives of the wounded by his quickness and resource.

2913 Sjt. J. E. J. Golden, 45th Bn., Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O., leading his platoon in the attack, rushed two machine-gun posts, capturing the crews intact. He then pushed forward with a Lewis gun team and engaged a field gun firing over open sights, and put it out of action. His energetic initiative prevented many casualties.

6182 M.T. Sjt. C. J. Graham, 4th M.T. Coy., Aust. A.S.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in driving a motor ambulance along roads which were being heavily shelled and searched by machine-gun fire. On his return he took out and posted other ambulance cars, so that the evacuation of the wounded was carried out quickly and systematically. Two days later he repeated this by night, his coolness and resource on both occasions being the means of saving many lives.

5845 Cpl. (T./Sjt.) R. H. Grant, 27th Bn., Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. with one man rushed an enemy trench, from which the advance was being held up. He killed several and captured two officers, forty-seven men and a machine gun, thereby clearing the way for a further advance. This magnificent action had an inspiring effect on the men with him.

1842 Sjt. H. Greer, 42nd Bn., Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon commander became a casualty he took command and cleared out two large dug-outs, taking about fifty prisoners. On reaching the final objective he established a forward machine-gun post in face of heavy machine-gun fire. His organising capacity and skilful leadership were a great asset.

2290 Pte. W. A. R. Harris, 45th Bn., Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his section commander be-

came a casualty he took command and, pushing forward, was the first to reach a battery of 5.9-inch guns which were in action. These were quickly silenced and the crews captured. In several days' fighting he showed keenness and resource as a patrol leader.

948 C./Q.M.S. J. C. Hayes, 1st Bn., Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack on a village. Seeing a unit on the left flank held up by rifle and machine-gun fire he took a patrol of five men across the river, and by skilful leadership succeeded in locating and rushing several enemy posts, capturing or killing the garrisons and clearing up the area in front of the right flank of the attacking troops for a considerable distance. In particular he rushed one strong post, capturing one officer, thirty-one other ranks and seven machine guns. Altogether his party accounted for one officer seventy-one other ranks and nine machine guns. He did splendid work and showed great courage and initiative.

4540 2nd Cpl. R. Huddy, 8th Fd. Coy., Aust. Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an advance the enemy blew craters at some cross roads in a village. This N.C.O. was in charge of a party of sappers clearing the route for transport, and worked unceasingly under heavy fire for three hours. Although more than half his party became casualties, he completed the task and got the transport through. This was solely due to the example which he set to his men.

5609 Pte. A. James, 26th Bn., Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This man crawled forward by himself, and, throwing a bomb into a machine-gun post, rushed it. His bomb killed one of the gunners, and he shot two others and bayoneted one. He then assisted in rounding up twenty-five prisoners and another gun. Later, he captured another gun by bombing down a trench, when the crew jumped out and surrendered. He set a fine aggressive example, which had a great effect on the men with him.

6290 Sjt. R. A. Jeffers, M.M., 14th Bn., Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On his platoon commander becoming a casualty, he assumed command and led his men with great dash across a bare ridge swept by artillery and machine-gun fire, capturing many prisoners and several machine guns. He then cleared some low ground along a river, and, seeing an enemy battery of field guns enfilading the front line, he took a Lewis gun on to the bank and dispersed the gunners, in spite of fire from two machine guns. This daring act saved numerous casualties.

190 Sjt. A. Jones, M.M., 44th Bn., Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. single-handed attacked an enemy machine gun which was interfering with the progress of a platoon on

his flank, capturing the gun and crew. He successfully reorganised and led to their objective parties which had become scattered in the thick fog. On arrival at the objective he gave great assistance in consolidating it, under heavy fire, setting an excellent example all round.

1164 Sjt. R. J. Kealy, 48th Bn., Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the officer in charge of two platoons was wounded during an attack, this N.C.O. took charge, and, handling his men with great skill, surrounded a strong point, which he rushed at the head of his men, capturing twenty prisoners and three machine guns. This minor attack cleared the front for the remainder of the company to advance on its objective.

