

ABBREVIATIONS:

A.P.	: Armoured Piercing	Lieut	: Lieutenant
A/Tk	: Anti-tank	LMG	: Light Machine Gun
ADS	: Advanced Dressing Station	Lsgt	: Lance Sergeant
Armd	: Armoured	M.T.	: Motor Transport
Arty	: Artillery	MC	: Military Cross
Authy	: Authority	MG	: Machine Gun
Bn	: Battalion	MMG	: Medium Machine Gun
Bty	: Battery	NCO	: Non-Commissioned Officer
Cdn	: Canadian	O.P.	: Observation Post
Coldm	: Coldstream	P/W	: Prisoner of War
Comd	: Commander	Para	: Parachute
Coy	: Company	pdrs	: pounders
Cpl	: Corporal	Pl	: Platoon
CQMSgt	: Company Quarter Master Sergeant	Pls	: Platoons
CSM	: Company Sergeant Major	Pt	: Point
DCM	: Distinguished Conduct Medal	Pte	: Private
DF	: Defensive Fire	R.V.	: Rendez-Vous
Div	: Division	RAP	: Regimental Aid Post
DOW	: Died of Wounds	Regt	: Regiment
Dsgt	: Drill Sergeant	RSM	: Regimental Sergeant Major
F.U.P.	: Forming Up Point	S.A.A.	: Small Arms Ammunition
Fwd	: Forward	Sgt	: Sergeant
Gds	: Guards	SL	: Start Line
Gren	: Grenadier	SP	: Self-propelled
H.E.	: High Explosive	Sqn	: Squadron
Inf	: Infantry	Tp	: Troop
Lcpl	: Lance Corporal	W.O.	: Warrant Officer
Ldr	: Leader		

MEDAL CITATIONS FOR OTHER RANKS: 1939-45

VICTORIA CROSS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Army No.</u>	<u>CITATION</u>
NICHOLLS, H.	Lcpl. Gren Gds	2614910	<p>On the 21st May, 1940, Lance-Corporal Nicholls was commanding a Section in the right-forward Platoon of his company when the company was ordered to counter-attack. At the very start of the advance he was wounded in the arm by shrapnel, but continued to lead his Section forward; as the company came over a small ridge, the enemy opened heavy machine gun fire at close range.</p> <p>Lance-Corporal Nicholls, realising the danger to the company, immediately seized a Bren Gun and dashed forward towards the machine guns, firing from the hip. He succeeded in silencing first one machine gun and then two other machine guns, in spite of being again severely wounded.</p> <p>Lance-Corporal Nicholls then went on up to a higher piece of ground and engaged the German infantry massed behind, causing many casualties, and continuing to fire until he had no more ammunition left.</p> <p>He was wounded at least four times in all, but absolutely refused to give in. There is no doubt that his gallant action was instrumental in enabling his company to reach its objective, and in causing the enemy to fall back across the River Scheldt.</p> <p>Lance-Corporal Nicholls has since been reported to have been killed in action.</p>

MILITARY CROSS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Army No.</u>	<u>CITATION</u>
DOWLING, F.	RSM.	2612833	<p>This W.O. is deserving of special mention throughout the whole of the Battalion's fighting career.</p> <p>At MARETH he organised ambulance carrying parties under very heavy and accurate enemy fire, standing completely exposed in a gap in the minefield. At BATTPAGLIA and SALERNO he showed complete disregard for his own personal safety and, on several occasions, took messages and ammunition forward himself.</p> <p>He has at all times been an example to all who were in contact with him, and his firm but tactful handling of troops who were suffering from shock did much towards their immediate return to the line with renewed determination to "see it through".</p>

MILITARY CROSS, continued...

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Army No.</u>	<u>CITATION</u>
OLDFIELD, J.	MQMS.	2612943	Since April 1944 MQMS Oldfield has been MQMS of the Battalion; during this period he has played a large part not only in maintaining the mechanical efficiency of the tanks but in the recovery of disabled tanks on the battlefield. He has never hesitated day or night to go into areas swept by enemy fire and through minefields in order to ensure that the maximum number of tanks were available for the next day's battle. On one occasion he was quite severely wounded by the explosion of a mine, but he nevertheless remained on duty, refusing to be evacuated. On 27th Feb February, between GOCH and WEEZE, quite a number of tanks were temporarily lost on minefields; despite exceptionally heavy arty and mortar fire, this NCO succeeded in assisting in and directing the recovery of all the lost tanks with absolutely no regard for his personal safety.

During the advance from the RHINE to the ELBE this NCO was continually in the forefront of the battle, never hesitating to recover ditched or knocked out tanks whatever the opposition or how difficult the operation.

This NCO is quite fearless, his work at all times is untiring by day and night, and the large number of tanks kept on the road is largely due to his magnificent work. At all times his personal example and outstanding devotion to duty have been beyond all praise.

DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL

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ARMSTRONG, G.	W.O. II (Dsgt)	202288	During the fighting on the ANZIO Bridgehead the 5th Bn Gren Gds was almost continuously in action from the 25 Jan – 9 Feb 44 and this W.O. was acting as RSM. Throughout the period, Dsgt Armstrong was suffering severe pain from rheumatism, but refused to go sick. On the night of 7/8 Feb the enemy broke through the front and heavily attacked Bn HQ, which was practically surrounded. This W.O. led the defence with Tommy Gun and hand grenades and by his extreme gallantry and powers of leadership succeeded in holding his position. He was twice blown over by enemy grenades, but this made no difference to his continuous disregard for his own safety and his ability to fight the enemy with the means at his disposal

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ARMSTRONG, G. continued...	W.O. II (Dsgt)	202288	Throughout the period that the Bn was in close contact with the enemy, Dsgt Armstrong's cheerfulness and devotion to duty were an inspiration to all with whom he came into contact, and his conduct is deserving of the highest commendation.
BAKER, A.	Lcpl.	2614133	<p>22 April 1943</p> <p>Throughout the period 26 Feb 43 to 4 Mar 43, during which time his Troop were constantly engaged with the enemy, the above NCO has at all times shown the highest powers of leadership, courage and devotion to duty.</p> <p>During the attack on HILL PT 231 on 2 Mar 1943 he was acting as No. 2 on the Bren Gun. Altogether, with his No. 1 (Pte Williams 83) he was instrumental in destroying a large number of the enemy and enemy MG positions. When his Tp position was being over-run by the enemy, his Bren Gun was responsible for covering the withdrawal of his Sub-Section. This he carried out to such effect that the Section withdrew without loss. After the Section had withdrawn successfully this NCO, together with his No. 1, advanced under heavy fire and captured two enemy MG positions, killing their crews. During this action Lcpl Baker sustained an injury but he carried on and with his Tp succeeded in getting back to the MINE near SEDJENANE.</p> <p>Before the battle of SEDJENANE started, Lcpl Baker was sent down to the ADS for treatment. On arrival at the ADS he found the battle of SEDJENANE had started. He thereupon refused treatment and joined with the 6 Lincolns and was put in charge of a MMG. During the battle of SEDJENANE he directed the fire of his team to such good effect that a great many casualties were inflicted on the enemy.</p> <p>Throughout the whole period of operations Lcpl Baker has at all times shown the highest standard of leadership, courage and devotion to duty.</p>
BERRESFORD, L.	Sgt.	2613330	On 5 Nov 44 at MEIJEL, Sgt Berresford commanded a Tp of No. 2 Sqn. The Sqn had been ordered to attempt a dash round the enemy right flank. Having penetrated behind the German lines some 400 yards, the Sqn became bogged in soft ground and in a minefield as well. Several tanks were knocked out by A/Tk gun fire. Throughout the day from 0745 hours until dark, Sgt Berresford continued to fire the weapons of his Tp at any target which presented itself.

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BERRESFORD, L. continued...	Sgt.	2613330	<p>He continued engaging the local farm buildings, from which the Germans were attempting to Bazooka him, and he also continued firing at any opposition which might be giving trouble to the Inf in SCHANS.</p> <p>Although his Tp was mined, bogged, immobile and also marooned several hundred yards behind the enemy positions, he continued to inspire in his Tp a most offensive spirit and succeeded in killing a large number of Germans. Throughout the day, the Tp was under continual hostile fire which at times became intense. The fire consisted of observed A/Tk fire, arty and mortars. Just before dark an attempt was made by the Recce Tp to come to the aid of the remainder of the Sqn. It did not succeed in reaching Sgt Berresford's Tp. He therefore remained with his tanks until after dark by which time his ammunition became exhausted. Having received permission to evacuate his tanks he collected his Tp and formed them into a patrol. Leading this patrol, he set forth to approach the German lines from the rear. He encountered two enemy patrols on the way which he successfully dealt with. His party was continually shot at whilst it was passing through the German lines from rear and front. Furthermore, his party was heavily mortared. During this operation four of his men were wounded. He succeeded in bringing back all his wounded as well as the remainder of his patrol. His personal example and leadership was of a standard altogether out of proportion to the command he held. His determined spirit inspired in his Tp the will to continue fighting an offensive action throughout the day, some hundreds of yards behind the enemy lines, during the whole of which time the Tp was under continued observed hostile fire. Finally, his grim determination to fight his way back through the enemy lines inspired his Tp with tremendous confidence and the will to win through.</p>
BULLOCK, H.	Lsgt.	2615150	<p>On 27/28 May 40 on the LYS CANAL, this NCO was in Command of a Squad of stretcher-bearers. He was continuously in the front line and succeeded in bringing in a number of wounded under heavy fire. His work was invaluable throughout the battle.</p>
BYRNE, J.	Lcpl.	2616748	<p><u>6 APR 1943</u></p> <p>On Thurs. 4th Feb 1943 at about 1500 hours, the Coy of this Lcpl attacked ALLILIGA HILL nr BOU ARADA. For the next 24 hours Lcpl Byrne and his three Coy Stretcher-bearers worked without a break; the conditions under which they laboured were appalling; the ground was of a rocky, precipitous nature, with almost vertical slopes,</p>

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BYRNE, J. continued...	Lcpl.	2616748	<p>and interspersed with thick scrub and bushes; throughout the 24 hours Lcpl Byrne and his bearers were subjected to heavy mortar fire, machine gun fire, and, whilst tending the wounded, deliberate sniping; in no way did this deter Lcpl Byrne from organising and encouraging his bearers in calm continuance of the many and great tasks which faced them that afternoon and night. As an example only of what he did during the action, I would cite the case of a Lsgt whom he and another bearer carried for two miles over this difficult country, from 1600 hours to 0100 hours, in order to bring him eventually to an advanced RAP, dressing and attending six wounded men en route. Having done this, he at once returned to his Coy, made an improvised stretcher with rifles, and helped carry his CSM, who ultimately died, for a mile, over what could practically be called impossible going.</p> <p>According to all reports the powers of stamina as displayed by Lcpl Byrne during the action were amazing, his example of devotion to duty, a very fine one, and the encouragement and leadership he gave to those working under him, quite outstanding. One of his stretcher-bearers, incidentally, became a casualty during the night; as a result of Lcpl Byrne's work during the engagement, some thirty casualties were tended under fire and successfully evacuated.</p> <p>I recommend Lcpl Byrne for the immediate award of the DCM.</p>
CASSFORD, A.	PSM.	2613030	<p>On May 21st 1940 this W.O., in spite of being wounded, remained at his post and organised repeated counter-attacks to stop enemy infiltration. His personal disregard for danger was an inspiration to all.</p> <p>DOW 29.05.40.</p>
DELEBECQUE, S.	Sgt.	2614185	<p>During a night attack on the Mareth Line on 16/17 March 1943, this NCO was commanding a Carrier Section. When his Coy got seriously held up in uncharted minefield it also came under heavy machine gun fire. Sgt Delebecque took out three carriers through the minefields and, with the greatest bravery and presence of mind, destroyed two machine gun posts which were holding up his Coy.</p> <p>Within about two hours almost all the carriers had been destroyed on mines and this NCO's Coy was in a most precarious position, being surrounded and attacked from all sides. Sgt Delebecque was ordered to take up a hastily collected PI of dismounted carrier men in order to relieve the situation. When he arrived in the position he found that only one junior officer was left alive. He, with</p>

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DELEBECQUE, S. continued...	Sgt.	2614185	the greatest coolness and personal courage, directed the action of his Pl in such a way as to enable the remnants of his Coy eventually to withdraw under extremely difficult circumstances. Had it not been for Sgt Delebecque's inspiring example and power of leadership it is very doubtful that any of the Coy would have got away at all.
GARNER, V.T.P.	Lcpl.	2618220	On 31 Mar 45 Lcpl Garner was commanding a Honey Tank which formed part of a Section recceing in front of an Armd Column directed on GREVEN BRIDGE, 25 miles distant. Shortly after crossing the Start Line his Section Comd's tank was held up by heavy enemy fire. Without hesitation, this Lcpl looped to one side and destroyed the enemy gun and crew, and then taking the lead he set off to cover distance in the three remaining hours of daylight. He advanced with such dash and skill that the Armd Column destroyed or overran 40 Flak guns and two 88mm guns as well as much enemy transport, and all this was accomplished without the assistance of any other Recce. That the objective was successfully reached before nightfall was almost entirely due to this NCO's superb leadership, tremendous initiative, entire disregard to his own safety and refusal to be dismayed at any odds against him. His conduct throughout being beyond all praise.
GOULT, A.W.	Sgt.	2612007	<p>On the night of Oct 10/11 Sgt Goult was in command of four 3" Mortar detachments of 3rd Bn Gren Gds, sited below MONTE BATTAGLIA (Map ref. M.0618), and supporting the forward companies on the feature.</p> <p>A German patrol was heard approaching the mortar position at the same time as mortar defensive fire was being called for by the left forward Coy, who were being attacked. Sgt Goult at once fired the D.F. task and reported that he was being machine gunned from the rear. He continued to fire his mortars, even though enemy grenades were falling in the mortar pits and the machine gun was firing at the mortars at close range. He was ordered to stop firing and immediately manned his position against the enemy with the Bren Gun, Tommy Guns and grenades. He managed to beat off the enemy, who attempted to wrench one of the mortars from its position. Finally, when daylight broke, Sgt Goult reported that seventy Germans were in the gully 50 yards from him and wishing to surrender.</p>

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GOULT, A.W. continued...	Sgt.	2612007	No praise is too high for the way in which this NCO kept firing his mortars in support of his comrades, although in imminent danger himself, and the gallant way in which he led the detachments to fight back at the greatly superior force was largely responsible for the number of prisoners taken.
HARRISON, J.	S/Sgt.	2613643	During the Bn attack on the Horseshoe feature on the night of the 16/17 May 1943, this NCO displayed extreme courage and coolness under fire. His Pl Commander was wounded during the advance through the enemy minefield. Sgt Harrison got his Pl dug in the forward position; twice during the night his position was attacked by the enemy and both attacks were repulsed. At hardly any period was the position not under fire from three sides, and at times this fire was extremely heavy and many casualties resulted. It was largely owing to the devotion to duty of Sgt Harrison and his great powers of leadership that the Coy position, of which his Pl formed a pivot, was held till some four hours after daylight.
HARWOOD, C.H.	Lsgt.	2619843	<p>On the night 21/22 Apr 45, No. 4 Coy, 3rd Bn Gren Gds was ordered to take part in a Bn attack to cross the FOSSA CEMBALINA and capture SAN BARTOLOMEO in BOSCO.</p> <p>During the crossing of the canal No. 4 Coy came under heavy fire from enemy snipers and MGs sited to cover the crossing place. The Pl Comd of the leading Pl of No. 4 Coy became a casualty and Lsgt Harwood assumed command of the Pl. Lsgt Harwood led his men forward without hesitation in the face of heavy enemy fire and by his skilful and courageous handling of his Pl succeeded in wiping out two enemy strong-points established in houses on the flanks of his line of advance, and reached the objective allotted to the Coy with most commendable speed.</p> <p>There is no doubt that the courage, determination and skill shown by this young NCO in taking over command of his Pl at a most critical stage of the attack played a most important part in the success of the Bn attack.</p> <p>His behaviour under fire has, throughout the campaign and especially during this action, been a source of the greatest inspiration and encouragement to his comrades.</p>

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HOUGH, H.	Lsgt.	2620559	<p>During the recent operations in the ANZIO Bridgehead, Lsgt Hough was in charge of a mortar Detachment. On the 25 Jan 44 during the attack on the Factory Area at CARROCETO his mortar was in action. The enemy opened fire on him and three shells landed in quick succession immediately behind the mortar. Lsgt Hough was wounded in the shoulder but, refusing attention, he continued firing the mortar with great accuracy until the arrival of further detachments allowed him to be relieved.</p> <p>On the following day, 26 Jan, the enemy attacked the Factory with tanks and Infantry. Lsgt Hough and his Detachment were in constant action and so excellent was his fire control that many casualties were inflicted upon the enemy. During that day, this NCO was continually exposed to enemy artillery fire but his Detachment continued to fire without a break.</p> <p>Throughout the action, the coolness of Lsgt Hough did much to encourage all around him and the accuracy of his Detachment's fire played a large part in the breaking up of the enemy's attack.</p> <p>Lsgt Hough was recommended for an immediate award of a Military Medal during the North African Campaign but received no recognition. His outstanding leadership and devotion to duty with complete disregard of his own personal safety was as apparent in North Africa as it was throughout the recent action in the ANZIO Bridgehead.</p>
McCREE, A	Sgt.	2621280	<p>On the night 24/25 Apr 45, the 3rd Bn Gren Gds made an assault crossing of the PO. No. 3 Coy were to land on a separate beach and protect the Bn's flank. Sgt McCree was in command of the leading Pl which was to cross the river in a DUKW.</p> <p>As soon as the DUKW came out of the water it came under heavy and sustained fire from four posts on the flood-bank about 200 yards away. The situation was critical and his Pl was dispersed, and until the posts were put out of action it was impossible to land the remainder of the Coy. Sgt McCree realised this and with superb disregard for his own safety stood up and called his Section commanders together and got the attack organised in an extremely short time. The Pl, as it advanced in the bright moonlight across the sand, came under heavy fire all the way, but Sgt McCree led them up the flood-bank with such dash that the first two posts were overwhelmed and the enemy killed before the enemy had time to defend themselves. The remaining two posts caused a temporary hold up, but Sgt McCree and his Pl HQ accounted for one with a bayonet charge and the other surrendered before</p>

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McCREE, A continued...	Sgt.	2621280	this onslaught. In ten minutes Sgt McCree's Pl had killed 6 and taken 16 prisoners, thus enabling the remainder of the Coy to land unopposed. Sgt McCree throughout this action displayed courage, dash and initiative of the highest order in the face of severe handicaps, and it is entirely due to his leadership that the initial Bn Assault was successful, as it would have been impossible to land the remainder of the Bn with enemy in their original positions.
MEADOWS, W.	Gdsm.	2613804	<p>This Gdsm took part in some of the bitterest street-fighting in the Battle for NIJMEGEN on 19 Sep 44. During the course of this fighting one of the tanks of his own Tp was knocked out and the men who evacuated it were seriously wounded by enemy spandau fire. At the same time, a Section of Inf closely supporting this tank were fired on by two other spandaus and three were seriously wounded. Summing up the situation, this Gdsm dismounted from his tank, and under this intense enemy fire, ran across the street and carried back one of the wounded men, then although he himself was wounded in the hand, he again crossed the street and rescued a second wounded man from the middle of the road, which was still under a hail of enemy bullets. Once again, in spite of being wounded a second time, he crossed the road, forced a German spandau to surrender by jumping down on top of him in his trench and, at the same time, he carried back a third comrade who lay wounded near the knocked-out tank. He was for the third time wounded, this time in the neck, and it was with the greatest difficulty that he was persuaded not to attempt to rescue a fourth wounded comrade as the condition of his own wounds was becoming serious. His amazing courage and undaunted devotion to duty saved the lives of three of his comrades and inspired all around. The great bravery of this action speaks for itself.</p> <p>Regardless of all danger, though three times wounded, he went back three times to save his wounded comrades, and thus set an unparalleled example of devotion to duty, and extreme bravery in the face of very heavy and intense enemy fire.</p>
MITCHELL, H.	Sgt.	867330	This NCO commanded a Pl on the extreme left of the Brigade Section near FURNESS. During 30 May, troops further to the left were seen to be retiring from the canal bank, consequent upon very heavy shelling and the loss of all their Officers. Sgt Mitchell proceeded from his position to intercept these troops and by his determination and powers of leadership led them back to their position.

