

two platoons, and was largely responsible for the capture of 200 prisoners. His dash and initiative were a great incentive to his company throughout the attack.

206203 Sjt. W. T. Cleeves, 8th Bn., E. Surr. Rgt. (Farnham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the attack on Priez Farm on 1st September, 1918. When the company was held up by concentrated machine-gun fire, he went forward, re-organised the line and led the men to their final objective. Early in the day all the officers save one and all other serjeants had become casualties, but he worthily rose to the occasion, as he had frequently done in previous actions.

46451 Pte. C. Connoley, 2nd Bn., Essex Rgt. (Paddington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the attack on the Drocourt-Queant line on 2nd September, 1918. Whilst acting as platoon sniper scout, spotting a machine gun which had been causing casualties to his platoon about forty yards in front of him, he dashed forward without waiting for orders, shot the gunner through the head, and disabled the gun. On his return to report that the gun was out of action his clothing and equipment were found to be riddled with bullet holes.

6095 C./Q./M./S. J. W. Cook, 6th Bn., E. Lan. Rgt. (Burnley). (MESOPOTAMIA.)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Mansuriyeh on 19th October, 1917. He displayed great coolness and ability in getting away the first line transport when it came under heavy fire. By his action the transport suffered no casualties.

39397 Sjt. A. H. Cornwall, 7th Bn., R. W. Surr. Rgt. (Cambridge).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in the attack on Fregicourt on 1st September, 1918. He led his platoon, composed chiefly of a new draft, against trench mortar and machine-gun fire, calmly walking in front under full view of the enemy. Thanks in a great measure to his example, trench mortars, machine guns, and over 200 prisoners were captured.

6211 C./S./M. C. W. Cox., 11th Bn., R. Scots. (Edinburgh).

For conspicuous gallantry during the operations south of Meteren on the 16th August, 1918. Shortly before the final objective was gained an enemy machine gun was causing a great deal of trouble. He immediately organised a party and succeeded in rushing and capturing the gun and team. Throughout the operation he set a splendid example of courage and leadership.

64679 Sjt. A. G. Creer, M.M., 110th Bn., 24th Bde., R.F.A. (Hounslow).

For conspicuous gallantry and determination under fire, on 18th September, 1918, near Holnon Wood. The guns were brought into action during a heavy enemy bombardment; but he kept the teams and detachments in order and ensured the safe delivery of ammunition to the guns. He was knocked

over by the explosion of a shell and stunned, but carried out his duties till the end of the barrage.

9630 Sjt. J. W. Cronin, 1st Bn., R. Lanc. Rgt. (St. Peter's Port, Guernsey).

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership in an attack on the Drocourt-Queant line 2nd September, 1918. When all the officers of his company had become casualties, he took command, reached the objective, organised the defence and put outposts to the flanks, personally superintending these operations under heavy shell and machine-gun fire. All his dispositions were excellent.

200053 Sjt. T. Cross, 1st Bn. Som. L.I. (Weston-super-Mare).

For conspicuous gallantry and able leadership near Éterpigny from 29th August-4th September, 1918, in several days' fighting—especially in an attack on a main trench line, when held up by machine-gun fire. He made a personal reconnaissance, which enabled him to manœuvre his platoon so as to silence and capture the post. He afterwards reorganised his company, which was at the time without any officers.

715205 Sjt. R. Crossman, D/210th Bde., R.F.A. (Workington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Trescourt on the night of 23/24th September, 1918. While bringing forward ammunition wagons, the enemy opened a heavy barrage, five drivers and several horses being killed and wounded. With the assistance of an officer he unhooked the teams and got them safely away. They then, with the aid of one N.C.O. and one man, unloaded the whole of the 1,000 rounds, and got each wagon away as it was emptied without further casualties, although continuously shelled.

1685 Cpl. W. Crumplin, 7th Bn., R.W.Surr. Rgt. (Farnham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in the attack on Tara Hill, on 23rd August, 1918, when, with two other men, he dashed out in front of our advancing line and quieted a machine gun, killing two of the crew and driving the rest off. Later, he went out alone and established connection with the battalion on the left. During the whole day's fighting he set a fine example to all ranks.

G/2689 Sjt. A. W. Currie, 11th Bn., R.Fus. (Chiswick).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty south of Albert, on 22nd August, 1918. After crossing the marshes, the company, of which he was acting company serjeant major, became disorganised, and he walked up and down in the open, under intense machine-gun fire, re-organising and encouraging the men to push forward close up to the barrage. Later in the day, when touch with the right flank was lost, he went across the open under heavy fire and obtained liaison. His energetic conduct throughout was admirable.

50024 Pte. J. B. Currie, 2nd Bn., Lan. Fus. (Darlington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations against the Drocourt-Queant line on 2nd September, 1918. Acting as company runner during an attack, he was