

360676 Sjt. L. Tungate, 18th Sig. Coy., R.E. (Norwich).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative during operations against Albert from 22nd August to 3rd September, 1918. When his officer became a casualty he took command of the signallers and maintained a most efficient system of communication within the battalion. On many occasions he went out under heavy shell fire to select routes and establish stations, and carried out the work with marked ability.

50624 Pte. J. W. Turner, 1st Bn., E. York. R. (Leeds).

On August 22nd, 1918, near Beaucourt-sur-Ancre, this man as stretcher-bearer time and again went forward into "No Man's Land" to bring in wounded men under a withering machine-gun and shell fire. Though advised by his company commander not to endanger his life by such rashness, he still persisted in bringing in unaided several more wounded belonging to another unit. Again, on the 26th August, near Ligny Thillooy, he greatly distinguished himself in bringing in wounded under an intense fire, thereby setting a wonderful and inspiring example to his comrades. By his extreme devotion to duty he was instrumental in saving the lives of several men.

67452 Spr. (A./Sjt.) G. Voke, 151st Fd. Coy., R.E. (Newport, Mon.).

For consistently excellent work on several occasions during August and September, 1918. Prior to the attack by the Division on 24th August he worked on the approach to a proposed bridge over the river Ancre near Aveluy although the enemy was holding the opposite bank, and immediately after the attack started work under fire on the construction of the bridge. During construction the bridge received two direct hits but he continued his work and helped to complete it by the specified time, thereby largely contributing to the success of the attack. On 5th/6th September he worked on the construction of a pontoon bridge over the Canal du Nord, near Manancourt, which was successfully completed in spite of heavy gas shelling which caused a number of casualties. Since then he has done good work on forward roads under constant shelling.

235657 Pte. R. Walker, 1st Bn., North'd Fus. (Sunderland).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At Havrincourt, on the 18th September, 1918, this man was in charge of a L.G. section covering a block in an advanced sap. The enemy broke through and his section was surrounded. He immediately collected what men he could, and after bombing the enemy out of the trench behind him, turned his attention to those in front and cleared them out also. The situation was critical and his prompt action turned the enemy's temporary success into a failure with heavy casualties.

241572 Sjt. H. P. Ward, 5th Bn., York. L.I. (Doncaster).

For great courage and determination in establishing and maintaining communications during and after the attack on Havrincourt on 12th September, 1918. The whole time he was out on this work he was exposed to

intense shell fire, and his wires were broken several times in the act of laying them, but each time he mended them and successfully connected up with forward stations.

22355 Sjt. J. A. Wark, 47th Bn., M.G.C. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack north of Bray-sur-Somme on the 22nd August, 1918. He turned back in the middle of an intense enemy artillery barrage shortly after zero hour and took a gun from a wounded No. 1 and carried it himself to the objective. Under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire he made repeated reconnaissances during the later stages of the attack, each time returning himself to bring up the guns. His unfailing cheerfulness and outstanding courage were the admiration of all ranks throughout the operation.

20202 Pte. W. F. Bailey (Brayfield-on-Green), 16948 Pte. W. J. Webb (Stony Stratford), 6th Bn., North'n R.

For great gallantry during operations south of Albert on 22nd August, 1918. These men on their own initiative skilfully manœuvred a Lewis gun against two enemy machine-gun posts, which were holding up the advance. They rushed the posts and captured the guns, together with their respective garrisons of 10 and 6 men.

305570 L./Cpl. T. Whiles, 13th Bn., Tank Corps (Newark).

On 8th August, 1918, near Bayonvillers, the tank in which he was gunner received two direct hits which killed the driver and tank commander and set the tank on fire. Repeated efforts to extinguish the fire were frustrated by the exploding ammunition; though the tank was filled with flames and smoke, he continued to try and get the bodies of his commander and driver outside, until seeing that life was really extinct and he himself was quite exhausted he left the tank. Later on he rescued a man from another tank that had been set on fire by a direct hit and of which the ammunition was exploding in all directions. Throughout the action the conduct of this N.C.O. was a splendid example of resolution and contempt of danger.

201149 C./S./M. E. W. Whitworth, 7th Bn., Line. R. (Lincoln).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack on Gauche Wood on 18th September, 1918, seeing a platoon without officers or N.C.O.s, he ran to it and, reorganising it led it forward, surrounding and capturing a strong post. By skilful handling of the platoon he cleared that corner of the wood. His absolute disregard of danger set a splendid example throughout the operations.

200824 Sjt. (A./C./S./M.) G. Whyman, M.M., 2/4th Bn., York and Lanc. R. (I.F.) (Sheffield).

During the attack on 12th September, 1918, at Havrincourt, this W.O. was of great assistance when the company commander was wounded. His coolness, self-possession and leadership under the heaviest shell and machine-gun fire rallied and stimulated the company, and, though hard pressed, he surmounted all difficulties and led on to the objective.