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ROBINSON, P.	Sgt.	2613912	<p>Sgt Robinson was in command of a Tp of No. 1 Sqn, 2nd Armd Bn Gren Gds which, at about 1600 hours on Wed 20 Sep 44, was ordered to assault and cross the bridge at NIJMEGEN. The bridge is approximately 700 yards long and has an embankment of equal length on the far side which makes it impossible for tracked vehicles to get off the road even when across. The bridge was known to be prepared for demolition and as the far side was in the hands of the Germans it could be blown at any time. This Sgt started to lead his Tp across the bridge and had just reached it when A/Tk Guns opened up from the far bank. Showing great coolness, Sgt Robinson quickly withdrew his Tp to Hull Down positions and engaged the enemy. At this stage, it was reported to him that it was thought that the road across the bridge was mined. As the light was failing, he was ordered to make a dash across the bridge at all costs with his Tp Sgt leading. This was successfully done under heavy fire from 88mm A/Tk Guns, and firing from the other bank and from an SP A/Tk Gun firing down the bridge. Enemy small arms fire from the bridge itself, in the girders of the bridge, as well as Bazooka Fire directed at the Comd made this extremely hazardous.</p> <p>On reaching the far side of the bridge Sgt Robinson took the lead on his own initiative and knocked out the SP Gun, which was firing down the road. He then continued down the road for 1500 yards, under very heavy A/Tk and Bazooka fire until contact was made with the American Paratroops. This Sgt showed outstanding bravery and initiative in crossing such a formidable obstacle against such defence and there is no doubt that but for his courageous action the bridge might not have been captured intact.</p>
SIBBALD, J.	Sgt.	2615057	During the counter-attack on MONTE BATTALGIA (Map ref. M.0618), on the morning of Oct 11th, Sgt Sibbald was in command of the left forward Pl of No. 1 Coy, 3rd Bn Gren Gds, holding the western slope of the hill. His Pl was strongly attacked before light by a Coy of enemy, a Pl of which managed to work its way into Sgt Sibbald's position. By his control and skill, he was able to throw the enemy back down the hill with heavy losses, causing several casualties himself, both with close range Tommy Gun fire, when his slit trench was rushed by four

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SIBBALD, J. continued...	Sgt.	2615057	Germans, and by hurling grenades at the retreating Germans. During this desperate battle, Sgt Sibbald was, throughout, giving an accurate account of it over his Pl wireless set to the Coy Commander. He also calmly reported yet another German Coy forming up on his left flank. This information was as accurate as it was vital and passed over the wireless in the heat of a hand to hand struggle. The result of it was that an artillery concentration was at once put down on this German Coy, breaking up their attack and causing them to run for safety to a position from which the entire Coy was taken prisoner when daylight came.
SPILLER, J.	CQMS.	2615794	During the attack on PERUGIA by a Bn of the Gren Gds between 18 and 20 June, 1944, Sgt Spiller was commanding No. 7 Pl in No. 3 Coy. He led his Pl with great dash in at attack on the evening of 18 June and on the 19th was ordered to attack a vital road junction with a Troop of 16/5 Lancers. Two tanks were knocked out by 77mm guns early in the attack, but Sgt Spiller, with great skill, managed to outflank the enemy position. Although under intense MG and spandau fire he led his Pl on to the objective and consolidated. The enemy put in a counter-attack which was held. He then went forward with stretcher-bearers to bring in some wounded men. On approaching them he was subjected to more MG and sniping fire. However, waiting for the opportunity, he managed to crawl forward and extricate the wounded men one by one until they all reached safety. It was entirely due to the great personal courage and devotion to duty of this Sgt that the objective was reached and held. Sgt Spiller has been Pl Sgt or acting Pl Commander on active operations since Dec 1942, and on every occasion has shown himself as an outstanding leader, whose courage, skill and utter devotion to duty has never yet received recognition.
TREEBY, A.	Sgt.	2614627	On the night of the 18/19 Feb, Sgt Treeby was in command of No. 6 Pl on Pt 711 when the Germans launched a Coy attack, on his position. His Pl bore the brunt of the attack for a considerable period. During this time, Sgt Treeby was a continual source of inspiration to his Pl, encouraging them and cheering them on all the time, besides killing four Germans himself. His whole Pl speak in glowing terms of his leadership and example. It was subsequently discovered that 40 Germans lay dead in front of his Pl position. For outstanding leadership and personal devotion to duty I recommend that he be given an immediate award of the DCM.

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WALMSLEY, F.	Lcpl.	2617752	<p>On Feb 5th 1943 at about 1330 hours, the Bn, together with the 1st Bn Para Regt, were ordered to withdraw from their position on DJEBEL MANSOUR. The withdrawal was carried out in daylight under heavy Artillery, Mortar and MG fire. The evacuation of casualties, which were considerable, was the most difficult problem. Lcpl Walmsley at once volunteered to take out his Carrier to bring in stretcher cases. Though under heavy fire and across open country he went out again and again to bring in the wounded with no regard for his own safety. His courage and initiative was an example to the other Carriers who all did excellent work. Lcpl Walmsley not only helped in the collecting of our own wounded but also those of the 1st Bn Para Regt, and it was largely due to his coolness and devotion to duty that so large a number were successfully evacuated. When the last one was brought in, he again went out to satisfy himself that no one was left. His behaviour throughout won the greatest admiration of all who saw him.</p> <p>I recommend that Lcpl Walmsley be given the immediate award of the DCM.</p> <p>This NCO was the driver of a Bren Carrier and did fine work in evacuating many wounded from the Ravine Post, the “woggery” and the plain during the days of the MANSOUR engagement.</p> <p>On the last day of the battle, Lcpl Walmsley drove his Carrier forward time after time and even when it seemed impossible, because of the heavy shell and mortar fire, for him to get through, he continued his work unperturbed.</p> <p>(Sgd) W.M. MacEwen Lt Col RAMC Commanding 16 (Parachute) Field Ambulance In the Field 12th Feb 1943 Strongly recommended (Sgd) L.W.C. FAVIEL Brigadier Commander, 1st Parachute Brigade.</p>
WESTON, J.	Sgt.	2615873	<p>For outstanding gallantry on Mar 31st at SOROPPA when his Coy was held up by a machine gun post, he led a Section to the attack with skill and promptitude; in spite of heavy enemy fire he took the position.</p> <p>Having captured the latter, another LMG post opened at a range of some 150 yards, against which he immediately advanced with success.</p> <p>Throughout the action he displayed an admirable courage and an inspiring example to the men of his Pl.</p>

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WILCOX, G.	Sgt.	2613675	<p>This Tp Sgt was acting as Tp Leader during the whole of the battle for LA JOUBERIE WOOD.</p> <p>Throughout the whole of the day of 11 Aug 44, his Tp were engaged in very fierce fighting. Under the most difficult circumstances, he maintained complete control of his Tp. Although he was under constant shell-fire and very heavy small arms fire, he frequently exposed himself, regardless of all danger, and stood up on the back of his tank or walked forward to a nearby bank in order to observe better the movements of the enemy in the very thick country which lay immediately on his flank. By so doing he manoeuvred his Tp, time and again, into different positions to ward off the repeated efforts of the enemy to infiltrate amongst the tanks of the remainder of his Sqn.</p> <p>His magnificent leadership and conduct throughout the whole day were of the highest order.</p>
WOOD, H.J.	RSM.	2611848	<p>For courage, initiative and leadership (Recommendation DCM).</p> <p>On 28 May 40 this W.O. handled the mortar Pl with the greatest ability. He showed complete disregard for personal danger when bringing his mortars into action on repeated occasions under heavy fire. His behaviour throughout the battle was an example to all.</p> <p>(Sgd) A. ADAIR MAJOR Commanding 3 Bn Gren Gds Awarded DCM Authy: London Gazette dated 27 Aug 40. Citation forwarded to next of kin on 26 Apr 44.</p>
WOOD, J.W.	Sgt.	2614780	<p>On 28 May 40 on the LYS Canal, this NCO was in command of the Coy, when all the Officers and W.O.s had become casualties. Inspired by his fine leadership the Coy resisted repeated enemy attacks and held fast to the position for 13 hours, until ordered to withdraw at dusk. He showed high courage throughout the operation.</p> <p>(Sgd) A. ADAIR MAJOR Commanding, 3 Bn Gren Gds.</p>
WOOD, J.W.	Sgt.	2614778	<p>For courage and leadership (Recommendation DCM).</p> <p>On 28 May 40 this NCO was commanding his Coy, as all the Officers and W.O.s had become casualties. He organised the defence of his position with great skill, and fought the enemy in the most gallant way against repeated attacks throughout the day. His leadership and personal gallantry was outstanding.</p>
LAVERS, W.	RQMS	2604909	No Citation available.

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Army No.</u>	<u>CITATION</u>
ADEY, W	Lcpl	2621074	<p>During the attack on the night of the 16/17 March 1943 the Battalion suffered very heavy casualties in extensive minefields. Lcpl Adey was in charge of stretcher-bearers and was ordered forward to collect the wounded. Throughout the night he worked at his task, not only in the minefield but under almost continuous shelling and machine gun fire. His personal courage and disregard of danger resulted in the saving of many lives which otherwise must have been lost, and provided a magnificent example of coolness and determination for all who saw him at his task.</p>
ANCHOR, J.R.	Lcpl	2616491	<p>Lcpl Anchor was in command of a Bren Gun. At dawn his Troop led the assault against enemy positions, strongly fortified and tenaciously defended.</p> <p>During the early stages of the advance Lcpl Anchor, coming under vicious enemy machine gun fire, carried his Bren Gun forward across dangerously open ground. From now onwards, he not only succeeded in giving effective covering fire to the advancing troops and thereby ensuring the steady advance of the leading troops, but continually engaged enemy strong points with deliberate and accurate fire, having complete disregard for his own personal safety.</p> <p>In the final assault, Lcpl Anchor, observing several Germans immediately in front of him, displayed great initiative and courage; when charging forward under intense fire he hurled a grenade in the midst of the enemy, who were making a last desperate attempt to hold the objective. This action contributed largely to their withdrawal from the position.</p> <p>By now a machine gun in the immediate vicinity was pouring bullets into the captured position. Lcpl Anchor located this machine gun and immediately engaged it through the window of his house forcing the enemy to stop firing and withdraw to another position.</p> <p>Throughout the action this NCO displayed not only courage and determination but great initiative at all times. His efforts contributed greatly to the success of the assault and were largely responsible for dislodging Germans determined to hold out at all costs.</p>

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ANNIS, T.	Sgt.	2612551	<p>Sgt. Annis was commanding a Platoon in one of the Leading Companies when the Battalion attacked Mount Catarelto just north of Castiglione on the 2nd October.</p> <p>From the start line to the Company's objective was a thousand yards of extremely steep-at places precipitous hillside covered in dense wood, up which the Company had to climb. As the barrage lifted, enemy spandau posts opened up and pinned down the left-hand Platoon and Company Headquarters. The remaining two Platoons, one of which was Sgt Annis', managed to climb the steepest part of the hill to their objective in spite of increasing spandau fire from the left flank which caused casualties.</p> <p>On arriving at the top of the hill which was the Company objective these two Platoons came under spandau fire from both flanks from a range of not more than 200 yards. The Company Commander was badly wounded and the Officer Commanding the other Platoon was killed. Sgt Annis at once took command of both Platoons and displayed quite outstanding personal gallantry, energy and skill in organising their consolidation. This he carried out under continuous small arms fire, in appalling conditions of weather and on the very edge of a hill up which it was only possible to climb by pulling oneself up with the help of the trees. He managed to get both Platoons dug in positions from which they could engage the enemy with their Brens.</p> <p>It was only this Sgt's splendid example of devotion to duty and determined leadership (which he has frequently displayed during the 18 months as Platoon Sgt) which enabled these Platoons to maintain their isolated and precarious position until joined by the remainder of the Company two hours later.</p>
ASHCROFT, C.E.W.	Sgt.	2614606	<p>On 3 Apr 45 this NCO was commanding the leading Tp of the leading Sqn of the Bn under my Comd. His Tp was ordered to enter the town of GROENLO on the Bn Centre Line. Outside the town a large road block was encountered and his Tp came under heavy fire from a SP gun.</p> <p>Sgt Ashcroft immediately engaged the gun and personally directed the fire of a Bty of 25-pdrs onto it. The gun was destroyed. He then proceeded to tackle the road block and under heavy fire his Tp succeeded in forcing the block and thereby cleared the Centre Line. His own tank was hit by a Bazooka. On reaching the outskirts of the town he came under heavy small arms and Bazooka fire. His Tp killed many Germans and seeing that some enemy were shooting from the houses he ordered his crews to dismount and led them to attack and clear the houses. He succeeded in capturing fifty prisoners during this operation</p>

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ASHCROFT, C.E.W. continued...	Sgt.	2614606	<p>although he was under continual spandau fire from other parts of the town.</p> <p>This Sergeant's very able and inspiring leadership, together with his total disregard for his own safety undoubtedly were responsible for the great success of this operation.</p>
ASTON, F.C.	CSM	2612864	<p>During the operation of the 6th May 1941 at SIN EL DHIBBAN against Iraqi Forces, CSM F.C. Aston was in command of the Mortar Detachment which was sent forward by the officer commanding, Land Defences, to give supporting fire to the 1st King's Own Royal Regiment which was attacking the ridge overlooking Sin el Dhibban, and to assist in putting out of action two MGs which were holding up the advance.</p> <p>He showed outstanding determination and courage in getting his Mortar forward to a position sufficiently close to enable these two positions to be bombed.</p> <p>He greatly assisted in the advance by the accurate observation of fire, and by organising the gun numbers and organising the supply of ammunition and Mortar bombs.</p> <p>During the action, he went back and rallied his men under heavy fire and got them up to a forward position from where he succeeded in effectively bombing the Machine gun posts which were holding up the advance.</p> <p>During the last state of the advance he went forward with a Rifle Section, and engaged enemy who were still resisting.</p>
ATKINS, L.	Sgt.	2615131	<p>At PONT A MARCQ on 3 Sep 44, The King's Coy & No.2 Sqn 2 Armd Gren Gds were attacking a party of Germans holding this village. The strength of the enemy was unknown. Shortly after the attack started, the coy came under very heavy fire from 88mm guns and automatic weapons. Sgt Atkins' Platoon Sergeant was at once wounded, and with great dash and drive, Sgt Atkins reorganised the platoon and immediately attacked and cleared the objective given to his platoon. On his own initiative, he started to push forward towards the cross-roads in the village and at once came under heavy fire. With considerable skill, he withdrew his platoon, together with the casualties, and consolidated the position at the west end of the original objective. From here, he kept up offensive action sending out patrols and fire from an O.P. which he sited on the roof of a building.</p> <p>Sgt Atkins showed the very highest initiative and energy, disregarding his own personal safety, and setting a splendid example to his platoon which inspired them throughout the action.</p>

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ATKINSON, A.	Gdsm.	2617477	<p>During the attack on Mt Grande on 27/28 May by a Battalion of the Grenadier Guards, Gdsm Atkinson was acting as Bren Gunner in No. 1 Company. After reaching their objective the Company were counter-attacked by 150 Germans. Without further orders, and entirely on his own initiative, this Gdsm advanced along the ridge and whilst standing completely exposed to the enemy, fired his Bren-gun from the hip, killing an Officer and three other ranks, and pinning the rest to the ground.</p> <p>This prompt action enabled the position of the defenders to be readjusted, and apart from the damage inflicted on the enemy, saved many casualties among his comrades.</p>
BARBER, A.E.	Gdsm.	14671490	<p>Gdsm Barber was the Bren Gunner of a Section in his Platoon. During the vital action of March 5th his Company was ordered to attack the edge of the spur North of KAPELLEN. This was the first footing on the high ground overlooking the Rhine. Gdsm Barber's Platoon had cleared a wood and were consolidating on the final objective. As the P1 were digging in they caught the full weight of the enemy's Artillery and Mortar defensive fire. Gdsm Barber anticipated a counter attack and not satisfied with the field of fire for his gun left his slit trench and ran forward regardless of the enemy's fire and took up a position in the open from which he could command the whole area in front of him.</p> <p>His action broke up the enemy Paratroops forming up and no counter attack developed in this Platoon Section. There is no doubt that the prompt and immediate action of Gdsm Barber enabled the platoon objective to be held. His complete disregard for his own personal safety in the face of intense enemy fire was an inspiration to all who saw his action.</p>
BARNES, G.	CSM	2617252	<p>On 11 Jun 41 this NCO displayed great coolness and courage under fire during a seaborne raid of a dangerous nature into enemy territory, and by great presence of mind ensured not only the success of the operation but also the safe withdrawal of the raiding party.</p>
BARNES, H.	Gdsm.	2615239	<p>On MONTE BATTAGLIA (ITALY 1/500000 Sheet 99 (iv) 0167), during the period Oct 4th – Oct 12th Gdsm Barnes was a stretcher-bearer to No. 4 Coy, 3rd Bn Gren Gds. The Company were holding the castle area for six days and seven nights during which time the enemy mortar and shellfire was virtually incessant. The stretcher-bearers were continually at work and always under this harassing mortar fire and often shelled by 150mm guns.</p>

