

682454 Sjt. J. Butler, 1/22nd Bn., Lond. R. (Kirkby-in-Ashfield).

When the advance was temporarily held up by heavy machine-gun fire, south of Albert on the 22/23rd August, 1918, he dashed forward with fine gallantry and captured a gun that was causing heavy casualties and turned it on the enemy. Later, when the enemy broke through on the flank, he collected a number of stragglers and reinforced the nearest company, remaining with them till relieved twenty four hours later. Throughout the operations he showed a splendid example of courage and devotion to duty.

50652 Sjt. W. Butler, 1st Bn., E. York. R. (Nottingham).

On the 20-21st August, 1918, near Beaucourt-sur-Ancre, he, by his fine leadership and utter disregard for danger, handled his platoon with such skill that he changed what might have been a critical situation into a brilliant success. On 22nd August, 1918, he crawled forward alone with a Lewis gun and killed a German officer and a man who had been causing considerable damage by sniping. Furthermore, he went forward and took the shoulder straps off the two men he had killed and brought them back for identification. He set a fine example to all ranks of great courage and devotion to duty.

1211 Pte. M. Carmichael, M.M., 2nd Bn., A. & S. Highrs. (Appin).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty from 20th to 23rd September, 1918, near Villers Guislain, as runner between Bn. H. Q and the front line. He did six journeys each way every day, under shell and machine-gun fire, 200 yards being in full view of the snipers and machine guns in the village. On the last day he carried up two loads of bombs and guided two platoons forward, showing tireless energy throughout.

122775 Pte. A. H. Cator, 33rd Bn., M.G. Corps (Carbrooke).

For conspicuous gallantry and energy in the attack near Villers Guislain on 21st and 22nd September, 1918, acting as No. 1 of a gun team. He brought his gun into action under a hail of machine-gun fire and frustrated a bombing attack which was driving back the infantry. In a second attack by the enemy his gun was knocked out, and he jumped on the parapet, shooting three of them with a rifle. His conduct was of great assistance to the infantry.

291507 Pte. J. Cavanagh, 1/8th Bn., Sco. Rif. (T.F.) (Juniper Green, Midlothian).

On 2nd September, 1918, near Wulverghem, when No 1 of a Lewis gun, he used it with great effect on an enemy machine gun, of which he destroyed the crew, capturing the gun itself. He was under a very hot fire at the time, and his No. 2 was badly wounded. Many casualties were prevented by his gallantry and rapid action.

325326 Pte. C. W. Caygill, M.M., 9th Bn., Durh. L.I., T.F. (Chopwell).

273099 Pte. J. Gundry, M.M., 9th Bn., Durh. L.I., T.F. (Chopwell).

For magnificent conduct at Havrincourt, 12th to 15th September, 1918. When forward platoons of their company were heavily

counter-attacked and pressed back by the enemy, leaving many casualties in "No Man's Land," they went forward and rescued the wounded in the face of heavy machine gun and snipers' fire. They made nine journeys and brought in sixteen of their wounded comrades, whose lives they undoubtedly saved.

17016 Pte. (A./Cpl.) J. Chapman, 5th Bn., W. Rid. R., T.F. (Stanmore).

For conspicuous gallantry and determination as bayonet man in a bombing party during the attack on the Hindenburg line on 13th September, 1918. His party was held up by a wire block in the trench and strong opposition. In the face of heavy bombing and machine-gun fire, he pulled away the block, thus allowing his comrades to go on and capture the trench.

3/8106 Sjt. W. W. Chidgey, M.M., 6th Bn., Dorset R. (Bristol).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 18th September, 1918, at Gauche Wood. After the battalion had advanced through the wood and captured a redoubt, touch was lost with the left, and this N.C.O. came under heavy fire from a trench on that flank. In hand-to-hand fighting he cleared the enemy from this trench, and later, although wounded, he collected some detached men and led them on to their objective. His enterprise and endurance were a splendid example to all ranks.

205022 Sjt. D. W. Child, 13th Bn., Tank Corps (Fenge).

On 8th August, 1918, near Bayonvillers he acted as Tank commander and displayed great courage and powers of leadership throughout the action, pushing through heavy fire of anti-Tank guns to destroy enemy machine-gun positions over a wide front. It was largely due to his initiative and determination that the casualties to the infantry were exceptionally light in the area in which he was operating.

202885 Pte. W. Clark, 1st Bn., Essex R. (Colliers End, near Ware).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Trescault on 18th September, 1918. When his officer was wounded, this man took command of the platoon although himself wounded. He rushed along the top of the trench, bombing the enemy with his left arm, the right being useless, and forced them to retire, leaving four dead behind. He then re-organised the platoon, placing posts and erecting a block in the trench, beating off three determined counter-attacks. Before going to have his wound dressed, he insisted on showing the relieving officer his dispositions. He showed courage, determination and cheerfulness.

13452 Sjt. G. Clarkson, 9th Bn., W. Rid. Rgt. (Otley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Gouzeourt on the 18th September, 1918. When two machine guns were holding up the right flank company, this N.C.O. crawled forward, and when within five yards rushed them, killing one gunner and wounding the other. He afterwards went forward with