

19717 Pte. W. Adams, 1st Bn., C. Gds. (Reading).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in the attack across the Canal du Nord on the morning of 27th September, 1918. He was one of three men to volunteer to follow his officer across the Canal and rush an enemy machine-gun post, which was holding up two companies. The three rushed the post, capturing two machine guns, and clearing the way for the advance.

205338 Sjt. J. D. Aitchison, 7th Bn., R.W. Kent R., T.F. (Finchley, N.).

For fine initiative and ability in the attack near Le Cateau on 23rd October, 1918. He carried out very daring patrols and located the enemy dispositions, on one occasion crawling up to an enemy machine gun and shooting the crew. During the assault he led his men with great skill and courage, and though severely wounded carried on until the final objective was reached.

65600 Pte. H. Allen, 10th Bn., R. Fus. (Peterborough).

For marked leadership and good work on 8th October, 1918, in the attack on Bel Aise. Although badly wounded he commanded his section and led them through a gap in the enemy's wire under very heavy fire. He carried on, directing the fire of his section on the retreating enemy until forced to give up through exhaustion. His fine example and conduct throughout were admirable.

66709 Pte. R. Allen, 16th Bn., Devon. R. (Exeter).

For conspicuous gallantry near Ronsoy on 18th September, 1918. During the advance the battalion on the right were temporarily held up by a large party of the enemy. With great coolness and daring he worked down the side of a quarry, taking the enemy from the rear. He pretended to be leading a party, and called on the enemy to surrender, which they did, and the advance was able to proceed. His prompt and fearless action and initiative were of the utmost value in the operation.

L/13003 L./Cpl. V. O. Allen, 12th Lrs. (Fakenham).

For conspicuous gallantry and good work at Hestrud on 10th November, 1918, when in command of the leading section of the advanced guard. Finding the enemy established in a very strong position, he pushed forward under heavy machine-gun fire, and occupied a farm within a few hundred yards of the enemy machine-gun posts, capturing a heavy trench mortar there. He maintained his position throughout the day, sending back valuable reports.

S/11204 Pte. R. Allison, 4th Bn. (attd. 2nd Bn.), Argyll and Suth'd Highrs. (Kilmarnock).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 29th September, 1918, when his company had consolidated near Villers Guislain. He occupied a shell hole on the extreme left, getting his Lewis gun into action, and preventing the enemy working round the flank. He then moved his gun to an exposed position, knocking out one

enemy gun and capturing another, which were harassing his company by their fire. Later, he dispersed a counter-attack.

52984 Sjt. W. Anderson, 2nd Bn., R. Sco. Fus. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the advance east of Ypres, from 28th September to 5th October, 1918. A strong machine-gun post was encountered, one officer being killed, and all the others wounded, and, assisted by other troops, the post was captured. He then carried out the consolidation with other companies well ahead of the objective. His coolness and determined leadership were a fine example to the men.

350958 C./S./M. J. Archdeacon, 7th Bn., Lond. R. (Southwater).

On 26th August, 1918, in the attack near Maricourt, this warrant officer, together with an officer and eighteen men, secured a commanding position about 1,000 yards in front of the main line. The party was subjected to heavy enfilade machine-gun fire, the officer and twelve men becoming casualties. He immediately took command of the post and beat off an enemy counter-attack. He subsequently held on for eight hours, encouraging and controlling his men, and by his cheerfulness and tenacity enabled the troops on his flanks to advance.

315488 Cpl. G. Aris, 16th Bn., R. Suss. R. (Eastbourne).

For most conspicuous gallantry, initiative and devotion to duty at Quennemont Farm on 2nd September, 1918. In a hand-to-hand encounter this non-commissioned officer accounted for ten of the enemy with the bayonet. He also through heavy rifle and machine-gun fire brought information back from the attacking line during the day. Though temporarily blinded in one eye he went forward again with messages for the front line, which by this time was practically surrounded.

19882 Sjt. (A./Staff Sjt.) E. Arscott, 19th Field Amb., R.A.M.C. (Holloway).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near St. Aubin on 7th and 8th November, 1918. Under heavy fire he carried out his duties until all casualties had been removed. He has consistently performed his duties in an exemplary manner.

241001 C./S./M. R. Atkinson, M.M., 1/8th Bn., Worc. R., T.F. (Worcester).

In the attack on Honnechy on 9th October, 1918, he showed conspicuous gallantry and initiative under heavy shell and machine-gun fire. When his company was temporarily checked with both flanks in the air he immediately volunteered to establish communication, which he succeeded in doing, and thus materially contributed to the success of the attack. When the objective was gained he rendered valuable assistance in the work of consolidation and gaining touch on both flanks.

133148 Pte. E. Aubrey, 61st Bn., M.G. Corps (Oldham).

For most conspicuous gallantry and determination on 2nd October, 1918, during an