4521 Pte. W. C. Kelly, 46th Bn., Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After his section leader was wounded he took charge and led it forward through heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, and continued fighting after being wounded himself. He stuck to it until the consolidation of the final objective was completed, when he had to give in. Right through the attack he showed coolness and daring, inspiring the men with him.

4774 Pte. F. M. Klemm, 31st Bn., Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This man, as No. 1 of a Lewis gun, handled it with great skill, pushing forward and attacking a hostile machine-gun post, killing two of the crew and capturing the remainder. The following day he pushed his gun forward into "No Man's Land," and by his fire covered the advance of another battalion. Although his gun was plastered by bullets, he kept it in action.

864 C./S./M. J. McD. McCash, 60th Bn., Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This W.O. was responsible for guiding two platoons through a thick fog on the first day of the attack, and got them to the right place by the time the fog lifted. The following day, when the advance continued without the assistance of Tanks, he swept aside all opposition by his determination, and it was mainly due to his action on the right flank of the company that the advance was successful.

886 Sjt. (T./C.S.M.) J. McConnell, M.M., 29th Bn., Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the platoon commander was badly wounded, he took command, although wounded himself, and handled the men with skill in a difficult situation. On being checked by machine-gun fire from a flank, he personally went out to the flank with a machine gun, and by his fire drove the enemy back. He showed coolness and judgment throughout, and kept his men on the move forward.

6602 Cpl. T. W. McDonald, 50th Bn., Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. led a fighting patrol, under heavy fire, and captured a hostile gun against heavy odds. The enemy then attempted to surround his party, but, taking the attack in flank, he captured fourteen prisoners and two machine guns. His determination led to this success.

378 Sjt. M. McEvoy, 7th Aust. L.T.M. Bty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. had charge of two light trench mortars in the attack. With an infantry N.C.O. he rushed a dug-out, capturing two officers and important maps and papers. He next rushed a post with one man, capturing the garrison of ten men. On nearing the objective he rounded up about 20 of the enemy who were trying to escape. His initiative was a great asset in the attack.

893 Sjt. H. W. McKenzie, 29th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In an attack on a village his company came under close range machine-gun fire, all the officers becoming casualties and the men somewhat disorganised. This N.C.O. took command and rallied them in the face of heavy machine-gun fire, pressing on to the objective. On the way he located and rushed a machine-gun post single-handed, shooting the crew and capturing the post. Through-out his judgment and coolness were conspicuous.

2701 Sjt. W. A. McKenzie, 58th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. worked his platoon forward under very heavy machine-gun fire, out-flanking a post which was holding up the advance. He then personally headed a rush, capturing two machine guns and killing the crews. His courage and leadership inspired the men under him.

4560 Cpl. I. O. Mengersen, 50th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O., in charge of a fighting patrol of 15 men, led them out under heavy barrage to clear a troublesome re-entrant. The patrol was engaged by machine-gun fire from both flanks and the right rear. Organising small bombing parties, he attacked and silenced three guns and held on for 3½ hours until ordered to withdraw. He set a splendid example of courage and coolness.

3181 R./S./M. J. Metcalf, 60th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He assisted the company commanders who were short of officers in organising the advance. When the attack was checked by machine-gun fire he went forward through the fire and pointed out a suitable position for dealing with it. In unloading an anti-Tank gun which had been captured, the charge exploded, injuring his hand, but he refused to leave until the next morning, continuing to supervise the supply of ammunition. His endurance and determination inspired those with him.

742 C.Q.M.S. T. J. Mew, 14th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the advance was held up by an enemy strong point, this warrant officer placed his platoon in commanding positions to keep down the enemy's fire, and then creeping forward with three men bombed the post, killing and wounding several of the enemy and putting a machine gun out of action. The remainder surrendered. Owing to his daring initiative the advance was resumed, and he continued to do splendid work up to the final objective.

4011 Sjt. B. R. Miller, 14th Fd. Coy., Aust. Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. made a reconnaissance after the first objective had been reached, under heavy machine-gun fire, to ascertain if wiring could proceed. He was also in charge of parties at the second objective, when the work had to be carried out under harassing shell fire. Thanks to his energy and coolness under fire an apron fence 100 yards long was completed by the evening right across the battalion front.