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BARNES, H. continued...	Gdsm.	2615239	<p>The position was on an almost precipitous slope and in the wet weather rendered the carrying of wounded an extremely difficult operation. Gdsm Barnes was quite outstanding throughout the whole period, completely regardless of his own safety, tending and cheering the wounded in spite of the appalling conditions. There is no doubt that Barnes' example and skill had a great effect on the Company, so that when it was attacked on the 11th October, not only was it still holding its positions, but was able to inflict many casualties on the enemy.</p>
BARTRAM, A.	Sgt.	5045681	<p><u>TRIMONSUOLI 29/30 JAN 44</u></p> <p>This Sgt was in Command of a Platoon during a night attack. On arriving within 300 yards of his objective this Platoon was hold up by heavy automatic and rifle fire. Owing to the quick appreciation and immediate action taken by this Sergeant the Platoon was able to resume the advance and succeed in reaching its objective, 10 prisoners being taken and some Germans killed.</p> <p>As soon as he had consolidated, this Sgt then reconnoitred forward with another Gdsm, found a German dugout and brought back 14 more prisoners from it.</p> <p>The skilful and resolute handling of this Platoon resulted in low casualties, and the initiative shown in mopping up and exploiting this surprise is worthy of the highest commendation, while the capture of 24 prisoners, due entirely to his leadership, had a great effect on the morale of his Platoon.</p>
BAYLIS, R.	Gdsm.	2619502	<p>This Gdsm was the driver of the Tp tank of the leading Tp ordered to seize the main road bridge at NIJMEGEN on 19th September 1944. Some 800 yards from the bridge itself they came up against intense A/Tk Gunfire from a Roundabout. The Tp Ldr knowing that this Roundabout had got to be cleared before the tanks could gain their objective ordered the driver to pull out into one of the roads covered by an 88mm A/Tk Gun and told the gunner to knock it out. This Gdsm rapidly drove the tank out into the road and skilful handling of his vehicle enabled the gunner not only to deal with the 88mm Gun covering the road on which the tank was, but also two others. When the gunner had finished the ammunition available in the turret and was replenishing from the driving compartment the tank was hit by a fourth A/Tk Gun from the flank. This immediately killed the Tp Ldr and seriously wounded the tank was hit by a fourth A/Tk Gun from the flank. This</p>

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BAYLIS, R. continued...	Gdsm.	2619502	immediately killed the Tp Ldr and seriously wounded the gunner. The driver tried to reverse his vehicle into a side street but with the Cmdr killed, could not see where he was going and the tank was hit several more times and started to catch fire. He then proceeded with the help of the co-driver to get the gunner out of the tank and still under heavy fire got him into a cellar of a nearby building. There he dressed the gunner's wounds and moved him into another cellar where there was a doctor. He remained with the wounded man until next day when they contacted an American Patrol and they got back to our lines.
BENNETT, R.	Lsgt.	2617533	This NCO, in the second raid on TAMET Aerodrome, showed the highest qualities of determination. Although silhouetted against the light of burning aircraft and thus easily visible to the enemy, he continued his task in the face of heavy fire from automatic weapons, until demolition charges had been placed on all the aircraft. On completing his task he managed to shoot his way clear of the aerodrome. This NCO has successfully participated in five other raids.
BENTON, E.	Gdsm.	2613036	On 26th May, during an attack by the Battalion, supported by tanks, at Coldragone, Lsgt Benton E. was acting as stretcher-bearer Corporal to No.4 Company. Whilst forming up for the advance to the final objective his Company came under very heavy shell-fire, and sustained twenty casualties. Lsgt Benton, under heavy shell-fire, tended all the wounded for four hours, until they had all been evacuated. His calm bearing and total disregard of his own personal safety on this occasion, as on many previous occasions in North Africa and France, were an inspiration to his Company.
BINNS, F.	Gdsm.	2617007	Although his tank was three times hit and eventually burst into flames, this gunner continued to fire his gun, and with great coolness and skill destroyed two enemy anti-tank guns, before eventually evacuating his tank. By his very great courage and determination he succeeded in causing much damage and consternation to the enemy. This encounter took place on 3rd September 44 at Port a Marc.
BOZEAT, L	Lcpl.	5834230	23 Nov 43. This young NCO has on numerous occasions displayed outstanding personal bravery and he has probably personally destroyed more enemy than any other individual in this unit.

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BOZEAT, L continued...	Lcpl.	5834230	Lcpl Bozeat invariably volunteers for a dangerous job whether it be patrolling mine lifting or anything else. His personal bravery and determination under conditions of extreme danger and exhaustion have on numerous occasions provided an inspiration to his Section and platoon; he has become a byword in his Battalion as a fine soldier and leader.
BROWN, C.W.	Lsgt.	2621474	<p>This Lsgt has fought constantly as a member of a Rifle Coy since the battle of MARETH in Mar 43, and since Mar 44 has continuously commanded a Section.</p> <p>On 12 Jun 44, 1 Coy of which this NCO is a member, advanced under cover of thick fog into the heart of a strongly defended enemy position at BANGOREGIO. When the fog lifted, the Coy found themselves under fire from enemy snipers on three sides. Lsgt Brown at once went forward with one man and succeeded in silencing two of these posts.</p> <p>On 4 Jul 44 Lsgt Brown was occupying the village of SAN GUSME with his Section when an enemy motor-cycle combination emerged from a side turning. On seeing Lsgt Brown's Section the occupant of the side-car opened fire with his Schmeisser; disregarding this fire however Lsgt Brown rushed at the motor cycle and succeeded in seizing and making prisoner the occupant of the side-car, who proved to be the Adjutant of a Bn of the Herman Geering Division.</p> <p>On 20 Oct 44 Lsgt Brown led a recce patrol to CA BELVEDERE on the slopes of M. SOLE; despite precipitous slopes and heavy rain he managed to get so close to the enemy post that on the following day he was able to point out the exact locations of the enemy slit trenches.</p> <p>Throughout the whole of his service with the battalion this NCO has at all times shown a complete disregard of his personal safety and an unswerving determination to carry out any task given him and to close with the enemy. His example has been a great inspiration to the men under his command.</p>
BUCK, V.	Lsgt.	2614175	<p><u>Mt Camino Pt 819 Nov 7 – 9 1943</u></p> <p>Through casualties this Lsgt took Command of his Platoon and during the morning of Nov 8 beat off three separate counter attacks, moving from post to post encouraging his men. During this he was seriously wounded. Though in great pain he got himself into a position in which he could best control the platoon and refused to have his wounds</p>

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BUCK, V. continued...	Lsgt.	2614175	<p>dressed until he had reorganised his position and made it secure.</p> <p>His coolness, leadership and complete disregard of enemy fire were an inspiration to his platoon and to all who beheld it.</p>
BUTTERWORTH, W.Gdsm.		2618253	<p><u>25th January 1944</u> <u>TABORRA FEATURE 26 SEP</u></p> <p>This Gdsm is the senior stretcher-bearer of No.3 Coy. During the action he heard there were 4 casualties lying on the forward slope in full view of the enemy. Undeterred he led his stretcher-bearers down, dressed the wounds of the casualties and organised and assisted their removal to the RAP. Then, during intense shelling, he again led his stretcher-bearers over the exposed forward slope to a gully at the bottom where he picked up a wounded Coldstream Gdsm and a German. These incidents were after 24 hours of almost continuous stretcher work up and down the mountain sides, and the fine example and leadership which he displayed is worthy of the highest commendation.</p>
CASWELL, T.E.	Gdsm.	2620780	<p>On 20 Apr 45, this Gdsm was the Troop Leader's driver of the leading troop fighting into WIERSDORF. His tank was hit by a 75mm gun, which blinded him in his left eye and inflicted several other wounds. Despite this, he remained at his post saying nothing and continued to help fight the tank until it burst into flames. During this time, he could see nothing and he finally fainted from loss of blood when the tank had to be abandoned.</p> <p>This Gdsm showed complete disregard for his personal safety and continued the fight until he lost consciousness.</p>
CHAFFER, H.	Lsgt.	2622834	<p>On the 2nd December 1944 Lsgt Chaffer was a Section Commander in No.4 Coy, 5th Bn Gren Gds when his Coy was ordered to attack a strong enemy position in the foothills of Mount SOLE, Italy.</p> <p>At 0100 hours, on 2nd Dec No.4 Coy crossed their start line in bright moonlight and almost at once came under intense small arms fire from five enemy MMGs. When about 70 yards from its objective the Coy was held up by anti-personnel minefields, the Coy Commander, Platoon Commanders and seven of Lsgt Chaffer's Platoon becoming casualties.</p> <p>Seeing that his Platoon Commander had fallen, Lsgt Chaffer at once went forward into the minefield under heavy enemy fire and succeeded in getting back his Platoon Commander who was lying seriously wounded.</p>

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CHAFFER, H. continued...	Lsgt.	2622834	<p>Lsgt Chaffer then assumed command of his Platoon, reorganised and disposed them most skilfully so as to return the enemy fire.</p> <p>Later, when ordered by his CSM, who had taken command of the Coy, to establish his Platoon on some high ground covering the enemy positions, Lsgt Chaffer succeeded in extricating his Platoon from their very precarious position without further loss.</p> <p>During the whole of this period Lsgt Chaffer and his Platoon were under constant small arms and mortar fire.</p> <p>The courage, coolness and efficiency of this Lsgt has been notable throughout the whole of the present campaign and was, on this particular occasion, outstanding and a great inspiration and encouragement to his Platoon.</p>
CHAPPELL, F.	Lcpl.	2613681	<p>During the final stages of the attack on BENTHEIM when the company was closing in on the objective, Lcpl Chappell's Platoon came under heavy spandau fire at short range from its flanks and rear. A number of men fell wounded and the platoon made for cover.</p> <p>Lcpl Chappell made no attempt to get under cover but stayed behind and, entirely regardless of the fire, bandaged one wounded man and dragged him to cover. He returned and still under heavy fire, bandaged and rescued another man. While doing this he spotted the position of one spandau, and totally disregarding its fire, he made his way across the open to the nearest tank, and directed fire towards it. He then re-joined his Section, and finding that the Section commander had been wounded he assumed command and led it on to the final objective. His magnificent coolness and courage, and total disregard for his own safety in a most trying situation was an inspiration to the rest of the Company.</p>
CHRISCOLI, J.	Lcpl.	2621950	<p>On the morning of the 17th September 1944 in the attack on M. PESCHIENA (Map ref R. 0789) by 3rd Bn Gren Gds., Lcpl Chriscoli was commanding a Section of the leading platoon and was ordered to wipe out an enemy MG post. He succeeded in skilfully infiltrating his Section to within ten yards of the enemy and then rushed in himself, personally killing two and capturing five Germans. His Section was then ordered forward to cover the platoon digging in on the captured objective and during this period the enemy made two attempt to counter-attack the position.</p> <p>These attempts were preceded by heavy and accurate shelling and mortaring. By his resolute leadership</p>

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CHRISCOLI, J. continued...	Lcpl.	2621950	and determination all attempts to recapture the key position by the enemy were frustrated and Lcpl Chriscoli's Section accounted for several killed and wounded Germans, the remainder flying in disorder.
CLARK, A	Gdsm.	2612147	<p><u>24 Aug 43</u></p> <p>During the attack on the Horseshoe position Gdsm Clark volunteered to accompany an Officer who was going to make his way through the enemy, who by then had got behind and surrounded his Coy, to Bn H.Q. in order to obtain assistance.</p> <p>On the return journey, while guiding the reinforcements up to the Coy, the Officer was killed. Undeterred by this, Gdsm Clark continued with the greatest courage and coolness leading the reinforcements through the enemy up to his own Coy. His determination, courage and devotion to duty provided a most inspiring example.</p>
CLUTTON, F.	Lsgt.	2622361	<p>At dawn on the 29 Apr 45 Lsgt Clutton's Pl was caught 150 yards west of the SANDBOSTEL stream with the enemy 150 yards away in ALTENBURGH Farm.</p> <p>With no bridge behind and no cover, the Pl suffered heavy casualties including the Pl Comd and Pl Sgt. Lsgt Clutton picked up a Bren from a casualty and returned the enemy's fire at point blank range. He took command and organised the evacuation of the casualties and the withdrawal of the Pl to the river bank – the only cover. His Bren jammed due to mud. He lay in a ditch full of water still under enemy view and washed the gun clean. It broke down again and Lsgt Clutton then carried on with a rifle. He covered the withdrawal of all the unwounded men and six wounded. This took an hour and a half at point blank range from the enemy. Owing to a previous 24 hours of rain, everyone was soaking wet and the cold was intense. Eight of the Pl were admitted to the RAP suffering from exposure. The last man to retire, Lsgt Clutton came in carrying a Bren, a rifle, a shovel and all his own equipment although he was by then numb with cold and wet.</p> <p>It was due to Lsgt Clutton's power of command, leadership and great gallantry that a tricky situation was taken in hand and to his skill at arms and endurance that casualties were not far heavier.</p>
COTTRELL, F.	Lsgt.	2617512	On 21 Apr 45, Lsgt Cottrell was operator in his Tp Leader's tank in an advance towards the ELBE. On reaching the village of ZERNIEN the Sqn became

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COTTRELL, F. continued...	Lsgt.	2617512	<p>involved in a battle with a fanatical group of the enemy, who were attempting to Bazooka the tanks.</p> <p>The Tp Leader ordered this Lsgt to leave the tank and get in touch with the leading Pl Comd in order to get the Inf to cover the flanks of the tanks. Whilst getting out of the tank a Bazooka struck it, and in doing so severely damaged four fingers of Lsgt Cottrell's right hand. Nothing daunted, he delivered his message and then refused to be evacuated although in very considerable pain. After first aid had been given him, he continued to load the guns and operate the wireless until the enemy position was reduced.</p> <p>Throughout the operation this Lsgt's great personal bravery, devotion to duty and determination to carry on, despite his injuries, were a really fine example of outstanding heroism.</p>
DAVIES, W.	Gdsm.	2620979	<p><u>21 Sep 43</u></p> <p>This Gdsm has consistently displayed courage and devotion to duty of a high order throughout the period Apr 27 – May 6, during which the Bn had occupied the western ridge of Djebel Bou Aoukaz. His constant readiness to volunteer for all tasks in connection with his duties as a signaller has been an inspiration to his whole Pl. He has twice spent about two hours repairing lines in the open in daylight under heavy and accurately placed mortar and Arty fire with no regard for his personal safety. He asked to be allowed to accompany the leading Coy in the attack on Djebel, during which his courageous behaviour under very heavy shell and MG fire had a most inspiring effect on all with whom he came in contact.</p>
DEAN, H.	Lcpl.	2618660	<p>At MEIJEL on 5 Nov 44 Lcpl Dean was the gunner of 'A' tank of his Tp. The Tp formed part of No. 2 Sqn, which had been ordered to make a dash round the enemy right flank. Shortly after crossing the Start Line, Lcpl Dean's tank was blown up on a mine, but the main armament was unimpaired. He therefore continued to give continuous support by Besa and 75mm gun fire to our own attacking Inf (R.S.F.). Shortly after this a Tp of No. 1 Sqn reached him, but all three tanks of this other Tp were knocked out by A/Tk fire. Lcpl Dean well knew that the A/Tk guns therefore now had his range and location, but he continued firing and succeeded in knocking out two enemy O.Ps. In the meantime, his Crew Comd got out of the tank to confer with the Tp Leader of No. 1 Sqn and was seriously wounded. Lcpl Dean assumed command of the tank and continued offensive action against the enemy. When he had exhausted all his ammunition, he asked and received</p>

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DEAN, H. continued...	Lcpl.	2618660	<p>permission to leave his tank. He then, under heavy enemy fire, evacuated his crew to safety while he himself went forward to rescue his Crew Comd. Eventually he succeeded in getting him to the first aid post and continued to help in evacuating casualties.</p> <p>His conduct throughout was exemplary and he displayed a very high degree of personal courage and outstanding devotion to duty. His offensive action against the enemy played a considerable part in helping the Inf forward to their objective.</p>
DENNIS, A.G.	Sgt.	2616032	<p>On the 29 Apr 45, during the attack on the enemy position at ALTERNBURG near SANDBOSTEL CAMP, Sgt Dennis' Pl Comd was hit by the first burst of enemy fire. He took charge of the Platoon at once and carried out a left flanking platoon attack on the wood and farm held by the enemy.</p> <p>This attack was well and quickly planned and led by Sgt Dennis with great dash. On the objective in close fighting Sgt Dennis personally accounted for several of the enemy.</p> <p>His rapid and effective assumption of command and his subsequent leadership, skill and great personal daring accounted for the enemy position being taken so quickly.</p> <p>At all times he has shown courage in action, and has shown a fine example to his Platoon.</p>
DOWNING, J.	Gdsm.	2620020	<p>This Gdsm is a stretcher-bearer with a Rifle Coy. At 1900 hours, on 2 Aug 44, this man's Coy was forming up for an attack on a ridge just south of IMPRUNETA village when the enemy put down a very heavy concentration of arty and mortar fire right on top of them. In a few minutes the Coy suffered over 20 casualties whereupon the remainder were ordered temporarily to occupy some slit trenches nearby.</p> <p>Gdsm Downing who was the only remaining stretcher-bearer, continued to tend the wounded throughout the heaviest of the shelling. He then organised their evacuation and with the help of two Gdsm from Coy HQ made no less than 12 trips to the RAP through what continued to be heavy shell and mortar fire from a post which the enemy had moved up to within 250 yards.</p> <p>He carried out these duties with spectacular courage on the 'Saddle' on a hill which was bereft of all cover and in circumstances which earned the admiration of his whole Coy.</p>

