

spirit that no fewer than sixty immediately surrendered. He did magnificent work.

354218 Sjt. J. W. Dark, 74th Div. Sig. Coy., R.E., attd., 117th Bde., R.F.A. (South Bank).

On the night of 23rd/24th September, 1918, east of Templeux le Guerard, the forward telephone lines to batteries were repeatedly cut by shelling at a time when communication was absolutely necessary. By his gallantry and untiring energy in repairing wire after wire as they were broken, he maintained communication and enabled battery fire to be directed according to information received from infantry.

8087 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) J. Darwood, M.M., 2nd Bn., Worc. R. (Birmingham).

During the attack on Englefontaine, 26th October, 1918, he was in charge of the flank platoon of his battalion. Before touch with the next unit had been established, he was heavily counter-attacked, and also attacked in the rear. With a few men he personally dealt with this attack from his rear, with the result that the enemy party were all either killed or captured. His men then promptly drove back the counter-attack from in front, and enabled the line to be held. He showed marked gallantry and ability to command.

S/21968 Cpl. A. Davidson, M.M., 5th Bn., Cam. Highrs. (Edinburgh).

For most conspicuous gallantry and fine leadership whilst in command of a platoon during the operations from 28th September to 3rd October, 1918. When held up by machine-gun fire he led his platoon forward and overcame the opposition. Later, when the attack was held up, he filled up a gap in the line with his platoon, worked round the village, and by his vigorous action caused the enemy to withdraw. He did fine work.

S/8535 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) D. Davidson, M.M., 7th Bn., Sea. Highrs. (Blairgowrie).

Near Ledeghem, on 1st October, 1918, when the company to which he belonged was consolidating, he led his section forward into the enemy's lines and occupied a house, where he remained for several hours, directing the fire and inflicting heavy losses on the enemy, who were trying to push forward. By this daring action the consolidation of our line was carried out with practically no casualties from snipers. He fought splendidly throughout the period 28th September 3rd October, 1918.

10712 Cpl. J. H. Davies, 7th Bn., Wilts. R. (Rhondda, Glam.).

For most conspicuous gallantry and initiative when in charge of a Lewis-gun section during an attack east of Bony on 4th October, 1918. The company coming under heavy fire, he led his section forward with great dash and vigour. When his section was reduced to two men he took the gun himself and maintained a skilful covering fire on the left flank, which was unguarded, thereby maintaining his position and enabling the troops on his flank to push forward to their objective. He did fine work.

230089 Cpl. T. B. Davies, 1st Bn., Shrops. L.I. (Craven Arms).

In the attack near Vaux Andigny on the

17th October, 1918, his platoon reached the enemy's wire and found no gap had been cut in it. Although subjected to hostile bombing and heavy machine-gun fire he immediately set to work with his wire cutters and made a gap. Whilst so engaged he was wounded in the leg, but, calling on his men to follow him, he led the way through the gap he had cut to the objective. His fine courage and initiative was largely responsible for the success of the attack and for averting the holding up of the leading wave. He rendered excellent service.

200893 C./S./M. J. C. Davis, M.M., 2/4th Bn., Y. & L. Regt., T.F. (Sheffield).

During the fighting for Ribecourt he showed conspicuous gallantry, and in reorganising his company when the enemy made a determined counter-attack on our line on 27th Sept., 1918. He beat off the enemy, killing many and capturing 35 prisoners. Throughout the whole of the operations from 27th September, 1918, to 1st October, 1918, he was responsible for the capture of many machine guns and prisoners. He showed marked courage and able leadership and did fine work.

40974 Pte. (L./C.) W. H. Davis, 2/7th Bn. R. War. R., T.F. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry at Sommaing on 24th October, 1918. He, with his section, holding an advanced post, maintained his position against enemy counter-attacks, and inflicted severe casualties on the enemy. He maintained his position for ten hours until relieved by troops attacking through the battle line. He commanded his section with great courage and ability, and when relieved his men were cheerful and full of fight, which was undoubtedly attributable to his fine conduct.

265287 C./S./M. H. Davy, 1st Bn., Hert. R., T.F. (Letchworth).

During the attack on Ghissignies on 23rd Oct., 1918, his company was held up by machine-gun fire from the village. He immediately led a patrol through the village and eventually gained connection with the troops on his left. During his patrol he located some enemy machine guns and brought back valuable information regarding the enemy defences. It was due to his skilful leadership, resource and example of personal gallantry that the object of the patrol was attained.

218651 Gnr. F. T. Day, R.F.A. (late 11th Bn., R. Fus.) (Isleworth).

For conspicuous gallantry and efficiency in action during operations against Duncan Avenue, near Ronsoy on 22nd September, 1918. With his Lewis gun he frequently placed himself in most exposed positions in order to engage several enemy machine guns which were continually holding up the advance. On each occasion he completely put the enemy team out of action, thereby enabling our attacking waves to get well forward. Throughout he set a fine example to those around him.

30049 Pte. A. Dean, 1/5th Bn., Devon. R., T.F. (Devonport).

For most conspicuous gallantry and initiative during the attack on Bremy Avenue,