5407 Pte. A. A. Moore, 23rd Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Assuming command of the platoon when his officer became a casualty, he led it forward in the face of heavy shell and machine-gun fire, capturing six prisoners, one machine gun, and killing a number of the enemy. Later, while establishing a block in a trench, he went forward alone and met a hostile bombing party, killing two and driving off the rest. He showed dash and resource under trying conditions.

4538 Sjt. A. McD. Muir, M.M., 4th Bn., Aust. Pnrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When this N.C.O. with his platoon were moving along a sunken road, they were suddenly fired at from both flanks and front. He displayed great coolness in keeping control of his men and getting them under cover, at the same time keeping in touch with his company commander. His initiative and resource saved many casualties, and were a fine example.

2913 Sjt. W. Murray, M.M., 16th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the latter stages of the advance, the platoon of which this N.C.O. was in charge was held up by machine-gun fire from a strong post. He crept forward round the flank with a small party and bombed it, killing or capturing the whole of the garrison. After establishing his platoon in the post, the enemy attacked down a communication trench, but he drove them back with heavy losses. He showed most skilful leadership throughout.

1807 Sjt. W. Nash, 22nd Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O., in charge of a bombing section, encountered an enemy post. He at once rushed it single-handed, shooting the occupants before they had time to fire. He then continued to advance up a communica-

tion trench under heavy fire and held the end of it until his men came up. He saved many casualties by his promptness.

2761 Pte. R. E. Nicholls, M.M., 46th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack this man noticed a group of the enemy putting up a stiff fight in a gully, and collecting a small party of men led them across the gully to cut them off. Although the men with him were held up by the intense machine-gun fire he kept on and succeeded with the help of an officer in taking several of the enemy prisoners. His daring and initiative were a fine example to his comrades.

284 Cpl. (T./Sjt.) G. F. Nicholson, 3rd Bn., Aust. Pnrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In the attack this N.C.O. personally disposed of the crew of one enemy machine gun, enabling his section to progress. While consolidating he went out and rescued two wounded stretcher bearers, and though wounded himself refused to leave the line. He set a fine example of courage and endurance to his section.

1543 L./Cpl. M. W. O'Connor, 14th Bn., Aust. Inf., attd. 4th Aust. L.T.M. By.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative. In the attack itself he kept his gun handy and twice blew up a machine-gun nest in face of its fire. Later, he went out under fire of all descriptions and brought in a wounded officer and two men who had been sniped while attending to him. As in the attack, so during and after consolidation, his example was an inspiration to his gun crew.

1389 C./S./M. W. Oswald, M.M., 13th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an advance on a village this warrant officer was in charge of his company mopping-up party. Perceiving a gap of about four hundred yards in the attacking line he immediately led his party into it, and bringing fire to bear on the enemy machine guns enabled the battalions to close up again. Later, his company was subjected to galling enfilade fire, but, steadying the men, he led them forward and while they were digging in moved freely about, encouraging them in their work. He was of great assistance to the C.O. in siting the new line and distributing the men.

2535 Sjt. J. R. Pascoe, 46th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In the advance this N.C.O., in command of a platoon, pushed his Lewis-gun forward to a commanding position, and under cover of its fire made good his attack. Later, he crept forward with two men through a wood, capturing two men and a machine gun and killing two. His leading and control of his platoon were admirable.

853 Sjt. J. H. Payten, 33rd Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With one man he rushed a strong point in a wood, killing two and capturing

fourteen of the garrison and two machine guns. Owing to dense fog it was difficult to maintain direction, but he kept his party well in hand and collected stragglers. In the next wood he rushed and captured another machine-gun post with twenty-four prisoners. He distinguished himself throughout by sound leadership and initiative.

125 C./S./M. D. C. Phillips, 16th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the first part of the advance through a dense fog he rendered great assistance in maintaining direction and liaison with adjoining units. When one of the platoon commanders became a casualty he took command and led it in the assault, capturing a machine-gun post which threatened to hold up the advance. A number of the enemy were killed, ten men and two machine guns captured. He then bombed his way to the final objective and later beat off a counter-attack. His leadership throughout the operations was excellent.