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DOWNING, J. continued...	Gdsm.	2620020	<p>This Gdsm's most gallant action on that day was entirely in conformity with his previous conduct which was well known, as he has never missed a day of any of the battles fought by this Bn.</p>
DRAKE, A.	Gdsm.	2623062	<p>At 0400 hours, on 12 July, this Gdsm's Coy was the forward Coy of the Bn holding some ground vital to the defence of the important feature (CAMPI) North of S. GUSME village. At that hour, the enemy attacked the Coy under a heavy mortar concentration.</p> <p>Owing to thick scrub, trees and high corn, the difficulties of the defenders were very great and twice between 0400 hours and 0530 hours they had to be driven out of the forward Pl positions by a Section assault through the scrub. By 0530 hours the left forward Pl had had to join up with the right forward one which enabled the enemy to infiltrate with a flame thrower and some spandaus round the left of the pan held by these two Pls. This Gdsm's Section was then ordered to drive the enemy out of some slit trenches which they had occupied at that point. Gdsm Drake rushed forward under considerable spandau fire at point blank range and, with his rifle and some grenades, shot the enemy out of the slit trenches they had occupied.</p> <p>A short time later another enemy Section infiltrated to approximately the same place and again this Gdsm took a conspicuously prominent and courageous part in the successful assault which this Section put in against them.</p> <p>On both these occasions Gdsm Drake displayed courage of a high order and he played no small part in the breaking of what was a most determined attack by the enemy.</p>
DUNHAM, G.J.	Lsgt.	2614374	<p>Lsgt Dunham commands a Scout Section in the King's Coy. He has shown great bravery and dash and is a born leader in action. On Apr 10, the Coy had to attack and clear a long wood at KETTENKOMP, the Lsgt Dunham's Section was given the role of securing the start line and then covering the Coy forward and being in immediate reserve throughout the operation. On the start point he came under fairly heavy spandau fire, to which he replied and completely silenced the opposition and dominated the position. When the attack went in, he followed up on foot to get a better view, and seeing a Section of a motor platoon come under fire and lose its Section Comd, he immediately rushed forward, took over and restored the advance and was largely responsible for the platoon rushing the opposition off their objective.</p>

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DUNHAM, G.J. continued...	Lsgt.	2614374	He then organised the evacuation of the casualties, and returned to his Scout Section to carry out the exploitation duties on the objective. Throughout the action, he was an inspiration to those round him.
EATON, W.	Gdsm.	2617559	<p>During the attack by a Bn of the Gren Gds on MT GRANDI on 27/28 May, Gdsm Eaton was acting at Bren Gunner with No. 3 Coy. After reaching their objective the Coy were counter-attacked by 150 Germans, and at one time almost surrounded. Firing single shots with great coolness and accuracy, Gdsm Eaton killed or wounded eighteen Germans, although he was continually being shot at by Machine guns and Snipers.</p> <p>His steadiness and devotion to duty prevented the position being over-run, and was an inspiration to his Coy. Gdsm Eaton has been a Bren-gunner in the same Section since the start of the Tunisian campaign in Nov 42. Never once has he failed in his duty, and on several occasions he has been conspicuous by his outstanding courage and skill.</p>
EDWARDS, J.	Lcpl.	2615780	<p><u>21 Mar 1944</u> <u>Mt. CAMINO Pt 819 Nov 7 – 10 1943</u></p> <p>This Section Commander found himself under MG fire from five different directions at once. By his excellent control of the Section two of these were rapidly silenced but three of his men were hit. Under heavy fire from the remaining MGs he went to their aid and by his immediate attention was responsible for saving the lives of two. These he subsequently helped down the hill and returned bringing with him on his own initiative reinforcements.</p> <p>Later on the same day, while his Section was held down to the ground with fire, he found his men running short of ammunition. In spite of being wounded himself he crawled round four Section posts collecting ammunition from casualties and delivering it to his men before consenting to go back and get his own wound dressed. His great leadership, gallantry and outstanding courage were undoubtedly the cause of this man remaining in an extremely difficult position.</p>
ELLINGHAM, T.F.	Lsgt.	2618476	<p>This NCO has shown quite outstanding powers of leadership and personal gallantry action both during the ANZIO campaign and throughout the advance from CASSINO to the present time.</p> <p>At ANZIO he commanded a Section from 2 Feb onwards whose fine performance was largely responsible for breaking up a number of German attacks on his Coy during the heaviest part of the fighting.</p>

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ELLINGHAM, T.F. continued...	Lsgt.	2618476	<p>On 25 July when the Bn attacked a ridge north of GREVE of great importance to the South African Division this Lsgt commanded a Section in one of the leading Coys. Under heavy spandau fire and by walking through a minefield which caused casualties he led his Section with great dash and without hesitation straight towards the enemy position. The approach was difficult and extremely steep but Lsgt Ellingham shot his way forward with his Section and managed to establish them in the right corner of the buildings. His gallant conduct on this occasion and the considerable casualties which he and his Section inflicted on the enemy was largely responsible for the capture of this objective, in circumstances which were entirely favourable to the defenders.</p> <p>On 2 Oct this NCO again showed exceptional bravery and leadership during the Bn's attack on MOUNT CATERELTO. His Section was leading the attack of the left forward Pl of one of the leading Coys. Owing to heavy spandau and shell-fire the two year Secs of the ..?.. failed to maintain their line of approach to the objective. Lsgt Ellingham, undeterred by finding his Section cut off from, though between, the two leading Coys led this Section straight up a precipitous hill and brought them into a fire position within 50 yards of the enemy position. By sheer determination and a quite exceptional display of personal courage under constant close range fire and in heavy rain, he maintained his Section in action throughout the day in this completely exposed and isolated position until he was able to re-join his Coy after dark with his Section still intact.</p> <p>Lsgt Ellingham's conduct throughout the numerous actions in which he has taken part has been quite spectacular and an inspiration to the Section which he had led for so long.</p>
EVERIN, S.	Lcpl.	2620788	<p>On 3 Aug 44, a joint force of one Tp of tanks and one Motor Platoon under command of the Tank Sqdn 2IC was ordered to make an attack on an enemy position in a small wood.</p> <p>This Lcpl was the co-driver in the Commander's tank. When the plan had been made, the Tank Commander ordered this NCO to go forward to the Infantry SL with his Browning gun and tripod to give the Inf additional and close fire support to shoot them in. This was necessary as owing to boggy ground the tank could not be got into a satisfactory position to cover the Inf.</p> <p>On joining up with the Motor Pl, the Pl Comd said he would prefer this NCO to accompany the Pl into the attack. Accordingly, carrying the Browning and tripod,</p>

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EVERIN, S. continued...	Lsgt.	2620788	<p>he went forward with the assaulting troops. On nearing the objective, they were met by very heavy fire and the attack was halted and forced to retire over open country still under heavy enemy fire.</p> <p>This Lcpl, on his own initiative and with complete disregard for his personal safety, then got down in the open with the Browning and covered the withdrawal of the Pl until they were back under cover. He then himself re-joined them.</p> <p>It is considered that without this Lcpl's action very few of them would ever have got back.</p>
FORD, T.C.	CSM.	2611872	<p>On 5 Mar 45 No. 4 Coy ordered to attack the vital high ground east of KEPELLEN. CSM Ford's Coy was ordered up onto the edge of the spur during the preliminary phase of the attack. The Coy was supported by a Sqn of Tanks and Inf were lifted by the tanks. The force was under exceedingly heavy shell and mortar fire during the period. CSM Ford was hit in the legs and sniped in the arm.</p> <p>The attacking Coy formed up on the start line and CSM Ford joined the leading Pls. He went forward under withering spandau fire and heavy mortar fire. He absolutely refused to be evacuated although in very great pain.</p> <p>When the objective was reached CSM Ford dashed from one location to another, with complete disregard to his own personal safety and assisted in the consolidation.</p>
FOSTER, J.	Gdsm.	2614073	<p>At 0515 hours on 25 July 44 this Gdsm's Coy in which he was a Bren Gunner was defending a high feature (Pt 643) of vital importance to the operation of 6 SA Armd Div, when it was attacked by a strong force of German Infantry. In the first instance this Gdsm's Pl was not directly attacked although it came under severe small arms fire as soon as the attack started. Owing to the dense bush running close up to the position and the great determination with which the attack was launched, the other two Pls, however, which were very weak in numbers, were soon hard pressed.</p> <p>Gdsm Foster was ordered to take up his Bren Gun to assist the Pl on top of the hill which he instantly did, moving across to it under heavy fire. He then went into a small house and fired at the approaching Germans from a top window, inflicting a considerable number of casualties. When, in spite of this fire, the Germans succeeded in establishing spandau posts within 30 yards of the house and out of sight of his window, Gdsm Foster came down and stood in an open doorway on the ground</p>

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FOSTER, J. continued...	Gdsm.	2614073	<p>floor and for an hour kept up a steady and deadly accurate fire with his Bren Gun, mostly from the tip, at the considerable number of enemy who were attempting to form up in the bushes.</p> <p>Throughout this period he was under constant spandau, grenade and rifle fire from very close range and was himself without any cover whatsoever from the direction of the enemy spandaus.</p> <p>On this occasion the outstanding personal gallantry of this Gdsm, whose steadiness under fire has always been notable and his great skill with his weapon was largely responsible for the easing of a situation which had, by the time he arrived on the scene, become extremely critical.</p>
GREEN, R.	Lcpl.	2623478	<p>This NCO was a Section Corporal in the leading Coy when the Bn attacked MOUNT CATARELTO on 2 Oct. As the Coy reached its objective it came under heavy and shellfire. This Lcpl was severely wounded in the back.</p> <p>As the Coy was consolidating under considerable close range fire from both flanks its wireless set was knocked out. Lcpl Green, who had had experience as a signaller, at once volunteered to try to get a message through to Bn HQ on a 38 set.</p> <p>A set was brought to him and for two and a half hours he lay in great pain and in a most exposed position under considerable small arms and shellfire manipulating the wireless set until finally he managed to find the Bn frequency and pass back a message. Throughout this time he steadfastly refused to be removed by the stretcher-bearers in spite of several attempts on their part to do so.</p> <p>Having opened up communication on the 38 set he was taken a short way down the steep hill on which the leading Pls had consolidated. There he lay for four hours without complaint until it was possible to evacuate him. Throughout the six hours, from the time he was hit until he was evacuated, Lcpl Green displayed quite outstanding courage, determination and resource in most hazardous conditions and in spite of a most painful wound.</p> <p>His conduct earned the respect and admiration of his whole Coy.</p>
GREGORY, P.	Gdsm.	2623408	<p>On 18 Jul 44, Gdsm Gregory was the Gunner in the tank commanded by Capt. J.A.P. Jones, M.C. (who was Comd of the leading two Tps of No. 1 Sqn.). Although the tank was on fire, he maintained an accurate and sustained fire until ordered to abandon the tank, his courage and devotion to duty in continuing to fire being of the highest order. This Gdsm sustained severe burns as a result of this action.</p>

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GRIMSHAW, A.	Lsgt.	2618135	On the 17 Apr 45 at RESTEDT this NCO was in a Tp supporting a Para Coy of Cdn Para Bde, in an attack on the village. When 300 yards from the village and SP gun opened up, this NCO, without hesitation, immediately charged the gun. This action brought into play a second A/Tk gun; both these guns were firing at this NCO's tank. He successfully destroyed one by expert gun action, the other being dealt with by his Tp Leader. Continuing his dash, he moved rapidly round to the back of the village to cut off any enemy trying to escape and succeeded in knocking out another SP. The result of this outstanding bravery and great dash was the disorganisation of the defences of this village, and made the task of the Para Coy very considerably lighter. His gallant tank action was an inspiration to those who saw it.
HANKS, G.H.	Sgt.	2612026	<p>On 27 Feb 45, Sgt Hanks was Troop Sgt of a Tp of Tanks engaged in supporting 1 Bn S. Lancs in clearing the enemy from the woods NE of WEEZE. Owing to the state of the going and the denseness of the forest, the Tp Leader had to take his troop on a different axis to the Infantry, and in doing so he met very heavy opposition from troops of 2 Para Div, which was also holding up the advance of 9 Inf Bde on the left flank. Although Sgt Hank's Tank was so badly damaged by the enemy Bazooka fire that he had only a ten-degree traverse in either direction he pressed home the attack to such effect that many of the enemy were killed and put to flight. For an hour, the Tanks remained dominating the objective, the supporting infantry being held up by spandau fire.</p> <p>Sgt Hank's devotion to duty was undoubtedly responsible for the successful outcome of the operations, he showed an entire disregard for his personal safety, and his determination to get on at all costs despite the damage to his tank was an inspiration to all.</p>
HARDY, W.	Gdsm.	2613354	On May 21st 1940 this Gdsm twice volunteered to return from his forward post to fetch ammunition. This necessitated crossing over ground that was heavily swept by MG fire. By his gallant conduct, his platoon was able to maintain their fire and inflict heavy casualties on the enemy.
HARPER, S.	Lsgt.	2617893	On 22 Aug 44 this NCO showed outstanding courage and efficiency in firstly continuing to clear mines from a bridge under heavy mortar and arty fire after two other NCOs with him had been wounded, and secondly when his officer was incapacitated, took command of his Pl and drove off a party of enemy Para troops who were attacking

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HARPER, S. continued...	Lsgt.	2617893	two incapacitated tanks. He then held the village of LE VAL for 5 hours, which was under constant fire from arty and mortar fire, supported by the 2 immobile tanks, finally withdrawing his Pl on orders from the Tank Tp Comd.
HEATH, W.	Gdsm.	2620653	<p>During the ANZIO Bridgehead operations this Gdsm was a Bren Gunner in No. 9 Pl and was consistently an inspiration and example to the Platoon.</p> <p>On one occasion while the Pl was being very heavily engaged he kept his Bren Gun firing with such good effect that an enemy Pl threatening the flank was completely broken up, fifteen being killed.</p> <p>Later, during a night of persistent German attacks, he moved out of his slit trench in order to bring fire on to the enemy, crawling towards the positions.</p> <p>Only complete disregard of personal safety enabled this Gdsm to produce such effective results with his gun. On another occasion, the night of Feb 9th, Gdsm Heath again was largely responsible for breaking up two attacks on his Pl position by his coolness and extreme skill with which he handled his Bren Gun.</p>
HERITAGE, A.M.T.	Sgt.	2618617	<p>Sgt Heritage was Tp Sgt of a Tp detailed to support the attack of 6 KOSB on the heavily defended wooded areas. Early in the action his Tp Leader's tank was blown up on a mine – immediately, despite intense mortar and arty fire this Sgt dismounted from his tank and tried to lift the mines to make a gap for the remaining tanks of the Tp.</p> <p>Having been unsuccessful in this, he skirted the minefield by a wide deviation through thick woods, taking the remaining tank with him, and eventually made his way and joined the Inf, remaining with them in case of enemy counter attacks. This Sgt's great initiative, determination to go on, and entire disregard for his own safety were a source of inspiration to all.</p>
HILL, A.	Gdsm.	2617417	<p>For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in the ANZIO Bridgehead during the period of 24 Jan – 10 Feb.</p> <p>Gdsm Hill, as a member of the Intelligence Section, fought with the Bn when it was in contact with the enemy for seventeen days. Never once did he fail in his duties, all of which he carried out with unfailing cheerfulness and resolution, and without any regard for his own personal safety. On one occasion, when manning an O.P. at APRILLIA, a 15cm shell fell on the same floor of the house from which he was observing. This had not the slightest effect on Hill who continued to observe and pass</p>

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HILL, A. continued...	Gdsm.	2617417	<p>back information without a pause.</p> <p>Twice during the action, he was sent across No Man's Land with important messages to a neighbouring Bn. On both occasions, he carried out his mission unflinching although under fire for the greater part of the journey.</p> <p>This Gdsm's record on contact with the enemy in North Africa for five months was of an equally high standard although it failed to gain recognition. He has never failed to show courage and endurance of the highest order and his cheerfulness under the most difficult conditions has always been a source of great encouragement to all those around him.</p>
HILL, A.	Lsgt.	2621991	<p>On 25 July the Bn attacked the south end of a high ridge east of the village of GREVE which completely dominated a valley in which 6 SA Armd Div were to operate.</p> <p>The left forward Coy, of which this NCO commanded the leading Section, has as its first objective a group of farm houses more than half way up the hill.</p> <p>After an extremely stiff climb lasting more than fifty minutes, Lsgt Hill's Section had reached the steepest part of the slope about 150 yards below the houses when the twenty Germans who held this locality opened fire on the Section with spandaus and caused three casualties.</p> <p>Lsgt Hill instantly led the remnants of his Section up the hillside, in full view of the enemy and under increasingly heavy small arms fire, directly towards the enemy position. Displaying spectacular courage and most determined leadership he closed with the enemy and engaged them in hand to hand fighting. Ten of the enemy were killed or captured by this courageous NCO and the three men of his Section in circumstances where all the advantages lay with the defenders. The remaining ten broke and ran in the face of this fierce assault and were engaged by Lsgt Hill as they ran back through the woods.</p> <p>This Lsgt who was recommended for a mention in despatches after the ANZIO campaign and who has since been wounded, displayed, on this occasion, personal courage and leadership of a very high order.</p>
HIND, W.	Gdsm.	2618280	<p>On the evening of Tues 19 Sep 44, No. 3 Tp was ordered to do a flanking movement on the NE edge of NIJMEGEN in order to get to the right flank of a roundabout containing 2 or 3 88mms which were holding up our advance. The Tp came under heavy fire from three sides. The Comd of one tank was badly wounded, and, believing the tank to have been hit gave the order to bail out, which the crew did.</p>

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HIND, W. continued...	Gdsm.	2618280	Having bailed out, Gdsm Hind took what cover was possible by his tank, waiting for a suitable moment to take further action. He remained under heavy fire with the wounded Tank Comd and a message having been given to the Tp leader who sent back the order to try and evacuate the wounded Tank Comd and the tank if possible. Gdsm Hind took the following action. He assisted to carry back the Comd for 150 yards round the nearest corner until cover from enemy fire had been obtained. He carried out this order without regard for his personal safety and by doing so managed to get the Comd evacuated to the RAP and save much delay in getting this man's wounds treated. During the whole of this action this Gdsm was under heavy fire from three sides.
HOLMES, R.	Lsgt.	2617665	<p>This NCO was responsible for two thirds of the actual sabotage done on this fuel dump at PEZA on the night of 4th July 1943. In spite of an extremely difficult approach march during which each man carried approximately 70 lbs., the attack was successful and over 150 tons of aviation fuel were destroyed. In spite of continual patrols with watchdogs passing close by him, he continued systematically placing bombs until the dump was covered, before finally withdrawing.</p> <p>The success of this attack and withdrawal entailing night marches in mountainous country of over 100 miles with heavy loads depended to a very great extent upon his keenness and determination.</p>
HOPKINS, W.	Sgt.	2610974	On 19 Sep 44 Sgt Hopkins was in command of a Platoon fighting in the town of NIJMEGEN. Although slightly wounded in the leg he carried on and later, after dark, led his Pl in an attack on a strongly held position dug in amongst some gardens and in a fortified house. With great dash, he led his Pl alongside a tank down a street with blazing houses on either side, getting them into a house at the end of the street on the enemy's side of the road. The tank was forced to withdraw as it was hit by enemy fire, and shortly afterwards the Pl began to suffer heavy casualties from fire at point blank range, the house itself catching fire and starting to fall in. With great presence of mind and coolness he organised the withdrawal of his Pl and evacuation of the wounded under covering fire from a tank, and although again wounded himself he carried a seriously wounded man 300 yards on his back. Throughout the operations, he set a magnificent example of courage, coolness and resourcefulness and completely disregarded his own personal safety.

