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21st Bn. 425 Sergeant Percy HORTIMER M.M.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This platoon Sergeant during the attack on VIILE-SUR-ANCRE on the 19th inst., handled his Platoon, after his Officer had become a casualty, with great determination and tact. His men were dispersed by an exploding shell, but he rallied them very quickly and led them to assist with the mopping up of the Village. By his timely action he was instrumental in capturing sixty prisoners (two of whom were Officers) also several machine guns and one light Trench Mortar. His contempt for danger and proved ability were of great value under trying conditions. All his men speak in glowing terms of his actions.

-do- 702a Private Ralph Lucas BROWN.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the operations on the 19th inst., this soldier displayed great initiative. He played a prominent part in the mopping up of VILLE-SUR-ANCRE. Pte. Brown is a Lewis Gunner, and carried many magazines for his gun, which he was able to use with great success throughout the attack. Whilst his gun was located in the open, he, under heavy machine gun fire, crawled back to the Sunken Road, known as the CATERPILLAR, which at the time was being heavily shelled by the energeand brought back magazines and ammunition from a dump, which a few minutes later was blown up by enemy fire. On return, with the help of another man, he kept back the enemy with his gun, inflicting great casualties in the process. His

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