615 Sjt. M. A. Pitt, 29th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the platoon commander was killed and the men disorganised this N.C.O. took command while under very heavy machine-gun fire. He got his men under cover and crawled out over the open, exposed to the fire of numerous machine guns at close range, to reconnoitre and get in touch with flank units. He succeeded in his efforts, and returning to his platoon led them on to their objective. He showed skill and initiative under trying conditions.

386 Cpl. D. Pritchard, 4th Bn., Aust. M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While this man was in charge of a gun team in a Tank a direct hit set it on fire. Although it was burning fiercely he got out a wounded comrade, the gun and several ammunition boxes. He then mounted the gun under heavy shell fire and stopped the enemy in a rush on his party. He showed consummate coolness at a critical moment.

1807 Sjt. F. J. Robbins, M.M., 16th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While working along a forward sap severe machine-gun fire was brought to bear on his party. Leaving his party under cover he took stock of the situation, and, rushing up to the barricade over which the machine gun was firing, was first through the gap, fighting the enemy in a hand to hand conflict. Thanks to his energy and dash the opposition was overcome and his men resumed the advance.

1143 Sjt. A. Ryan, M.M., 4th Aust. Div. Sig. Coy., Aust. Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty with the brigade forward party as telephone line serjeant. He was responsible for the laying and maintaining of the telephone lines from the brigade to the forward station and on to battalion headquarters, all the time under heavy artillery and machine-gun fire. He set a great example of determina-

tion and resource to his linesmen and runners.

1268 Cpl. J. Ryan, 23rd Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. led a bombing party 400 yards along a trench in the face of heavy machine-gun fire and bombed the enemy out of several positions. He personally accounted for five of the enemy, and, though wounded in the hand, continued to bomb for another hour, until he was again severely wounded. His energy and endurance set a fine example to the men.

2484 Pte. F. G. Sellick, 45th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This man as battalion scout moved ahead of the attacking troops looking for machine-gun nests and posts. When found he used his light Lewis gun to keep their heads down till they were rushed by the oncoming troops. His energy and skill prevented casualties in the attacking waves.

6594 Sjt. G. Sexton, 13th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On four separate occasions his company was suddenly confronted by enemy machine-gun fire. On each occasion this N.C.O. in charge of a Lewis gun section brought his gun into action with great promptitude, quickly silencing the opposition. On one occasion, in some tall crops, he stood up in full view of the enemy firing from the hip until he had put the enemy machine gun out of action. Throughout the day he displayed initiative combined with coolness.

3912 Sjt. (now 2nd Lt.) R. Sinclair, M.M., 4th Bn., Aust. M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the section commander was severely wounded and the Tank carrying the guns and crews knocked out by a direct hit he removed all the wounded from the Tank, then with the survivors got the guns and gear out and rushed them forward into action under heavy machine-gun fire. His presence of mind and energy greatly assisted the advance and saved casualties.

1459 Sjt. W. L. Sinclair, 29th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. organised and led his platoon forward, after its commander had become a casualty. With one section he outflanked a machine gun post of two guns, taking the crews prisoner, which was carried out over open ground under heavy fire. He then reconnoitred to the front and gained touch with the unit on his right, returning with information which enabled a trench mortar battery to silence an anti-Tank gun. His energy and resource materially assisted in the capture of a village.

5395 Sjt. W. C. Stafford, Aust. C.T.S., attd. Aust. H.Q.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a topographer attached to brigade. He had to resect, with plane table, eighteen forward battle positions for field artillery. The only fixed points which could be used were in enemy territory, and were not visible

from battery positions themselves, and consequently he had to set his plane table up on high ground between the battery positions and the enemy. This meant he was in full view of the enemy, who, during the whole time (about eight hours) he was fixing these eighteen batteries, were shelling him with 5.9 in. Howitzers. He successfully accomplished his work, thus enabling the field batteries to fire with accuracy on zero day. In the subsequent attack he kept in close touch with the batteries, and had all the new positions accurately resected the same evening. He performed most valuable service.

3025A Sjt. E. A. Sumner, 4th Bn., Aust. Pnrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in reorganising the men of his platoon, which had suffered some casualties. Later, while making a reconnaissance with his company commander, they came under heavy fire, the latter being killed. In spite of this he completed his task, and set a splendid example to his comrades during a trying time.