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HOWE, J.	W/Sgt.	2609784	<p>On 13 Jun 44 an attack by the 24th Gds Bde on the high ground west of the village of BAGNOREGGIO was postponed at the last minute until the following morning. In spite of this and owing to a misunderstanding of orders, a mixed column of mortars and MG carriers was led out into No Man's Land by two officers in order to support the Bn in its part of the attack.</p> <p>Having gone some distance towards the enemy and come under considerable mortar and small arms fire, the officer in Comd went on ahead to find the way and was killed when his carrier struck a mine. The Mortar Officer was then wounded which left Sgt Howe in charge of the party.</p> <p>By this time two carriers had stuck in the rough going and two had been destroyed by enemy fire. Already this small party had suffered six casualties from this fire apart from the two officers and the crews of the carriers in which they travelled. Sgt Howe having himself silenced one enemy post by firing a Bren Gun of another Sgt's shoulder, left two men to tend the wounded and was determined to carry out what he believed to be his task and to link up with the Bn on the hill feature to his front. Coming immediately under heavy fire from enemy spandaus and mortars and from our own artillery he dismounted and with great coolness carried out a reconnaissance on foot, as a result of which he decided he was unlikely to reach his objective in daylight.</p> <p>Returning at 2100 hours to the point where the casualties occurred he ordered the men under his Comd to dig in for the night where they were. Under considerable enemy fire, he then collected the wounded together and sent them back in a South African Armoured Ambulance which he had managed to contact. Still convinced that his task was to join the Bn in front of him he made two further attempts to reach what he believed to be the Bn's objective. On both occasions he was halted by heavy small arms fire.</p> <p>Realising he could not go forward he conducted a completely orderly and successful withdrawal on a dark night by a circuitous route to the Bn's previous location.</p> <p>This Sgt's leadership and determination, without which this unfortunate incident would undoubtedly have led to much greater losses to the troops concerned, were quite outstanding and deserving of very high praise.</p>

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HUTCHINSON, C.	RQMS.	2609443	<p><u>M. CAMINO 14 DEC 43</u></p> <p>This Warrant Officer was in charge of the Brigade dump at the head of "mule track" and subsequently behind Pt 683.</p> <p>For the first five days he was the only RQMS present and it was due to his coolness and tenacity of purpose, under almost continuous heavy shell-fire, that the dump was organised and functioned smoothly. During this time he went practically without rest, organising, carrying parties, rations and ammunition supplies, etc.</p> <p>I am convinced that without the example shown by this Warrant Officer the dump would not have functioned successfully and that had it not, the sole success of the Bde's operations would have been very seriously jeopardised.</p>
HUXLEY, D.J.	A/Col Sgt.	2615322	<p>On the 2nd April 1945, Sgt Huxley was commanding the leading Troop of tanks of a Sqn in support of 12th Bn Parachute Regiment advancing North from Lengerich. Two miles North of this town a tank of another Sqn had been disabled by an 88mm gun sited on the road about 800 yards ahead, and the recce in front had been held up. On reaching this point this NCO made a recce of the ground and although he had been told not to proceed any further, he repeatedly asked his Sqn Leader permission to proceed. This was eventually granted and leading himself he advanced to the attack. He came almost immediately under heavy 88mm fire and his tank was hit by at least 7 H.E. and 1 A.P. round.</p> <p>Despite this, he remained in his tank and continued firing his guns until all his guns had been put out of action and his front idler had been blown off, breaking the track and rendering the tank incapable of movement. He remained in his tank, calmly reporting the situation on the wireless and putting down 2" smoke to cover the withdrawal of his crew. Not until all his crew were safely back did he finally leave the tank himself. Throughout this action, Sgt Huxley's conduct was beyond praise. His determination to get to grips with the enemy and push forward at all costs being an example to all. In addition, his entire disregard for his personal safety and determination to keep his guns in action at all costs, represented an outstanding feat of arms.</p>
JEANES, G.	Lcpl.	2615984	<p>On 19 Sep 44 a force consisting of two Tps of tanks and two Motor Pls., with two Coys of Americans in support, was ordered to advance into NIJMEGEN and seize the main road bridge across the river. This Lcpl was the gunner in the Tp Ldr's tank of the leading Troop.</p>

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JEANES, G. continued...	Lcpl.	2615984	<p>They advanced into the town and fought their way forward to a roundabout which was some 500 yards from the bridge itself. Here they encountered very heavy opposition from A/Tk guns, which were firing down the road approaches to the roundabout. The Tp Ldr decided that, in order to gain the bridge, these 88mm A/Tk guns had got to be knocked out, and accordingly, told this Lcpl that he was going to drive rapidly out into one of the streets which was under fire from 88mms and that he was to knock this gun out.</p> <p>The tank was driven rapidly forward and this Lcpl, with his first shot, knocked out the gun covering the road. He then saw another two 88mms covering two other roads leading onto the roundabout and engaged and silenced both these guns.</p> <p>He had by this time expended all the ammunition immediately available in the Turret and was bending forward to replenish from the driving compartment when the tank was hit by a further A/Tk gun, the Tp leader was killed instantaneously and Lcpl Jeanes was severely wounded. By his accurate shooting and great coolness in the face of intense enemy A/Tk gun fire this Lcpl made an enormous contribution to the clearing of the roundabout which was essential for the ultimate seizure of the bridge.</p>
KERSHAW, D.	Sgt.	4141633	<p>This NCO during the parachute operation against GAZALA LG's in Nov 1941 broke an arm on landing. Although in severe pain, he insisted on continuing with his full load of 50 lbs for over 40 miles and on carrying out all the duties of an NCO in very difficult circumstances. By his example, he was primarily responsible for getting the rest of his party back to the R.V. He has continued since then to show the same high quality of determination in many operations and has been responsible for the destruction of much equipment valuable to the enemy.</p>
KINSELLA, P.	Lsgt.	2612594	<p>On 11 Aug 44, near VIESSOIX, Lsgt Kinsella was Tank Comd of a Sherman Mk VC, which was hit by Bazookas at close range. He and the crew had to evacuate the tank, as it at once caught fire, and they withdrew to the cover of the nearest hedge. The enemy were still engaging the Tp Leader's tank (the only one in the troop still remaining) with small arms fire. This Lsgt then walked over to his Troop Leader, pointed out the exact location of the enemy and arming himself with a .30 Browning off his Troop Leader's tank, he then held the right flank entirely alone from a ground position, in spite of heavy small arms and mortar fire, until he was later joined by one other man. When the situation was quieter, he returned to his tank</p>

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KINSELLA, P. continued...	Lsgt.	2612594	<p>with a Fire Extinguisher and a scratch crew. After putting out the fire, he commanded the tank out of action.</p> <p>This Lsgt showed great coolness and bravery in a difficult situation, and throughout showed great initiative and disregard for his personal safety.</p>
KNIGHT, C.	Lsgt.	2619407	<p>Sgt Knight was the driver of a tank which was ordered to cross the bridge at NIJMEGEN on Wednesday Sep 28 1944. He drove his tank over under very heavy fire and was ordered to continue down the road. The road was strongly held by enemy with Bazookas and A/Tk guns and about 500 yards beyond the bridge his tank was hit twice by a Bazooka, once in the rear idler and the other set fire to the top of the tank. The turret and driving compartment were filled with smoke and the tank commander, thinking they were badly hit, ordered the crew to bail out. Sgt Knight did this and lay in a ditch close to the tank for two hours, whilst two Coys of enemy Inf passed over him and by him and captured the remainder of the crew and that of another tank. Eventually an American Patrol came down the road and Sgt Knight contacted them. He went back to his tank to examine the damage and finding that the fire was due to kit burning on top of the tank he put the fire out and drove the tank to join his Tp. But for this very courageous action of the Lsgt in staying near his vehicle in very dangerous circumstances his tank would have assuredly been destroyed.</p>
LEESE, W.	Gdsm.	2615634	<p>On the 11 Aug 1944, during the attack on VIESSIOUX, Gdsm Lesse was put in command of a Section, his Section Commander having become a casualty. His Pl had reached the southern outskirts of VIESSIOUX when his Section came under heavy spandau and mortar fire. He got them in a good fire position and then confused the enemy by fire. He himself shot two Germans and, completely regardless of his own personal safety, ran back under heavy fire to his Pl Comd to indicate the German position. Later, a tank supporting this Pl shot up the German position.</p> <p>There is no doubt that owing to Gdsm Leese's coolness and quick action, the situation was greatly improved. Gdsm Leese was himself wounded during this action.</p>
LISTER, E.	Lcpl.	2612227	<p>On 18 Jul 1944, this Lcpl was a member of the crew of a tank which was hit and set on fire by an 88mm shell.</p> <p>The entire crew bailed out and took cover, No. 2617035 Gdsm Cotterill, E., was hit in the back by small arms fire and was unable to get away without help. Lcpl Lister remained with him under fire, dressed his</p>

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LISTER, E. continued...	Lsgt.	2612227	<p>wounds, and then pulled and carried him back to cover near a small wood which still held some enemy infantry. With the aid of a Sgt from another unit he helped clear the enemy out of the wood and then got Gdsm Cotterill on to the back of a Sherman of another unit going back and took him to the RAP.</p> <p>The action of Lcpl Lister undoubtedly saved the life of Gdsm Cotterill and his action in staying with his wounded comrade for a total of five hours showed the greatest personal courage and devotion to duty.</p>
LOVETT, F.	Sgt.	2613477	<p>On the attack made by a Bn of the Grenadier Guards on the STOPPIACCE feature (map ref R. 272271) in the hills south of AREZZO on 15/16 July, Sgt Lovett was in command of a Pl in No. 2 Coy. He personally led the attack of his Pl on to their objective, accounting for two MG posts before it was captured.</p> <p>During the consolidation of the position Sgt Lovett took a Section forward to locate certain enemy posts which lay beyond the objective. He moved up in advance of the Section in order to make a personal reconnaissance. He had pin-pointed two enemy posts when he was shot through the stomach by an MG at short range. Sgt Lovett's strength of character, courage and determination enabled him, despite his severe wound, to retain full consciousness and to direct his men so that they were able to outflank the enemy post. Shortly after this, the position was counter-attacked and Sgt Lovett, who could not be carried in, was left lying under intense shell-fire from both sides for five hours until the position was captured. When he was finally brought back he was still conscious and cheered his Pl on as he passed them, in spite of his very serious stomach wound.</p>
LOWE, S.	CSM.	3447690	<p>On the night 21/22 Apr 45, No. 2 Coy, 3rd Bn Gren Gds., was ordered to take part in a Battalion attack to cross the POSSA CEMBALINA and capture SAN BARTOLOMEO in BOSCO.</p> <p>While waiting in the F.U.P. for the order to advance, No. 2 Coy came under heavy and accurate enemy mortar fire, suffering several casualties. During this critical period CSM Lowe continually exposed himself with great courage and coolness to organise the evacuation of casualties and encourage the men of his Coy.</p> <p>Later, during the attack No. 2 Coy was halted owing to a leading Coy meeting opposition on an intermediate objective. During this pause the Coy came under heavy enemy sniping and MG fire and several sections had become separated from the remainder of the Coy in the</p>

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LOWE, S. continued...	CSM.	3447690	<p>darkness and during the crossing of the canal. On receiving orders from his Coy Commander to re-organise the Coy, CSM Lowe again showed complete disregard of his own safety in moving to and from in the open to collect scattered elements of his Coy.</p> <p>There is no doubt that the courage and energy of this Warrant Officer had a most encouraging and inspiring effect on the men of his Coy and played a most important part in the success of the Coy's attack.</p>
MARROW, J.	Lsgt.	2612929	<p>On 3 Apr 45, this Lsgt was commanding a patrol of the Recce Tp. While the Bn was attacking the village of BENTHEIM, this Lsgt's patrol was ordered to advance along the high ground on the right flank and report on any enemy movement which might influence the Bn's attack on the village. He took his Tp to a good point of observation but came under sniping and Bazooka fire while an A/Tk gun opened up at him at the same time. Undeterred, he withdrew his tanks to a position where they could give him fire support and went forward on foot in order to obtain more accurate information and the exact position of the enemy A/Tk gun and Inf. While going forward with this patrol, on foot, he was wounded in the wrist by a sniper. In spite of this, he continued to move forward to a position where he could get the required information and then sent back to his Tp Leader a detailed and accurate report of the enemy's positions. It was only then that he consented to have his wound attended to and be evacuated to the RAP.</p> <p>His bearing under fire and his dogged determination to obtain the required information under the most trying conditions were an example to all the men of his Tp.</p>
MAUND, W.	Gdsm.	2613550	<p>At Dunkerque from May 23rd to May 30th Sapper Maund was in charge of a mechanical bulldozer employed around the bastion and harbour in filling up bomb craters to keep the routes open. He was subject to almost continuous intense bombing but continued to do most valuable work for a week until his machine was finally destroyed by a direct hit.</p>
MORLEY, T.	Lsgt.	2618485	<p><u>25.1.44</u> <u>24 SEP TABORRA FEATURE SALERNO, MR 6433</u> On the afternoon of 24 Sep the Bn took up a position on the above-mentioned feature with the intention of attacking the PAGLIAROLI feature. During the time that positions were being taken on TABORRA the enemy tried to infiltrate into the positions. Lsgt Morley who is attached to the Bn RAP as medical Sgt found that a spandau post</p>

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MORLEY, T. continued...	Lsgt.	2618485	<p>had infiltrated to within 50 yards of the Bn RAP.</p> <p>Taking off his arm band he found another Gdsm with a Bren Gun and ordered to accompany him and clean up this post. Placing the Bren Gun in a position to give covering fire to himself he worked his way forward and drove the post out with hand grenades. He then returned to the RAP, replaced his arm band, and resumed his duties. I consider this to be a fine example of leadership, and that his action materially helped the occupation of the position.</p>
MULLIGAN, A.	Sgt.	2631321	<p>On 19 Feb 45, Sgt Mulligan was Tp Sgt of a Tp of tanks detailed to support the leading Coys of the 6 KOSB, in clearing the north-east outskirts of the town of GOCH. Initially, owing to the bomb craters, this Sgt's tank became isolated from the rest of the Tp, but undaunted he continued to lead the Inf right into the houses on his own initiative despite heavy opposition. Later, he led the Inf down the street and although repeatedly fired at by Bazookas and sniped at from the houses, he engaged the enemy so hotly that successive strong points were reduced and all objectives gained. This Sgt's initiative, dash and resourcefulness and entire disregard for his personal safety under extremely heavy fire was an inspiration to all, saved the Inf many casualties and was largely responsible for the successful outcome of the action.</p>
MURPHY, T.	Gdsm.	2623066	<p><u>TRIMONSUOLI 30/31 JAN 44</u></p> <p>On the 30th Jan at TRIMONSUOLI, Gdsm Murphy was in one of the forward Pls of No. 2 Coy.</p> <p>This Pl had been under very heavy fire for four or five days, shelling and mortaring being particularly severe, and casualties had been suffered.</p> <p>It was decided to move the Pl position two hundred yards to the East and a volunteer was called for to remain on the position to continue sniping the enemy.</p> <p>Gdsm Murphy volunteered to carry out this role without hesitation, and remained to give covering fire while the Pl moved under cover of darkness.</p> <p>During the night the position was severely shelled and mortared but Murphy stuck to his post with great determination.</p> <p>At daybreak a relief was suggested for Murphy but he stated that he did not wish to be relieved. He continued to snipe the enemy during the morning and by 1000 hours had killed or wounded at least six of the enemy.</p> <p>At about 1030 hours he was wounded in the arm by a fragment or mortar bomb. First aid was given to him but he refused to leave his position and continued to shoot at</p>

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MURPHY, T. continued...	Gdsm.	2623066	<p>the enemy until 1200 hours, when he was overcome by loss of blood and was evacuated to the RAP.</p> <p>Throughout the action, Gdsm Murphy showed complete disregard for his own safety and his courage and cheerfulness under very difficult conditions were an inspiration to all ranks.</p>
NIXEY, D.	Lsgt.	2618001	<p>On 8 Nov at Pt 819 on the Camino feature this Lsgt displayed exceptional powers of leadership and personal bravery. Although overlooked and submitted to intense enemy fire for 30 hours, this Lsgt held his Section together with the greatest tenacity and succeeded in beating off three enemy counter-attacks. On 9 Nov, this Lsgt, on his own initiative, led his Section under intense enemy fire to reinforce a neighbouring Section Post which had become weak through casualties. His personal example and bravery was an inspiration to his subordinates who responded to his leadership and held on to the important tactical feature of Pt 819.</p>
O'CONNOR, J.	Lcpl.	2614553	<p>On 5th Sept 1944 in a daylight patrol on M. POMINO (map ref R. 033743) Lcpl O'Connor was ordered to take his Section round an enemy MG post in order to bring fire bear to a flank. On the way, the Section had to cross a piece of open ground which was being sprayed with enemy MG bullets. Lcpl O'Connor skilfully manoeuvred his Section across this without loss and managed to place himself between the enemy MG post and their main positions. He then, on his own initiative and without orders from the patrol leader, rushed in single-handed on the enemy post in which there were seven Germans. He held his fire until four yards off and then emptied his Tommy Gun magazine into the enemy, killing three, wounding one. The remaining four ran screaming away.</p> <p>Although the object of the patrol, which had been to dominate the ridge by offensive patrolling, had been achieved, Lcpl O'Connor led his Section at a further post on the reverse slope of the hill and succeeded in wounding at least two Germans with Bren fire. During this episode, Lcpl O'Connor's complete disregard for his own personal safety was an example to all and was largely responsible for the success of the patrol.</p>
PACEY, C.	Lsgt.	2622575	<p>This Lsgt was with a Tp of tanks which was ordered to assault and cross the road bridge at NIJMEGEN on the evening of 28 Sept. This bridge across the lower Rhine was of vital importance to the British advance and is of some 700 yards in length and has an embankment the far</p>

