

most of his work in the open under heavy shell fire.

7202 Sjt. B. Cruddas, Dur. L.I. (Darlington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. An enemy strong point which had been overlooked in the advance was causing heavy casualties to carrying parties and supporting troops. He left the carrying party of which he was in charge, and going forward alone, located the strong point. He then attacked it with three men, and captured it after a very stubborn fight, putting all the garrison out of action. He showed great powers of organisation, and was a splendid example to all ranks.

558164 Spr. J. E. Cumber, R.E. (E. Poplar).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as linesman. He was continually out in very heavily shelled areas mending the lines, and when a forward line was laid, he also undertook to patrol it, and kept it in repair. He set an excellent example of pluck and determination, and without him communication would have been impossible.

40245 Pte. B. H. Cunniffe, K.O.S.B. (Derby).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in attacking consolidated shell-holes. He captured, single-handed, an enemy strong point containing five riflemen. When two of the enemy armed appeared behind our lines, on his own initiative he rushed at them and killed them both.

9266 Pte. J. Curran, R. Scots (Dundee).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as brigade orderly. Though told to remain in a strong concrete work when a heavy barrage came down, thinking he might be required, he went out through the barrage.

23439 L./Sjt. J. L. Currie, K.O.S.B. (Ecclefechan).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He rushed a "pill-box" single-handed and rescued an N.C.O. who had been taken prisoner from four of the enemy, whom he killed. After all the officers and N.C.O.'s in the company had become casualties, he gathered a number of men together and led them forward to the objective against the enemy who were counter-attacking. The following day he repelled two counter-attacks. He was ultimately wounded, but led his company through the barrages in good order.

558088 Spr. (A./L./Cpl.) G. H. Daltrey, R.E. (East Ham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed great determination and resource in laying telephone lines and in keeping them repaired during an attack under continuous shell fire. He set a splendid example of courage and initiative.

46707 Pte. (A./Serjt.) J. E. Davies, R.A.M.C. (Wombwell).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led the stretcher-bearers forward under heavy rifle and shell fire to the most

advanced position, where he worked for thirty-six hours in the open attending to the wounded. He showed great coolness throughout, and set an excellent example to those under him.

22836 L./Cpl. A. Davis, Worcester R. (Moreton-in-the-Marsh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of a Lewis gun on the right flank of the battalion, and under a heavy bombardment his gun and ammunition were buried, and all the team except one were wounded. The enemy then attacked, and, though outflanked, he succeeded in extricating his gun and some of the ammunition, and held his post until support arrived. He showed splendid courage and initiative.

27859 Sjt. W. Davis, Som. L.I. (Trowbridge).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an action. He crawled forward in advance of his section, and attempted, single-handed, to put an enemy machine gun out of action, but was severely wounded before he reached it. Having used all his bombs, he withdrew, and with great courage and determination organised a second attack, in the course of which he was again wounded.

200186 Cpl. H. Dearn, War. R. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of a section of a raiding party. He was confronted with an obstacle which forced him to reconnoitre and find a fresh place of entry. He completed his task and captured two prisoners.

9364 Sjt. P. Delaney, R. Dub. Fus. (Kilkenny).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all his officers and many men had become casualties he collected the remnants and organised an attack on a blockhouse which was holding up the advance. He led the attack himself. The blockhouse was captured and the garrison killed.

325851 Sjt. G. Dewsbury, Camb. R. (Little Thetford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He kept his Lewis gun in action for forty-eight hours under continuous and heavy shell fire, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy. His coolness and courage were largely responsible for maintaining the position intact.

351023 Sjt. F. Dickinson, Manch. R. (Dukinfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon officer and most of the platoon had been killed or wounded, he rallied the men of his own and other units and held the line successfully against a counter-attack.

G/65785 Pte. W. Digby, R. Fus. (Hammer-smith, W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was out on patrol in front of our line, when the enemy delivered an attack, using liquid fire. The officer in command of the patrol was severely wounded, and his