

During an attack upon four lines of enemy defences he pushed forward into our barrage and destroyed the enemy's wire, took his party through the gap and established a block in the enemy trench to prevent a counter-attack. His prompt and gallant action ensured a rapid passage of our main body into the enemy's trench, and undoubtedly saved many casualties, as the enemy's barrage opened on the wire immediately after our attacking party had entered the trench.

724051 Sjt. R. P. Barr, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of bombers. At a critical moment he established a block on an exposed flank, and with great gallantry and determination held in check superior numbers of the enemy until artillery support could be obtained. Throughout the entire action he encouraged his small party by his cheerfulness and personal example, undoubtedly giving the enemy the impression that the block was held in much greater strength than was actually the case.

129435 Sjt. W. R. Brown, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in carrying out a daylight reconnaissance prior to an attack. He encountered an enemy bombing party of four, two of whom he killed after a stiff fight, in which they rushed and endeavoured to bomb him. The information obtained by himself and his officer during this reconnaissance was of inestimable value, and largely due to his great coolness and pluck when faced by an awkward situation.

700317 Pte. G. H. Congdon, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in taking his gun forward to an exposed position and continuing to work it with a comrade after the rest of his team had become casualties. They repulsed a counter-attack and secured the position, and on his comrade becoming a casualty Private Congdon stood by his gun single-handed for 24 hours until both he and the gun were knocked out. He set a magnificent example of courage and devotion to duty.

117059 Cpl. J. Crouch, Cav.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of four bombers. He attacked and silenced an enemy machine gun which was firing at close range, afterwards attacking and inflicting heavy casualties upon a large party of the enemy, killing six, capturing twenty-two, and driving the remainder into our barrage. He then rejoined and reorganised his troop, which was without a leader, and took command, bombing sixteen dug-outs and displaying magnificent fearlessness and determination throughout.

117032 Cpl. C. R. Keene, Cav.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading a torpedo party under heavy hostile fire of every description, and clearing a way through two lines of enemy wire. He afterwards took his party through the gap

and established a block, successfully preventing any attempt at counter-attack by the enemy, and he held this block, with his two men, until all three were wounded, having displayed exceptional courage and initiative.

703313 Sjt. Z. Kirby, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He repeatedly led his company, in the face of heavy machine gun and rifle fire, against enemy wire, taking the lead himself in the endeavour to clear the way. He afterwards was of the greatest service to his Platoon Commander, taking charge when he became a casualty, and displaying splendid energy and resource in holding a difficult position. He held out until so exhausted that he had to be carried out to rest, having shown most indomitable spirit throughout the day.

684010 Sjt. W. McCandlish, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. When his platoon was held up by a hostile machine gun, he skillfully surrounded and put the gun and its crew out of action, personally leading a bombing party round their flank under heavy fire with the utmost determination.

14926 Sqdn. S./M. A. McCorquodale, Cav.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack upon four lines of enemy defences. He was first through the enemy's wire, bombing four dug-outs himself, and assisting the evacuation of wounded under fire with the greatest coolness and disregard of danger. With the Commander, he was the last to leave the enemy position, having made a careful search over the whole area to ensure that no wounded or dead had been left behind.

222416 A./Sjt. A. R. MacNeil, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack, and the subsequent consolidation, he handled his men with the utmost skill, showing great courage and a quick initiative in placing posts where they were required. During the night he secured valuable information by patrolling the ground to his front, and on the following day he went out with a daylight patrol under heavy machine-gun fire, though he had already been on duty continuously for thirty-six hours, and taken part in two attacks. He showed a very fine spirit of keenness and devotion to duty.

129382 L./Cpl. (A./Cpl.) C. D. Nicol, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a Lewis gun team. Though suffering severe casualties from heavy machine gun fire from both flanks, he brought his gun into action and held the enemy in check. His gun becoming temporarily disabled, he maintained his position by rifle fire with his section, afterwards establishing a block at an important point and successfully consolidating his position. Throughout the action he displayed the