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PACEY, C. continued...	Lsgt.	2622575	<p>side of equal length, which made it impossible for vehicles to get off the road. Also, the bridge was known to be prepared for demolition and might be blown at any time. Sgt Pacey followed his Tp Ldr onto the bridge when heavy A/Tk fire from the opposite side caused the Tp Ldr to order him to take a Hull Down position and engage the enemy. This was done and the enemy guns successfully engaged by Sgt Pacey who showed great coolness and acted with great speed. At this stage, it was reported that the road was mined, but that at all cost the bridge must be rushed and crossed. Sgt Pacey was ordered to lead and he managed to get across under very heavy fire from A/Tk guns and Bazookas as well as small arms fire, from the bridge and the girders, directed at himself. He was ordered to let his Tp Ldr pass and they continued down the road until contact was made with the Americans, although both sides of the road were strongly held and there was continuous and heavy fire from A/Tk guns and Bazookas. This Sgt showed outstanding courage and coolness in leading the way across such a strongly defended obstacle against unknown odds and he contributed largely to the successful capture of the bridge intact.</p>
PALMER, W.	Gdsm.	2622769	<p>On 18 Jul 44, Gdsm Palmer was the Loader-Operator in the tank commanded by Capt. J.A.P. Jones, M.C. (who was commanding the leading two Tps of No. 1 Sqn.). Despite the fact that the tank was on fire, he continued to load and operate until ordered to abandon the tank.</p> <p>His courage and devotion to duty in maintain the gun in action, being of the highest order. This Gdsm sustained severe burns as a result of his action.</p>
PARTRIDGE, H.	Lsgt.	2620729	<p>On 20 Sep 44, this NCO was a Section commander in a motor Pl in the attack on NIJMEGEN Bridge. During an early phase of the battle he was severely blasted by a grenade which landed within a yard of him, and showing great determination, although suffering from shock, continued to lead his Section. He was personally responsible for killing a number of enemy snipers who were holding up the operation.</p> <p>During a later stage of the battle he went into a house, the basement of which was occupied by the enemy. He kept the enemy from coming up to attack by throwing grenades at them while arrangements were being made to evacuate the house and burn it.</p> <p>Throughout the operation he displayed outstanding courage and initiative and was an excellent example to all those under him.</p>

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PLUMB, C.	Lsgt.	2622757	<p>This Lsgt Operator, at the battle of PONT A MARC on 3rd Sep 44, behaved in a conspicuously courageous manner. Although his tank was hit three times in succession, before bursting into flames, he continued to load his gun with great coolness and skill. When the tank was evacuated, he was wounded by a shell splinter in the back, but he continued to remain near his tank, with two members of his crew who had been hit by the same shell, until he was sure they had died and no further aid could be given to them.</p> <p>All this was done under intense shell and machine-gun fire. His remarkable courage and devotion to duty were of the very highest order.</p>
POLLARD, H.	Sgt.	2620294	<p><u>23 Nov 43</u></p> <p>This NCO, having lost his officer in action, became Bn Carrier Pl Commander. For weeks on end the advance continued and leading troops were always in contact with a vicious enemy. Sgt Pollard's carriers led most of the way from MARETH to ENFIDAVILLE. On numberless occasions hesitation or lack of initiative must have meant waste of time and loss of opportunity – but they always got on or found a way round, whether shellfire or minefields were the obstacles.</p> <p>Sgt Pollard's exceptional powers of leadership in difficult and dangerous circumstances, his tactical ability and his great personal courage were at all times remarkable – his eleven battle-scarred carriers, runners as they still are, bear testimony to the opposition they encountered during the long advance.</p>
PORTER, R.	Gdsm.	2608829	<p><u>TRIMONSUOLI, 29/30 JAN 44</u></p> <p>This Gdsm was outstanding during a night attack on the above-named feature. When his Coy was caught in a hostile mortar concentration on their start line, this Gdsm at once started joking and cheering his comrades on. On arrival at the objective this Gdsm took charge of seven others who were lost and proved himself to be a born leader with sound tactical ideas.</p> <p>Though wounded in the eye, he refused to leave and continued to lead his Section, handling the Bren Gun himself, and cheering on any who came near him with jokes and words of encouragement throughout the night until ordered to report to the RAP next morning by his Coy Commander.</p>

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ROSE, G.	Lsgt.	2617725	<p>This NCO during the second raid on BENGHAZI, acted as mechanic to the staff-car carrying the party. The car broke down on two occasions whilst in the town of BENGHAZI. Sgt Rose displayed the greatest coolness in overcoming these breakdowns although working under very trying conditions with numerous Italian soldiers in the immediate vicinity.</p> <p>He has taken part with distinction in five other raids.</p>
SARGEANT, W.	Gdsm.	2617867	<p><u>21 SEP 1943</u></p> <p>An outstanding performance was carried out by the above named Gdsm on Feb 5th 1943, during the Bn withdrawal from ALLILIGA. He was carrying a wounded paratrooper across an open piece of ground which was under very heavy shell and mortar fire. A shell killed the paratrooper, and Gdsm Sargeant was twice wounded. Nevertheless, suffering intense pain, he contrived to carry the paratrooper and, when finally exhausted, was assisted by two comrades to safety. I did not myself see the action, but I am told that his courage and will to help his comrades was a feature of an efficient soldiers, and, in the opinion of the Pl was of the highest standard. I strongly recommend him for a periodical award of the Military Medal.</p>
SCOTT, S.	Gdsm.	2621363	<p><u>25TH JAN 1944 -</u> <u>TABORRA – 26 SEP</u></p> <p>During an attack Northwards on Pt 270 this Gdsm showed himself to be a soldier of outstanding courage and initiative. Finding his Pl was held up by a spandau post, and without any orders, he worked his Bren Gun forward single-handed under heavy automatic and mortar fire to a position from which he could engage the post in question. By this means he wiped out two spandau and re-joined his Section which were then able to continue the advance. His total disregard of danger was an inspiration to the rest of his Pl.</p>
SEALE, T.	Gdsm.	2617187	<p><u>21 SEP 43.</u> This Gdsm accompanied Lt D.W.D. Bond, M.C., on the patrol, and subsequent Section attack, at night against enemy machine gun posts, which won that Officer the M.C. He returned safely, having penetrated the enemy lines. At DJEBEL MANSOUR, he volunteered, on his own initiative, to stalk an enemy sniper who was harassing the Pl. After a long stalk, he was successful. His Pl Comd, and the Pl in general, testify to the fact that, at all times, and in all the actions the Pl have seen, Gdsm Seale has been outstanding for coolness and levelheadedness.</p> <p>I recommend him for a periodical award of the MILITARY MEDAL.</p>

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SHIRLEY, R.	Lcpl.	2619757	<p>From 25 Jan to 7 Feb when he was wounded, this Lcpl was in command of a Section in No. 2 Coy. During the whole period, his conduct as a Section leader was of the highest order, and on many occasions contributed to the success achieved by the Coy as a whole.</p> <p>On the night of 5/6 Feb, the enemy captured a house dominating the positions held by his Pl, and began immediately to harass the Pl by means of snipers and machine guns. Moving from trench to trench at great personal risk, Lcpl Shirley personally directed and controlled the fire of his Section with such effect that after three hours the enemy in the house were themselves killed, or at least ceased from firing. During this period when his Pl was in a most difficult position, Lcpl Shirley, by his resourceful leadership and personal courage, showed an example which had an infectious effect on the men in his Pl, and turned a dangerous situation to a favourable issue. He showed himself to be a Section leader of altogether outstanding merit.</p>
SIMMONDS, G.E.T.	Sgt.	2619676	<p>In the ANZIO Bridgehead on the 25 Jan 1944, 5th Bn Gren Gds were attacking a position known as the Factory and enemy opposition was extremely fierce. Sgt Simmonds was Pl Sgt and by dint of skill and an utter disregard for his own safety succeeded personally in forcing an entry into the factory building. This action resulted not only in Sgt Simmonds capturing a large number of prisoners, but was of the greatest possible assistance in enabling the Bn to reach its final objective.</p> <p>On 4 Feb this Pl Sgt's position was heavily attacked by overwhelming numbers of the enemy and the fact that the position was held was largely due to this NCO's fine leadership and personal bravery under the most unpleasant conditions.</p> <p>The above are two incidents only which occurred during a long period of strain from 25 Jan – 9 Feb 1944, throughout which Sgt Simmonds' behaviour has been of the highest order.</p>
SMITH, E.	Sgt.	2611610	<p>During the attack on the HORESHOE FEATURE on the night of Mar 16/17 this Sgt was in charge of a MMG Pl of 4 guns.</p> <p>From dawn on Mar 17 till 0915 hours, this NCO maintained his guns in action under heavy enemy artillery and LMG and mortar fire. Though one of his guns was knocked out and many of the personnel of his Pl wounded, he only withdrew on the direct order of the Commanding Officer.</p>

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SMITH, E. continued...	Sgt.	2611610	Throughout the entire action this NCO displayed the greatest courage and devotion to duty, and outstanding qualities of leadership. It was in no small measure due to the covering fire provided by Sgt Smith that the withdrawal was made possible.
SMITH, F.	Gdsm.	2618923	<u>21 MAR 44</u> <u>Pt 819 Mt. CAMINO NOV 8 – 9, 1943</u> This Gdsm was stretcher-bearer to No. 2 Coy, holding a position with No. 3 Coy, cut off from the rest of the Bn and under constant observation and fire. All through the action he displayed great courage and endurance bringing in wounded under machine gun and shell-fire. In the afternoon of Nov 8th, he was wounded and late in the same afternoon he left his slit trench under shell-fire to relieve the sufferings of his comrades wounded in a trench some way from his own. He undoubtedly saved the lives of many men who would have died from exposure had it not been for his continual assistance for over 24 hours, although himself wounded.
STACEY, J.T.	Lsgt.	2615140	Captured at MEDJEZ EL BAB on 20 Dec 42. Sent via CASTELVETRANO to Campo 70 (MONTURANO). After the Armistice P/W were not liberated from this camp, but on 10 Sep 43 Stacey and two others escaped when on a bathing party. They worked their way into the undergrowth, were discovered by a sentry whom they knocked out and ran away. They made their way into the hills, where Stacey met another escaper and went on with him. They were recaptured by Carabinieri and put in jail. Next morning, they escaped by dropping 20ft from a window. They made their way South and finally met Allied troops at LUCERA on 29 Sep 43.
STENHOUSE, R.	Lcpl.	2619464	On 11 Aug 44, near VIESSOIX, Lcpl Stenhouse was the driver of a Sherman Mk V, which was hit by a Bazooka at close range. A fire started in the ammunition bin behind his head. Although wounded and burnt, he put the fire out and reversed the tank out of action. He continued to drive the tank for a further hour under fire and was only then taken away by ambulance. Owing to this Lcpl's devotion to duty, both the crew and the tank were safely evacuated and the tank was later repaired. Throughout, this man showed no regard for his personal safety and displayed the utmost coolness and bravery under fire.

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STOKES, E.	Gdsm.	2618250	On 23 Jan 45, No. 2618250 Gdsm Stokes was gunner in his Tp Leader's tank which was hit three times at very close range by an enemy A/Tk gun, the third hit discharging his own gun prematurely, pinning his arm against the turret. Although in great pain he kept firing his guns with such effect that the enemy counter attack was driven off. This Gdsm showed outstanding personal courage and devotion to duty throughout the operation, and played a very great part in ensuring that the ground won was retained and that the Infantry were given fire support at a most vital time.
STRATTON, R.	Gdsm.	261396	In the fighting in the ANZIO Bridgehead, this Gdsm was one of his Pl Bren Gunners during the action from Jan 25 – Feb 10. He showed courage and initiative of a very high order throughout. He was particularly outstanding during the attack on the CARROCETO factory on Jan 25. After supporting the attack with extremely accurate Bren Gun fire, he finally led an assault firing his Bren Gun from the hip, resulting in the surrender of a large part of the enemy. On several subsequent occasions, particularly during enemy counter attacks, his courage and reliability, coupled with skill, were largely responsible for the success of his Coy, which was in close contact for seventeen days.
TAYLOR, A.	Gdsm.	2615597	On 27 Sep 44 this Sgt was ordered to mop up a row of houses in the final phase of the attack on HESSCA. Half way through this operation the Scout Section came under fire from 2 enemy machine guns. Two men were killed and the remaining seven men pinned to the ground. Sgt Taylor then ordered his men to keep the enemy under fire while he went for help. With complete disregard for his own personal safety he got up and doubled back under fire to get the assistance of a tank, which then engaged the enemy and enabled the Section to withdraw to safety. The action of this Sgt in doubling back undoubtedly saved the lives of the remainder of the Section.
TAYLOR, R.	Lcpl.	2621138	During the attack on DJEBEL BOU AOUKAG on 27 Apr this NCO showed courage and leadership of a high order. During an assault on two MG posts about half way to the objective he was wounded in the knee. Refusing to remain behind, he took part in a subsequent assault which resulted in the capture of ten enemy mortars and their crews. During this attack, he was again wounded in the arm in spite of which he fought with the utmost vigour and determination.

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TAYLOR, R. continued...	Lcpl.	2621138	<p>He finally arrived on the objective – carrying all his equipment, his Tommy Gun and his empty magazines. Prior to this occasion this NCO had consistently shown complete disregard for his personal safety and his conduct throughout the operations 22 Apr – 6 May merits the highest praise.</p>
TAYLOR, S.	Gdsm.	2617414	<p>21 Mar 44 A German O.P. previously dislodged by fire had left its telephone and line complete on this feature which the Germans were endeavouring to re-occupy. A volunteer was called for to cut the line and bring the phone back to the Bn and this Gdsm volunteered. In broad daylight and under heavy spandau fire as the whole ridge was exposed to enemy positions on the high ground this Gdsm made a difficult stalk of 200 yards, captured the telephone, cut the wire and returned to Coy HQ.</p> <p>He showed the greatest courage in this operation which had it not been successful and had the Germans re-occupied their O.P. would have made the whole Coy's position untenable.</p>
THORMAN, W.W.	Gdsm.	2623394	<p>In the ANZIO Bridgehead on the night of 7/8 Feb 44, Bn HQ, after three rifle Coys had been destroyed, was heavily attacked by the enemy. The Bn HQ was in a gully. The enemy had penetrated to the ridge overlooking this position and were throwing hand grenades on to the Command Post. Gdsm Thorman and four others were sent to clear the enemy off this cliff. They succeeded in doing this. A few minutes later the enemy renewed their attempts to regain the position. Gdsm Thorman and the others immediately engaged them with their Tommy Guns and when the weapons of two of the party failed Gdsm Thorman remained alone engaging the enemy while the remainder withdrew.</p> <p>By the action he not only allowed his companions to withdraw safely, but he also gained sufficient time to allow the Command post to be moved unhindered to a more advantageous position.</p>
TOPHAM, R.	Sgt.	2615950	<p>During the Battalion attack on the night 21/22 Apr 45, across the FOSSA CEMBALINE (M.R. 1472 Sheet 76, Italy, 1/100, 000), the Pl commanded by Sgt Topham was the leading Pl of the left hand Coy to cross the canal. On reaching the line of the canal, Sgt Topham's Pl came under heavy enemy small arms fire, including a fixed line on the blown bridge where the Pl was to cross. For a moment, it appeared that the Pl would be held up, but Sgt Topham at once dashed forward under heavy small arms</p>

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TOPHAM, R. continued...	Sgt.	2615950	<p>fire and scrambled across the rubble to the far bank. His prompt and courageous action and inspiring leadership of his Pl quickly secured a crossing and enabled the remainder of his Coy to follow.</p> <p>During the crossing of the River PO, on the night of 24/25 Apr 45, Sgt Topham's Pl was the leading Pl of the left hand Coy to cross the river and he again led his Pl on to its final objective with great dash, courage and skill. Throughout the campaign this Sgt's valour and skill as a Pl commander have been of the highest order and his conduct is and has always been the greatest inspiration to the men under his command, and indeed to his whole company.</p>
TUNNICLIFFE, L.	Gdsm.	2620662	<p>At 0515 hours, on 26 Jul this Gdsm's Coy was defending a high feature (Pt 643) of vital importance to the operations of 6 SA Armd Div when it was attacked by a strong force of German infantry. The attack was pressed home at point blank range and several enemy spandaus were established within 50 yards of the position.</p> <p>This Gdsm's Section was defending the left flank of the Coy locality, where the field of fire was limited to 30 yards owing to thick bushes. Thus, when the enemy started to infiltrate round this flank and to shoot into the flank of the position the situation became extremely critical.</p> <p>With superb disregard for his personal safety and while under continual and close range spandau fire, Gdsm Tunncliffe stood up in a completely exposed position and engaged the enemy with his Bren Gun, firing it from the hip. This he continued to do still under close range small arms and grenade fire for a whole hour, shooting at the enemy who showed themselves or whom he heard in the bushes, thereby effectively neutralising the very dangerous threat to this flank.</p> <p>There is no doubt that the fact that the enemy were finally driven off was in no small measure due to this Gdsm's magnificent behaviour.</p> <p>He was subsequently wounded by shellfire when he displayed outstanding fortitude and cheerfulness during the prolonged period (some hours) which elapsed before it was possible to evacuate him.</p>
WALLER, F.	Gdsm.	2615840	<p>30 Apr 43</p> <p>On the afternoon of Feb 5th 1943, during the withdrawal of the Bn together with the 1st Para Regt from DJEBEL MANSOUR, the problem of the evacuation of casualties which were considerable became acute. The withdrawal had to be undertaken across an open plain and in full view of the enemy, which was under heavy Artillery, Mortar</p>