2402 C./S./M. S. W. Tooth, 42nd Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In an advance, when the right flank was held up by machine-gun fire, this warrant officer organised a small party of men, outflanking the post, and killing or capturing the garrison. He then mopped up two dug-outs, accounting for two officers and 40 men. He set a splendid example throughout.

3193 Pte. J. W. Walker, 41st Bn., Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon was held up by machine-gun fire at fifty yards range, he rushed ahead with a Lewis gun, firing it from the hip, killing the crew and capturing the gun. On four other occasions during the advance he was largely instrumental in the capture of machine guns and their crews. On reaching the objective he went out with two or three men and a few bombs and collected at least twenty more prisoners. His conduct earned the admiration of his comrades.

2256 Sjt. F. P. Weisheit, 58th Bn., Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack on enemy trenches this N.C.O., with his party, rushed a defence post, capturing two machine guns with their crews. He also dealt with several dug-outs, entering them with total disregard of danger, and brought in thirty prisoners. His determination and offensive spirit were invaluable in this attack.

653 L./Cpl. W. N. Whittard, 26th Bn., Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. was in charge of a party of signallers moving forward with the front wave to establish a forward communication post. When held up by a machine gun, he dashed at it alone, shot three and bayoneted two of the enemy, and took five prisoners. On reaching the objective, he

personally ran out lines to all the companies, under heavy fire, and maintained communication throughout the day by his energy in repairing breaks.

3968 Sjt. E. A. Williams, 46th Bn., Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the march to the jumping-off tape this N.C.O. directed and controlled his platoon with great coolness when it got into a heavy barrage and brought it through without loss. In attacking the second objective, when rifle and machine-gun fire checked the platoon, he rallied his men and dashed forward, causing the enemy to surrender. He set a remarkable example to his men.

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2/205 B./S./M. G. K. Bain, 2nd Bde., N.Z.F.A.

While ammunition wagons were being unloaded at a forward gun position, it was suddenly subjected to very heavy fire. His horse was killed under him, many team horses killed and wounded, and the drivers of one team thrown by the force of the explosion, and the team broke away. He stopped them, and, his officer becoming a casualty, he took charge, dumped the ammunition, and cleared the column. He returned alone, and destroyed all hopelessly injured horses. He set a magnificent example of courage and coolness.

12/324 Pte. W. G. Cavenett, N.Z. Cyc. Corps, attd. XXII Ind Corps Cyc. Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This man was with the corps mounted troops in the vanguard of the division, which met considerable resistance from a redoubt. Single-handed he worked his way round to the rear, and despite the fact that he was fired on at short range by snipers and machine guns, rushed the post, bayonetting three of the enemy and taking a fourth prisoner.

9/1045 Sjt. D. Fletcher, N.Z. M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his section commander had become a casualty he assumed command and displayed great coolness and initiative under very heavy machine-gun fire and bombing

counter-attacks by the enemy. He and one other man were the only unwounded in the team, but they kept the gun in action until both were wounded and until the infantry were compelled to withdraw, when they withdrew their gun and reopened fire. He then reorganised his section with marked ability, obtained fresh guns, and remained on duty throughout the day, sending back clear and valuable reports. By his personal courage and leadership he rendered very valuable service. He has previously done fine work.

59391 Pte. E. Lanauze, 2nd Bn., Wellington R., N.Z.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership. In charge of a patrol he made a thorough reconnaissance of a system of trenches forward of our line and brought back valuable information. Later in the day, when an enemy post had been established in this system he volunteered and took five men forward and attacked it, killing six of the enemy, wounding several others, and capturing two machine guns. He did splendid work.

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167 T./B.Q.M.S. S. Kanair, 36th Aust. Hy. Apty. Bde.
(London Gazette dated 3rd September, 1918.)

513275 Sjt. A. C. Anderson, 14th Bn., Lond. R.
(London Gazette dated 26th June, 1918.)

763295 Pte. H. Cutler, 28th Bn., Lond. R.
(London Gazette dated 28th March, 1918.)

505251 L./C. B. Maude, 18th Bn., K.R.R.C.
(London Gazette dated 30th October, 1918.)

9388 L./C. H. Bemrose, 1st Bn., Linc. R.
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