

repelled a hostile counter-attack against his flank, afterwards following the enemy up with a bombing party and clearing them out of the trench. He held his ground for three hours under very trying circumstances.

511 T./Sjt. R. H. Close, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in reconnoitring hostile dug-outs after our attack. He completed the difficult task of making entrances to cellars under an intense bombardment, working for 36 hours under the most trying conditions. He has also exhibited great coolness when laying charges in close proximity to the enemy at imminent risk of being blown up himself.

1439 Pte. (A./Sjt.) J. R. Coleman, A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when employed at a regimental aid post. He was on duty for sixty hours without rest, and refused relief so long as there were wounded to be attended to. His coolness and cheerfulness did much to raise the spirits of the wounded, whilst his skilful work was invaluable to the R.M.O. During the whole of this time the post was under continuous shell fire. He has on all occasions proved himself to be a man absolutely without fear and extremely capable.

815 Sjt. (now 2nd Lt.) T. G. Cranswick, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in successfully leading his platoon to its objective and consolidating his portion of the line. His gallant conduct whilst under heavy fire set a magnificent example to his men.

2466 B.S.M. F. Creeke, Fld. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty under most critical and dangerous conditions. His battery was under heavy shell fire, and the whole of the camouflage was burning. At great personal risk he led a party of volunteers to extinguish the fire, which was threatening very serious explosions amongst the ammunition at any moment, and by his energy and courage disaster was averted.

92 Sjt. D. B. Cross, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in commanding his company after his officers had become casualties. He reorganised his men and displayed the most untiring energy and skill in leading them through-out the operations, setting a splendid example to all.

389 Sjt. C. S. Crowley, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of his platoon. He organised the consolidation and captured an advanced post and a field gun with great dash, afterwards holding the captured post under heavy shell fire and keeping his men well in hand by his cheerfulness and optimism.

1638 Pte. F. W. Davies, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to

duty whilst acting as Quartermaster to his platoon. He carried food and water over the open under heavy fire to his men, and when his officer and platoon serjeant were killed he took charge and held on to an important tactical position until relieved, showing the greatest gallantry throughout.

629 L./Cpl. J. A. Dean, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in again and again leading ration parties through hostile barrage to the front line. On encountering an exceptionally heavy barrage he worked his party through gaps in it with admirable promptness and determination, finally leading them back without casualties. His good leadership and presence of mind kept up a constant supply of rations to the men fighting in the front and saved many casualties in his party.

2348 Sjt. A. E. Denton, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in repairing cables under shell fire, as often as twenty times a day. He has shown the greatest devotion in remaining continuously on duty attending to engine troubles, not being relieved for considerable periods, and by his skill and energy keeping electric power going for the mines for ventilating, pumping and lighting, a most important and arduous duty.

1611 A./Cpl. W. D. Dickson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in taking charge of his platoon when his seniors had become casualties. He kept it under control in trying moments, handling his men with great ability and determination. He was greatly instrumental for the excellent morale which prevailed throughout.

858 Sjt. A. Edwards, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of an ammunition carrying party. Finding it impossible to take his party through a heavy barrage, he carried the whole of the ammunition to the gun positions himself, passing through the barrage again and again, and thereby securing for the battalion holding the line the unhampered support of all its mortars. As a counter-attack was expected, his prompt action and whole-hearted devotion to duty proved invaluable.

1240 Tpr. H. A. Feilder, L. Horse R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, in carrying several messages, mounted, through heavy shell fire, and continuing to do so on foot when it was no longer possible to remain mounted. Later, he volunteered to carry back a wounded N.C.O. from an advanced post to an aid post, a distance of nearly a mile, by night.

9867 2nd Cpl. J. W. R. Fieldhouse, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst digging a well. After three of his party had been severely gassed he worked for twenty-four hours under fire, until reaching a supply of water, which has since