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WALLER, F. continued...	Gdsm.	2615840	<p>and MG fire. Gdsm Waller, the driver of a Carrier, showed outstanding courage in going out time and time again to bring in the wounded. His cheerfulness and disregard for his personal safety was an example to all. He brought in many casualties at great risk to himself and it was largely due to him that the evacuation was so successful. His courage and untiring efforts to bring in the wounded provoked the admiration of all who saw him.</p> <p>I recommend that Gdsm Waller be given the immediate award of the DCM.</p>
WALSH, J.	Lcpl.	2612263	<p><u>TRIMONSUOLI 30/31 JAN 44</u></p> <p>At TROMONSUOLI on 30 Jan 44 Lcpl Walsh was acting as second in command of his Section.</p> <p>The Coy position had been subjected to heavy shelling, mortaring and machine gun fire for several days. This NCO's Section Commander was badly shell shocked and Lcpl Walsh, although himself suffering from the effects of blast, took command of the Section.</p> <p>The PI area was being rendered almost untenable by a machine gun post on a hill which overlooked our positions. This NCO asked for and obtained permission from his Coy Commander to deal with this post.</p> <p>After a well-planned and skilfully executed approach, he led his Section in the assault with great dash and gallantry, knocked out the gun and took the crew prisoner.</p> <p>On a later occasion, this NCO volunteered to help destroy another machine gun post. This attack was led by his PI Commander who was killed in the final stages of the assault. Without hesitation, this NCO took charge and pressed home the attack with great courage and determination, knocked out the gun and killed the crew. Throughout the action, which lasted for several days, this NCO displayed great devotion to duty and courage of the highest order.</p> <p>After his Section Commander had been evacuated, he commanded his Section with great skill and determination.</p> <p>Although he had been partially knocked out by a near miss, his courage and willingness never faltered.</p> <p>He was of the greatest assistance to the PI and Coy Commander and his example was an inspiration to all ranks.</p>
WARDLE, J.	Lsgt.	2617369	<p>In the L'ORO area (R.0847) on the night 28/29 Jul 44, Lsgt Wardle was leading a Section in an ambush patrol from No. 3 Coy, of a Bn of the Gren Gds.</p>

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WARDLE, J. continued...	Lsgt.	2617369	<p>A party of over 30 Germans fell into the ambush, and the Section led by this NCO was able to inflict heavy casualties on them. A further 20 enemy followed up the leading party, and managed to work round the flank of the ambush, and started machine gunning the rear. Lsgt Wardle at once charged them with his Section and succeeded in disposing of the threat. Just before the ambush patrol was ordered to withdraw, Lsgt Wardle heard a group of Germans moving up behind his position: without hesitating for a moment, he rushed in single-handed, and emptied his Tommy Gun magazine into the enemy. The fact that the patrol managed to inflict casualties amounting to eleven killed and twenty wounded for the loss of two was largely due to Lsgt Wardle's high degree of skill, courage and complete disregarding for his own personal safety.</p>
WATERS, K.	CSM.	2614321	<p>During the night attack on 27/28 May on M. GRANDE by a Bn of the Gren Gds, No. 3 Coy were the right forward Coy of the Bn, and reached its objective. CSM Waters, of No. 3 Coy, by his example of steadiness, materially assisted in the consolidation which was carried out under heavy shell-fire and continual sniping.</p> <p>About 0900 hours on 28 May, a counter-attack by 150 parachutists necessitated an alteration in the Coy positions, and CSM Waters remained at his post until the operation was successfully carried out. Finally, he walked under heavy machine gun fire over to a wounded Lcpl and carried him down the hill unassisted. His bearing and disregarding for his own personal safety was an inspiration to all.</p> <p>On all previous operations in contact with the enemy since Dec 1942 in Tunisia, both as a Pl Sgt and CSM this W.O. has at all times shown the utmost courage and his devotion to duty has been of the highest order.</p>
WELLINGS, C.	Gdsm. (now ULC)	2623583	<p>This Gdsm is a signaller attached to a Rifle Coy.</p> <p>Between 24 and 27 June this Gdsm's Coy was occupying some high ground 3 miles north of the village of SARTEANO. They were in close contact with the enemy who shelled and mortared the Coy positions steadily throughout those three days.</p> <p>The area in which really heavy shelling took place continuously was a field immediately behind this Coy, across which line communication had to be maintained. On not less than 10 occasions this Gdsm volunteered to mend broken lines in this shell-plastered area in full view of an enemy O.P. and each time he worked for periods of up to half an hour in the very centre of heavy shell and</p>

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WELLINGS, C. continued...	Gdsm.	2623583	<p>mortar fire with absolutely no protection and with complete disregard for his personal safety.</p> <p>On the third occasion his Coy Commander assumed that owing to the weight of shells into which he saw this Gdsm walk, he must have become a casualty and reported to Bn HQ that it was impossible to keep the line in repair.</p> <p>No sooner had he done so than Gdsm Wellings reappeared, cheerful and unconcerned, having mended the line.</p> <p>For three days and three nights this Gdsm continued to carry out his normal duties at Coy HQ as well as his constant work on the line.</p> <p>Throughout the last 10 weeks fighting, this Gdsm's courage, cheerfulness and devotion to duty in all circumstances have been quite exceptional and deserving of the highest commendation.</p>
WESTRIPP, W.	Cpl.	2619341	<p>For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty.</p> <p>On 10 Mar 43 in the TAMERA Sector (Tunisia sheet 10), Cpl Westripp was a member of a PI which was ordered to counter-attack. In the initial stages of the attack he was wounded in the head and brought back to the RAP. He had his wounds dressed and then he insisted on going back to his Section. He returned to his Section and led them in the final assault where he was again wounded. By his courage and devotion to duty Cpl Westripp was a very fine example to the men under his command.</p>
WHITE, J.	Lsgt.	2620077	<p>Sgt White was Section Sgt of No. 1 Section No. 3 Troop 2 Commando. He showed excellent leadership and military ability in the clearing of houses in the village of SCALETTA on the morning on 16 Aug 1943, showing complete disregard of his personal safety, yet making use of cover that was available as opportunity offered. Later in the day he continued to show much energy and determination in keeping the Section together and moving well, in arduous cross-country movement through the hilly country north west of the Catanis-Messina road.</p>
WHITE, S.J.	Gdsm.	2612922	<p>During the ANZIO Bridgehead operations, in the factory of CARROCETO on 27 Jan, a stack of S.A.A. was set on fire by a shell and Gdsm White, acting as ammunition storeman, and ignoring the danger from bursting rounds, put out the fire.</p> <p>On the afternoon of the 28 Jan, intensive shelling from 15 on howitzers set fire to the dump of 200 gallons of petrol which threatened to spread to a dump of 3" Mortar HE. Notwithstanding that the enemy continued to shell</p>

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WHITE, S.J. continued...	Gdsm.	2612922	<p>directly into the area of the fire, Gdsm White left a position of safety and started to shift the ammunition. While doing so he was blown up by another shell and severely injured in the legs.</p> <p>The courage shown throughout by Gdsm White was of the highest order.</p>
WILKES, C.	Lsgt.	2620306	<p>On 28 Apr this Lsgt was in command of an anti-tank gun detachment on the western ridge of DJEBEL BOU AOUKAZ. After destroying one German tank with his gun his crew were knocked out by accurate and heavy mortar fire. He at once evacuated the wounded still under fire and took command of another gun. Again, on 5 May the crew of a gun were knocked out and, under the most intense shell and mortar fire which this Bn has experienced, again evacuated all possible wounded in a jeep on his own initiative to the RAP across 600 yards of difficult and shell-swept ground before returning to his gun site. This Lsgt has lost gun, crew and vehicle by direct hits and remains cheerful and outstandingly gallant under the heaviest fire.</p>
WILKINSON, J.L.	Lsgt.	2618589	<p>In the ANZIO Bridgehead operations this NCO was a stretcher-bearer Sgt throughout the period 24 Jan – 10 Feb. He has shown outstanding leadership and devotion to duty at all times. At APRILLA he took a party of stretcher-bearers 400 yards in front of our position under shell-fire to rescue a wounded German. At CARROCETO railway bridge he twice went out and brought in wounded men under intense fire, once during shelling and once under machine gun fire. He has never failed in his duty and at all times his cheerful conduct and quick response to calls for “Stretcher-bearer” have been an inspiration to the stretcher-bearers whom he led and a source of admiration and encouragement to those who saw him at work.</p>
WILLIAMS, R.	Sgt.	2618478	<p>During the ANZIO Bridgehead operations 5th Bn Gren Gds was holding a position at CARROCETO and was heavily attacked by enemy tanks and Infantry on 26 Jan 1944. Sgt Williams was in charge of an anti-tank gun in an exposed position on the flank of the Bn position; he and his detachment was subjected to extremely heavy and continuous artillery and mortar fire.</p> <p>This NCO’s detachment succeeded in knocking out three enemy tanks and thus eliminated a dangerous threat to the Bn’s left flank, and I consider that Sgt Williams’ bravery and coolness in very difficult conditions were</p>

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WILLIAMS, R. continued...	Sgt.	2618478	largely responsible for this success. Throughout the period 25 Jan – 9 Feb 1944 the conduct of this NCO has been deserving of the highest praise.
WORLEY, E.	Gdsm.	2616841	<u>21 MAR 1944</u> <u>Pt 530 ACQUEPENDOLA DEC 6-9, 1943</u> On Dec 7 a fighting patrol went forward to clear spandau positons along the 530 ridge and to recover Lieut Huntington's body. The patrol had to be withdrawn owing to heavy MG and mortar fire. This Gdsm stayed behind to cover them while they got back with their wounded. He remained in a very exposed position giving covering fire with his rifle until a further patrol came and recovered the officer's body. He displayed great courage and is the determined type who always volunteers for any dangerous or difficult task.
WORSFOLD, G.R.	Lsgt.	26117700	On the 9 Apr 45 this Lsgt was commanding the leading tank of the Bn during its advance from FURSTENAU to SCHWAGSTORE. On reaching the outskirts of the village his tank was hit by an SP Gun and knocked out. He and his crew bailed out and sought the cover of the ditch, but in doing so three of them were killed and he and the remaining member of the crew were wounded. Lsgt Worsfold then carried the wounded man back to cover until he could get in touch with the next tank of his Tp. When the next tank arrived, he got up and by pointing to the enemy opposition directed fire on to the position, although he was under small arms fire himself. He then succeeded in climbing on to the tank and giving the Tp Ldr a more detailed picture of the enemy position. In spite of his own wound he insisted on staying on the tank and assisted the wounded man to be carried to safety. Not until then did he consent to be attended to himself. This Lsgt showed great bravery and determination in leading his Sqn forward and when his tank was knocked out displayed remarkable courage and valour in putting his Tp Ldr 'in the picture' under such difficult circumstances.

MILITARY MEDAL - NO CITATIONS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Army No.</u>	
KOSBAB, J.	GDSM.	2615595	No citation available.
OSBORNE, G.	SGT.	2614519	No citation available.
YORK, H.	LSGT.	2615283	No citation available.

BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Army No.</u>	<u>CITATION</u>
BOYERS, E.	Sgt.	2615248	<p>During the 6th Armoured Division's pursuit of the Germans in April and May 1945 from ARGENTA to CIVIDALE del FRUILI, Sgt Boyers was the M.T. Sgt of the 3 Bn Gren Gds. During this period, he was in sole charge of the transport arrangements at 'A' Echelon and organisation of the Bn transport maintenance. The Bn was moving so fast that vehicle recovery had to be left entirely to Sgt Boyers with his 'A' Echelon team of fitters. Throughout the pursuit, Sgt Boyers performed miracles of improvisation and organisation, often working for long periods without a break.</p> <p>Sgt Boyers has been M.T. Sgt since April 1944, and has made an immense contribution to the efficient functioning of the Bn's operational transport organisation. No effort has been too great, no detail too small for this Sgt, so long as it promoted the welfare and efficiency of the Bn. His cheerful disposition and powers of leadership have enabled him to keep the M.T. drivers going for prolonged periods, without rest, in the most difficult circumstances.</p>
HALLOWS, A.	Sgt.	2614873	<p>This NCO has served with the Bn throughout all its active operations since November 1942 as Signal Sgt until his promotion on the 18th March 1945 to CQMSgt. During this time, he has been at duty continuously with the exception of 8 days' sick in the Field Ambulance. Throughout this period this NCO has by his example and efficiency brought the communications of the Bn to the highest standard. On several occasions, he has had the duties of Signal Officer to take over at short notice, when he has shown great skill and ability in organising the Bn signal layout, both in mobile and static operations. On many occasions during the winter of 1944-45 he has taken out line maintenance parties, driving himself to the limit in the bad conditions of mud and snow that prevailed during this period.</p> <p>His cheerful behaviour and inspiring leadership have drawn the utmost out of his men during the long</p>
ROSCOE, F.	Sgt.	2615198	<p>Since 29th Oct 1941 this Sergeant has been Pioneer Sgt of the Bn and for most of this time without an Officer. In England, throughout our period of training, his keenness and untiring energy built up a Pl of exceptional quality. The many hazardous tasks he has been set during the North African campaign have resulted in more than 50% of his Pl having been killed, and wounded – yet the</p>

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ROSCOE, F. continued...	Sgt.	2615198	standard he has set them never falls and his PI is as good as it ever has been.
WATLING, S.	Sgt.	2612035	<p>Drum Major Watling has been Intelligence Sgt throughout the campaign to date. During that time, I have been for long periods without an Intelligence Officer and, at those times, he has carried out that Officer's duties with commendable ability. In addition, he has been on some twenty patrols, in which he has acted as guide, and carried out search operations on German vehicles in No Man's Land.</p> <p>At BOU ARADA, he went out on five successive nights on dangerous patrols in order to obtain information from papers in the German tanks. The information obtained from these sorties resulted in the building up of the German order of battle, plan of attack, and trace of dispositions from the attack on GRANDSTAND HILL. He has shown great personal initiative and keenness, and always subordinates any danger to his intense interest in his work.</p> <p>I strongly recommend him for a periodical award of the British Empire Medal.</p>
WILLIAMS, H.	Sgt.	2615214	<p>This NCO has served continuously in the Carrier PI since the Spring of 1942. Since the Bn came abroad in Nov 42 he has not missed a single day of active operations, first as a section Comd and later as the Carrier PI Sgt. During the winter of 1944-45 this NCO was in sole charge of the Bn Mule Base. He controlled the entire Bn maintenance arrangements during the whole period of warfare in the Apennines. He invariably led the mule train personally up to the Bn, a task which often involved 12 hours or more continuous wading through knee deep mud or snow. On two occasions when the mule train was stamped by shell-fire, he took the remainder of the train up and returned to search for the missing animals. When they had been found, he again led them back to the Bn position on the Penzola feature, a climb of approximately 1,000 feet, during this he was on his feet for 20 hours, without a break.</p> <p>The prodigious efforts of this NCO so inspired his men and the Italian muleteers that the Bn never once went short of any essential maintenance that it required.</p>

BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL – NO CITATIONS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Army No.</u>	
PETERS, A.H.	W.O. II	2613182	No citations available.
SCOTT, E.C.	SGT.	2611726	No citations available.

FRENCH: CROIX DE GUERRE WITH SILVER STAR

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Army No.</u>	<u>CITATION</u>
FOSTER, E.	CSM.	2609407	<p>This Warrant Officer came out to NORTH WEST EUROPE with the Bn on 30 Jun 44 and has, at all times, carried out his duties cheerfully and untiringly under all conditions. At GIBERVILLE, on the night of 26 Jul 44, the Bn was bombed while in harbour and several ammunition trucks were set on fire and eventually exploded. This W.O., who is responsible for all ammunition in the Bn showed great gallantry and complete disregard of his own personal safety in trying to extinguish the fire, knowing full well that the explosion was inevitable.</p>
SPTATLEY, A.	RSM.	2610382	<p>Throughout the campaign in Normandy, this Warrant Officer was a member of a Tank Crew. He took part in all operations in which the Bn was involved. He was promoted from Dsgt to RSM during operations.</p> <p>In addition to his duties as a member of a tank crew, he successfully organised the administration and defence of Bn HQs. During non-operational periods, he ensured that all W.O.s and Sgts of the Bn were kept up to the standard of discipline and keenness required. This high standard demanded by him bore fruit whenever the Bn went into action.</p> <p>His own keenness and zest were of an outstanding character and this spirit he successfully passed on to the men under him.</p>

FRENCH: CROIX DE GUERRE

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Army No.</u>	<u>CITATION</u>
HOWARTH, A.	Lcpl.	3558514	On the night of the 27/28 March 1942, Lcpl Howarth was with No. 2 Commando in the Combined Operation against the Harbour and Naval Installations at ST. NAZAIRE. When it became clear that it would be impossible to re-embark, Lt Col Newman gave the order to fight into the new town in the hope of getting into the country. As a result, Lcpl Howarth was able to make his way through occupied into unoccupied France and after being interned at Fort Revere was able to return to this country. Considerable pluck, ingenuity and determination was displayed by Lcpl Howarth throughout and I have no hesitation in recommending him for an award.
RIDLER, R.N.J.	Lsgt.	2613677	Lsgt Ridler was in charge of the Stretcher-bearers attached to No. 4 Coy. On 11 Aug, an attack was launched against VIESSOUX. Lsgt Ridler was evacuating the wounded during this attack. Several Gdsm were wounded just south of the objective and Lsgt Ridler went forward under heavy fire completely regardless of his own personal safety and evacuated a wounded Gdsm. Later in the same action, slightly further forward another Gdsm was severely wounded. He went forward with a stretcher under heavy mortar and spandau MG fire. When he got the Gdsm on to the stretcher the Germans opened direct fire on him. Showing great calmness, he remained with the wounded Gdsm and later dragged him to safety. Both these casualties were evacuated owing to the personal bravery of Lsgt Ridler. His courage under the most extenuating circumstances was an example of the highest order to all ranks.

BELGIAN CROIX DE GUERRE 1940 W/PALM – NO CITATIONS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Army No.</u>	
ANDERSON, D.A.	W.O. II	2614898	No Citation available.
ROUSELL, C.G.	W.O. II D/Sgt	2613582	No Citation available.
SLACK, D.S.	W.O. II	62611163	No Citation available.

MEMBER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE (M.B.E.) – No CITATIONS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Army No.</u>	
ATKINSON, J.	RQMS	2610100	No Citation available.
BOOTH, F.	ORQMS	2609368	No Citation available.
DEAKIN, B.	W.O. I	2609814	No Citation available.
MINESS, E.	RSM	5328437	No Citation available.
REED, W.	RQMS	2607683	No Citation available.
REEVE, C.H.W.	W.O. II	2610922	No Citation available.
ROBINSON, H.	RSM	2606109	No Citation available.
SCOTT, T.	RQMS	2608107	No Citation available.
STUBBS, W.C.	W.O. II	2605738	No Citation available.
WARBURTON, A.E.	W.O. I	2610258	No Citation available.

