

mine, he descended three times with rescue parties, and worked for 54 hours underground. He showed resource and courage throughout, which were very valuable in maintaining the spirits of his men in very difficult circumstances.

19798 Pte. (L./Cpl.) W. O. Collier, R. Fus. (Cricklewood).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as medical N.C.O. He was untiring in his efforts in dressing and bringing in wounded under heavy fire. His courage and devotion to duty set a fine example to all ranks.

9931 Sjt. P. Compton, Bedf. R. (Wansford, nr. Oundle).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty with a raiding party ordered to raid the enemy's concrete posts. On reaching the objective they were held up by wire and came under severe fire from two machine guns and snipers, at about 20 yards range. He tried to put a machine gun out of action by firing rifle grenades at a slit in the concrete post. When ordered to withdraw he brought back wounded and put them in shell holes. He again returned to the enemy's wire and helped more wounded in to cover, and then crossed No Man's Land under heavy fire in broad daylight to get stretchers.

4/3862 Pte. P. Conroy, Conn. Rang., attd. L.T.M. By. (Boyle, Co. Roscommon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While in charge of a trench mortar a misfire occurred, the fuse beginning to burn while the shell was in the gun. He extricated the shell and attempted to throw it over the parapet. The shell fell back into the gun pit. He again picked it up and threw it clear, when it immediately exploded.

G./4232 L./Cpl. A. T. Cook, R.W. Kent R. (Saham Toney, Norfolk).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a counter-attack upon a post which had been captured by the enemy, he so skilfully handled his Lewis gun from a point within twenty yards of the enemy as to very greatly assist the main attacking party who were advancing across the open. He then took his gun forward to an advanced position and brought it into action with great effect upon the retreating enemy. The success of the attack upon this dug-out was entirely due to the deadly fire which he poured into it at close range.

5483A Sjt. C. Cooper, M.G.C. (Luton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When on the way to a forward position with two gun teams the enemy opened a heavy bombardment causing casualties among the party. He took command, rallied the party, and got the guns into position and brought them into action. He set a magnificent example to all.

30253 Sjt. A. E. Cornish, R.G.A. (Frome, Somerset).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Owing to hostile shelling a tunnel was blown in burying some men inside. He displayed great courage in clearing the entrance to the tunnel and extricating the

men. This occupied some little time and was carried out under continual shell fire.

25575 L./Cpl. J. H. P. Corran, Bord. R. (Darwen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After being exposed to heavy and accurate shell fire for six hours, he pushed forward his Lewis gun team to within twenty-five yards of a strongly held enemy post, where he dug in and remained unobserved. On a hostile patrol approaching, he suddenly opened fire, killed three and wounded one, and then dashed out himself and took prisoner a warrant officer who was in command. He thus obtained most important identifications.

6001 Sjt. T. Cottom, E. Lanc. R. (Preston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all his officers became casualties in a counter-attack, he gathered together a party of men and established and consolidated the forward line which he held until relieved, though his party had no water for two days. He showed the greatest initiative and courage.

105863 C.S.M. F. Cowell, R.E. (Barnwell Station).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On a dump being ignited by some enemy bombs, volunteers were asked for to aid in drawing ammunition trains clear of the fire. This warrant officer, after first uncoupling some empty vans which had become ignited, then proceeded to couple up the trains, which were successfully cleared. Another fire was found burning, but he, with the aid of two other men, succeeded in getting this under control also. The prompt action and the untiring efforts of this warrant officer undoubtedly saved the dump and the trains.

49735 Sjt. C. A. Cox, R.E. (Shrewsbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as senior N.C.O. in a raid. He led his party under heavy fire to the enemy's trenches, and encountering two men shot one and took the other prisoner. On the return he carried a badly wounded man back over 300 yards.

C./3041 Pte. R. Crawley, K.R.R.C. (Shadwell, London).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of a post in the front line. The enemy repeatedly attacked his post in superior force, but he drove them off, and when his post became almost untenable through heavy rifle grenade fire he succeeded in putting all the enemy grenadiers out of action, thus securing his post against further attack. Later, he went forward over the open and brought in two wounded men under heavy fire. By his example, disregard of danger, and good leadership he largely contributed to the success of the operations.

6847 Sjt. L. Cullen, R. Dub. Fus. (Tullow, Co. Carlow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his company to the final objective under heavy fire, after all the