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126183 Cpl. R. Crooks, 68th Bn., 14th Bde., R.F.A. (Kirkintilloch).

On 1st October, 1918, near Joncourt, he was No. 1 in charge of a gun while his battery was firing a barrage. The battery was heavily shelled, and his detachment became casualties one by one, but he kept his gun in action, and for ten minutes worked his gun single-handed. He adhered strictly to the barrage table and did not miss a round. He paid no attention to the continual shelling, but concentrated all his energies upon keeping his gun in action. His courage and good work were of the highest order.

203495 Bomdr. J. A. Cross, M.M., D/83rd Bde., R.F.A. (Sheffield).

For great courage and devotion to duty on 23rd October, 1918, at Le Cateau. The battery position was in the area upon which the enemy put down his protective barrage as soon as our attack started, and in consequence was under heavy fire during the whole of the bombardment. With the exception of himself the whole of the left section became casualties within the first five minutes. He showed exceptional coolness in getting away the wounded. He then returned to his gun and continued loading and firing until it was necessary to detail him to assist in one of the other detachments.

19973 Sjt. F. C. Croxton, 2nd Bn., N. Lan. R. (Stourbridge).

For skilful leadership of his platoon during the operations at Wyttschaete on 28th September, 1918. By his courage and personal example he inspired all the men under his command and was largely responsible for clearing very difficult ground of enemy machine guns after his officer had been severely wounded.

8997 C./S./M. J. Cullerton, 5th Bn. (now Depôt), Conn. Rang. (Dundee).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Serain on 8th October, 1918. When all the officers of his company had become casualties he took command and organised the consolidation of the position under heavy machine-gun fire. His grasp and control of the situation at a critical time secured the success of the operation. He was later wounded, but did not go down till he had found an officer to hand over to.

9663 C./S./M. R. Cunningham, 2/4th Bn., O. & B. L.I., T.F. (Bournemouth).

North of Maresches, during the attack on 2nd November, 1918, he, with one runner, worked his way forward into a farm that was known to be strongly held by the enemy, and succeeded in capturing a number of prisoners and three machine guns. From here he went forward with the leading troops, and owing to his good leadership three more machine-gun posts were cleared and many more prisoners taken. His gallant conduct throughout the operations was most marked and greatly aided the success of the operations.

15216 Sjt. J. C. Curtis, 2nd Bn., S.W. Bord. (Bargoed).

At Kruiseecke, on 29th September, 1918, for most conspicuous gallantry and determination. He led forward eight men to occupy a pill-box in advance of the line. The pill-box was found to be strongly held, and heavy machine-gun fire was opened. He led his men on, finally rushing the post and killing several of the enemy, the remainder running away. Still under heavy machine-gun fire he then went out and dressed three of his men who had been hit during the operation. He set a splendid example of courage and dash.

240006 C./S./M. S. J. Dale, 10th Bn., R.W. Surr. R. (Woking).

During the operations near Menin on 14th October, 1918, although badly wounded early in the fight, he refused to be sent back and carried on with unceasing energy. He reorganised stragglers when their leaders had become casualties, and led them forward to their final objective under heavy shell and machine-gun fire. Throughout the day his courage and devotion to duty were an example to all, and it was only when forced to do so by the nature of his wounds that he left the front line.

18701 Cpl. J. A. Dalrymple, 1st Bn., R. Innis. Fus. (Walton).

On the 14th October, 1918, near Ledegham, during an attack on the enemy's position, he led his section with great gallantry and determination through hostile barrage. He reached his first objective with such rapidity that he was enabled to completely surprise a very strong post from which much trouble had been anticipated. His capture included forty men and three machine guns. His courageous action greatly disorganised the hostile first line of defence, and facilitated the further advance of his company.

36605 Bomdr. T. Daly, 5th Div. Ammn. Col., R.F.A., attd. X/5th T.M. Bn. (Dublin).

For marked gallantry and great work. During the advance to the Sambre River he took a section of trench mortars into action into the village of Pont-Sur-Sambre under a very heavy machine-gun and 5.9 barrage. At this time the mortars were urgently required, as only half the village was occupied by our infantry. Though wounded, he returned a second time and succeeded, under very heavy shell fire, in getting rations up to the detachments serving the mortars in action. The village was cleared of the enemy shortly afterwards.

9621 Pte. A. Dance, 1st Bn., R. Berks. R. (Wantage).

For most conspicuous gallantry and initiative during the operations near Bermerain on the 24th October, 1918. When nearing the objective the leading waves of the assault were very heavily engaged by hostile machine-gun and rifle fire from Folie Farm and positions in front of it. Whereupon he, accompanied by the company serjeant-major, walked forward 100 yards in front of the company and rushed straight at the enemy. Both men shot enemy machine gunners, and so impressed the enemy with their dauntless