USA: SILVER STAR

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Army No.</u>	<u>CITATION</u>
CLARK, R.	Lsgt.	2615210	<p>1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 it is recommended that Ronald Clark, (2615210) Lsgt, 3 Bn Gren Gds, be awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action.</p> <p>2. On Dec 4th, 1944, the Bn was holding MONTE ACQUA ALATA (M 0424) and MONTE DELVERRO (M 0425), which was a very exposed sector subject to continual harassing fire from enemy guns, mortars and machine guns, the enemy being in a position to fire onto the Bn position from three sides. On the night of Dec 4/5, the 2nd Bn Coldm Gds attacked MONTE PENZOLA (M 0524), an operation which the Bn were able to support by machine gun and mortar fire. To enable this support to be given most effectively, communications both with the gun positions and with the Command Post of 2nd Bn Coldm Gds were vital. The effect of the supporting fire given by the Bn and by the artillery barrage was for the enemy to put down defensive fire onto the Bn position: Lsgt Clark was acting as Signal Sgt at the Bn Command Post, and as soon as the defensive fire started, he went out and mended the telephone wire, which had been broken by the shelling.</p>

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Army No.</u>	<u>CITATION – USA SILVER STAR</u>
CLARK, R. continued...	Lsgt.	2615210	<p>For the next six hrs he remained out in the open without any cover, and mended the wire on no less than six further occasions, whilst under continual artillery, mortar and machine gun fire. The connections were maintained throughout, and the attack by 2 Bn Coldm Gds was entirely successful, materially assisted by the supporting fire from the Bn.</p> <p>3. I was on the Command post throughout this operation, and was continually using the telephone to control the fire and heard Lsgt Clark reporting the state of the connections from outside Communications were maintained throughout, despite the heavy fire put down by the enemy.</p> <p>4. Status at time of action enumerated above: Ronald Clark, (2615210), War Substantive Cpl, Paid Lsgt. Status at present time: Unchanged.</p> <p>5. The entire subsequent service of Lsgt Clark has been honourable and the highest possible standard. He is still employed in the same capacity.</p> <p>6. Previous awards: Nil.</p>

USA: BRONZE STAR

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Army No.</u>	<u>CITATION</u>
FISHER, K.	CSM.	6201036	<p>For heroic action in combat.</p> <p>On 2 Dec, during a night attack on bright moonlight against a strong enemy position in the foothills of M. SOLE, ITALY, CSM Fisher's Coy was held up when about 70 yards from its objective by an anti-personnel minefield and intense small arms fire from five enemy MGs. The leading Pls suffered 15 casualties, among them the Coy Comd mortally wounded, and both leading Pl Cmdrs. Assuming command of his Coy CSM Fisher personally disposed the leading Pls so as to bring effective fire to bear upon the enemy and then made his way over open bullet-swept ground to report the situation to the Bn CP. Returning again to his forward Pls CSM Fisher succeeded in extricating them under heavy mortar and small arms fire and established them in new positions without further loss.</p> <p>Throughout this action the courage, coolness and determination shown by this W.O. were outstanding and exemplified the highest qualities of the NCOs of the Regt to which he belongs.</p>

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Army No.</u>	<u>CITATION – USA Bronze Star</u>
GILBERT, R.W.	Sgt.		<p><u>Headquarters U.S. Forces, European Theatre</u> By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600 45, 22 Sep 43, an amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:- Sgt Robert W. Gilbert, British Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations, as troop commander, 4th Bn, Gren Gds on 21 Apr 1945. When the infantry was held up by heavy opposition, Sgt Gilbert dismounted from his tank in order to contact the Coy Commander, following which he succeeded in bringing his tanks into NEW DARCHAU in spite of intense enemy fire. His courage and devotion to duty were an inspiration to those under him.</p>
PETERS, N.	Lcpl.	2621054	<p>For meritorious service in combat. On 2 Oct 1944 during the attack on M. CATARELTON by 5 Bn Gren Gds, the section to which Lcpl Peters belonged, though separated from its Coy continued to make its way forward under heavy shell and mortar fire and in the face of several enemy MG posts, one of which Lcpl Peters silenced with his Bren Gun. Later, when under command of No. 3 Coy, Lcpl Peters; section defended a house under continual enemy shell-fire and repulsed three enemy counter-attacks supported by close range small arms fire, thus enabling No. 3 Coy to consolidate its position. Throughout this period and indeed during the whole of the day's fighting, the courage and determination to destroy the enemy displayed by Lcpl Peters afforded the highest inspiration and example to the remainder of his section, whose action contributed considerably to the success of No. 3 Coy's attack.</p>
PHILPOTT, R.	Lsgt.	2619311	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Under the provisions of AR 600-45 it is recommended that Roderick Philpott (2619311) Lsgt, 3 Bn Gren Gds be awarded the Bronze Star for heroic service in action not involving participation in aerial flight. On Oct 4th 1944, the 3 Bn Gren Gds took over the defence of MONTE BATTAGLIA. This was a position in close contact with the enemy and in most cases overlooked by them. One of the main difficulties was that of supplying the Coys on the hill, because the only supply route was up a very rough track, knee deep in mud, which had been very accurately registered by enemy artillery and was subjected to continuous harassing fire all night. Supply was only possible by darkness, owing to daylight observation by the enemy. The Mule Base was situated some four miles back just off the Imola Road, at Valsalva. Rain was almost incessant during the first fortnight of Oct.

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PHILPOTT, R. continued...	Lsgt.	2619311	<p>The conditions in which the forward troops lived were appalling, under heavy mortar and artillery fire and a constant downpour of rain; and it was imperative for these men to be supplied with food, water and ammunition regularly. Lsgt Philpott was in charge of a section of mules on which all supplies were carried from Valsalva to Monte Battaglia.</p> <p>3. All mule trains passed the Command Post at the foot of the hill, and I saw Lsgt Philpott leading his section of mules up every night for eight nights and I saw the insuperable difficulties which he overcame by his devotion to duty. I saw on one particular occasion two mules slip and fall down a slope of the track into a gully. This gully was always heavily mortared and was on an enemy machine gun fixed line. Lsgt Philpott went down and dug and pulled the two mules out after half an hour's hard work, all the time under intense fire.</p> <p>4. Status at time of action enumerated above: Roderick Philpott, (2619311), War Substantive Corporal, Paid Lsgt. Status at present time: Unchanged.</p> <p>5. The entire subsequent service of Lsgt Philpott has been honourable and highest possible standard. He is still employed in the same capacity.</p> <p>6. Previous awards: Nil.</p>

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ALLEN, A.	SGT.	2612954	19 July 1945
ARMSTRONG, D.	GDSM	2615697	21 September 1943
ASBURY, J.	GDSM	2620082	21 September 1943
ASHWIN, E.	SGT.	2611098	20 March 1945
BADDELEY, G.	SGT.	2615123	21 May 1946
BALCHIN, S.E.	RQMS	2605318	10 May 1945
BARNHAM, K.	GDSM.	2622523	29 November 1945
BANKS, S.	SGT.	2612976	20 December 1940. Killed in action: 5.2.43
BAYLIS, J.H.	CSM	2616723	11 January 1945
BEASLEY, H.	CSM	2617681	19 July 1945
BEAUMONT, F.	GDSM.	2620181	11 January 1945. Certificate sent 19.12.45
BEECH, A.L.	GDSM.	2615520	10 May 1945
BELL, F.	SGT.	2615536	20 December 1940
BERRESFORD, L.	SGT.	2613330	1 March 1945 (Awarded DCM)
BIGNELL, J.	W.O. II	2613609	21 May 1946
BISHOP, A.G.	W.O. II	2612477	Supplement: 2 April 1946 and 4 April 1946
BLAKE, J.H.E.	C/SGT.	829263	10 May 1945
BLASDALE, J.	GDSM.	2616329	2 February 1945
BODDY, J.	GDSM.	4911298	19 July 1945
BONIFACE, D.	SGT.	5884629	21 May 1946
BOWER, W.	GDSM.	2612320	2 February 1945
BOWERS, J.	GDSM.	2614807	20 December 1940. Discharged 9.07.43
BOWLEY, A.S.	SGT,	2615788	29 November 1945
BOYERS, E.	SGT.	2615248	21 September 1943
BRADLEY, P.W.	C/SGT.	2617677	21 May 1946
BRAMMER, R.	GDMS.	2616108	20 December 1940
BRUFORD, F.J.	SGT.	2612371	29 November 1945
BURDEN, A.R.	W.O. II	2613590	Supplement: 2 April 1946 and 4 April 1946
BURGESS, A.	L/CPL.	2616226	21 May 1946
BUTLER, J.	CSM.	2609951	6 March 1942. Killed in action 1.6.40.

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CHALLINOR, J.	SGT.	2612633	11 January 1945
CHAPMAN, G.	W.O. II	2612770	Supplement: 2 April 1944 and 4 April 1946
CHAPMAN, R.C.	L/SGT.	2622163	9 August 1945. Died of Wounds 03.04.45
CHINNERY, C.W.	GDSM.	2621152	21 May 1946
CLARE, J.J.	SGT.	2619016	29 November 1945
CLEMENTS, A.	GDSM.	2622627	29 November 1945
COCKTON, J.	L/CPL	2618085	21 September 1943. Killed in action 30.04.43
COLEMAN, J.	L/SGT.	2618717	29 November 1945
COOPER, B.	L/SGT.	2616716	21 September 1943
COTTINGHAM, W.	L/SGT.	2613794	21 September 1943. Prisoner of War
CROFT, G.	L/CPL	2613419	20 December 1940
CROWDER, T.	L/SGT.	2620646	9 January 1945
CUTHBERTSON, A.	GDSM.	2621969	2 February 1945
DANGER, E.	GDSM.	2619952	21 September 1943
DODD, C.	L/SGT.	2613987	21 September 1943
DODSWORTHY	GDSM	2625553	21 May 1946
DOHERTY, P.E.P.	SGT.	2616967	11 January 1945
DORLEY, F.	CSM	2608714	25 April 1944. Discharged 19.01.44
DOWLING, F.	RSM	2612833	No date on the envelope
DUDLEY, K.	GDSM	2622917	29 November 1945
EDMUNDS, G.E.	SGT.	2615502	21 June 1945
EDWARDS, W.	CQMS.	2608082	8 November 1945
ELLENDEN, F.C.	W.O. II	2609205	21 May (No year shown)
EVANS, L.M.	SGT.	2617870	21 May 1946
FEEBERY, C.	SGT.	2615284	22 June 1943. Transferred 21.04.44
FITZHUGH, C.	W.O. I	2607884	8 November 1945
FLANAGAN, J.	SGT.	4530410	2 February 1945
FRANCIS, V.	L/CPL.	2620413	29 November 1945
FREWIN, W.	PSM	1066403	6 March 1942, Died Prisoner of War 22.6.40

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GILBERT, R.W.	SGT.	2614294	8 November 1945
GILTSPUR, H.	L/CPL.	2621410	22 August 1944
GOODLAD, J.	SGT.	2615305	2 February 1945, Died of wounds 28/5/44
GOODLEY, N.	L/SGT.	2621924	29 November 1945
GOULDSTONE, R.E.	C/SGT.	2612188	10 May 1945
GREEN, A.	L/SGT.	2620004	21 September 1943
GREEN, A.	L/SGT.	2621028	29 November 1945
GRIFFIN, C.S.	GDSM.	2615926	29 August 1946
GRIFFIN, R.	SGT.	2617480	29 November 1945
GWATKIN, L.G.	L/CPL.	2614705	1 November 1945
HACKETT, G.	D/SGT.	2613834	2 February 1945
HAMPTON, L.T.	SGT.	2618915	11 January 1945
HARRIMAN, R.	SGT.	2617154	Supplement: 2 April 1946 and 4 April 1946
HAWTHORN, W.	GDSM.	2613292	20 December 1940
HENDERSON, J.K.	No details – see my Notes		
HIRST, J.	L/CPL.	2623696	19 July 1945
HODGKINSON, C.	GDSM.	2613737	20 December 1940. Transferred 01.04.43
HOLDER, J.	CPL.	5109772	14 September 1943
HOLT, F.	GDSM.	2622267	21 September 1943
HOOK, A.E.	SGT.	2611856	8 November 1945
HOUGHTON, A.	L/SGT.	2617023	21 September 1943 – Killed in action 30.4.43.
HOWE, A.	SGT	2622425	22 March 1945
HUGGETT, F.V.	CQMS	2609125	Supplement: 2 April 1946 and 4 April 1946
HUGGINS, L.	W.O. II	2612745	8 November 1945
HURST, R.	L/SGT.	2611144	19 July 1945
HUTT, E.	GDSM	6967879	Supplement: 2 April 1946 and 4 April 1946
HYDE, C.	GDSM	2619119	22 August 1944. Killed in action 27.06.44
JACKSON, J.	SGT.	2613636	7 August 1945
JENKINS, R.	GDSM	5184516	20 December 1940

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JEPSON, J.	L/CPL	2613081	21 September 1943
KAY, E.	RSM	2605518	2 August 1945
KING, J.	CSM	2608517	3 August 1943
KINGSTON, A.	SGT	2615877	7 August 1945
LAKELAND, B.	GDSM	2618254	29 November 1945
LANCE, F.R.	L/CPL	2618918	29 November 1945
LANE, A.	GDSM	2622646	29 November 1945
LEADBETTER, R.	L/SGT	2616964	7 August 1945
LEAGAS, H.	L/CPL	2616209	20 December 1940
LEESE, J.	L/CPL	2621595	No date shown
LEGG, C.G.	GDSM	2616419	19 July 1945
LEWINGTON, F.H.	L/CPL	2621181	29 November 1945
LEWIS, W.	CSM	2614142	9 January 1945
LITCHFIELD, A.	SGT	2612663	29 November 1945
LITTLEWOOD, W.	SGT	2613959	Supplement: 2 April 1946 and 4 April 1946
LLOYD, D.H.	SGT	2614996	21 May 1946
Longbottom, C.	CSM	2611910	30 December 1941
LONGDON, J.	L/CPL	2615261	20 December 1940. Discharged 27.10.43
LYTHGOE, T.	W.O. II	2614844	21 May 1946
MARSHALL, D.	L/CPL	2614823	2 February 1945
MASHITER, J.	SGT	2618007	19 July 1945
MASON, A.	GDSM	2616783	22 August 1944
MATTHEWS, F.	L/SGT	2614656	29 November 1945
MAXFIELD, T	GDSM	2615805	22 March 1945
MEDHURST, A.C.	SGT	2618539	Supplement: 2 April 1946 and 4 April 1946
MOON, A.	L/SGT	2615143	20 December 1940
MULLIN, J.L.	L/SGT	2618006	21 May 1946
MULLINEUX, E.	SGT	7263018	21 February 1946
NASH, P.	GDSM	2614846	26 July 1941

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NESS, G.W.	GDSM	2625525	21 May 1946
NEWTON, G.T.	GDSM	2624366	21 May 1946
NOBLE, J.A.	SGT	2615664	Supplement: 2 April 1946 and 4 April 1946
OATRIDGE, F.	SGT	2614947	21 September 1943 – Discharged 1.6.44
OLLERENSHAW, G.	CPL	2618642	11 January 1944
OWEN, J.	GDSM	2612422	21 September 1943 – Discharged 13.5.45
PANKHURST, G.	SGT	5048657	11 January 1945
PEARSON, P.	L/CPL	2612266	21 September 1943
PEERLESS, I.	GDSM	2621560	21 September 1943 – Prisoner of War
PIQUE, A.	L/SGT	2618786	29 November 1945
POLLINGTON, R.F.	C/SGT	2615802	21 May 1946
POOK, A.	W.O. II	2613547	22 March 1945
POOLEY, H.	L/SGT	2614899	21 September 1943
POWER, A.	L/SGT	2619012	21 September 1943 – Discharged 21.3.45
PRIDHAM, K.	GDSM	2622713	19 July 1945
PURDUE, V.	L/SGT	2616943	21 September 1943
PURSER, W.J.	SGT	2616747	7 August 1945
QUINEY, A.	GDSM	2618663	19 July 1945
RAVILIOUS, W.	SGT	2618946	29 November 1945
READ, S.T.	GDSM	2614501	Supplement: 2 April 1946 and 4 April 1946
RIGBY, A.	GDSM	3525857	21 September 1943
ROBERTS, A.	SGT	2617420	21 September 1943
ROBERTS, K.	L/SGT	2617608	21 September 1943
ROBINSON, L.	L/SGT	2620074	21 September 1943. Killed in action 27.04.43
ROGERS, W.J.	SGT	2619862	21 May 1946
ROSE, G.	W.O. I	2617725	10 May 1945 (MM & Bar)
ROUSELL, C.G.	W.O. II	2613583	Supplement: 2 April 1946 and 4 April 1946
RYAN, S.	GDSM	2618036	11 January 1945
SHIPPER, H.	W.O. II	2611455	Supplement: 2 April 1946 and 4 April 1946

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SIDLOW, R.	SGT	2621940	25 April 1944 and 7 November 1944 (twice)
SPENCE, G.A.	GDSM	2615590	5 December 1944. P/W, killed when escaping.
SPENCER, D.	L/CPL	2618395	21 September 1943
STOCKTON, H.F.	SQN.SM	2612464	10 May 1945, 2 April 1946, & Supplement 4 April 1946
SULLIVAN, P.J.	SGT	2616842	21 May 1946
SKEET, C.B.	L/CPL	2621243	29 November 1945
TAYLOR, L.	SGT	2617683	19 July 1945
TESTER, C.	SGT	2615578	8 November 1945
THORNLEY, A.	L/SGT	2614858	29 November 1945
TIPLADY, L.N.	L/CPL	2627515	11 January 1945
UDALL, R.	L/SGT	2624056	29 November 1945
WARD, C.	L/SGT	2620860	21 September 1943
WARNER, R.P.	L/CPL	2615263	8 November 1945
WARREN, D.A.	SGT	2616438	21 May 1946
WARRINGTON, A.	SGT	2617095	21 May 1946
WATERS, K.	CSM	2614321	2 February 1945. (MM) Killed in action 02.08.44
WATSON, E.	SGT	2613143	19 July 1945
WEAVER, E.C.	W.O. II	2614839	29 November 1945
WESTERBROOKE, J.	GDSM	5334534	21 September 1943
WHITING, A.	L/SGT	2616052	21 September 1943. Transferred 21.10.44
WICKERS, Y.	CPL	2620067	21 May 1946
WILKINSON, J.	L/CP	2618589	21 September 1943
WILLIAMS, F.	CSM	2611981	19 July 1945
WOODLAND, R.	SGT	2615391	21 September 1943. Discharged 07.09.43
WORKMAN, C.W.	W.O. II	5250214	21 May 1946
YORK, W.	GDSM	2621457	29 November 1945
YOUNG, G.H.I.	SGT	2613498	8 November 1945
YOUNG, M	CSM	2610163	26 July 1941