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931485 Sjt. J. E. Ongley, R.F.A. (Croydon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O., whilst his battery was in action under heavy shell-fire and although he was himself wounded, remained at his post fighting his gun, until the enemy attack had been beaten back. By his coolness and courage he set a fine example to the men of his battery.

15223 C.S.M. R. Orr, R. Scots (Belfast).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of his company after all the officers were killed. It was greatly due to his energy that our position was maintained.

320834 C.S.M. H. Palowkar, Lond. R. (Leytonstone).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He took command of two platoons when an officer was wounded and led them to the capture of the final objective. His courage and determination throughout the operations were an inspiring example to all ranks.

13769 C.S.M. C. E. Parker, W. Rid. R. (Dorchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. When all his officers were casualties he led his company with great success in the attack under heavy fire. Later, when the enemy were preparing a counter attack, he went along the line under the enemy barrage to warn other companies. His magnificent coolness and courage were an inspiring example to all.

12011 Q.M.S. R. L. Parker, North'd Fus. (Dewsbury, Yorks).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of the rationing of the battalion during the operations and carried out his duties with the greatest ability, which largely contributed to the success of the operations.

278878 Pte. P. Phillips, Arg. and Suth'd Highrs., attd. M.G. Coy. (Dundee).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of a gun team during an enemy counter attack. When he found he was being outflanked he sent his men to the rear, and worked his gun under heavy fire single-handed though he was wounded. He did not leave his gun till he was almost surrounded and the gun destroyed. His courage and devotion to duty were beyond all praise.

S/43210 Sjt. A/R.S.M. J. W. Pierce, Seaf. Highrs. (frmly. D.Gds.) (Bermondsey, London).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was wounded early in the attack, but carried on until the company had advanced well beyond its objectives. He then did excellent work in organising the company and directing the work of consolidation.

301720 L./Cpl. H. R. Porter, Lond. R. (Ilford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He was in command of a Lewis gun section, half of which was out of action very soon after the start of the attack. He succeeded in getting his gun and the remainder of his section with twenty-two drums of ammunition to the final objective; where he got his gun into action with great coolness and judgment, repulsing enemy counter attacks. He displayed the greatest gallantry and determination throughout.

15811 Pte. W. Pratt, Suff. R. (Cambridge).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid on the enemy's trenches. He was the only man left of a party detailed to protect the right flank of the operation. He lay on the parapet throughout the raid under heavy fire and by shooting down the trench kept back a party of the enemy who were trying to advance down it. By his courage and devotion to duty he saved what might have been a critical situation.

200077 Cpl. S. Prescott, N. Lanc. R. (Chorley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a Lewis gun-team, which had gone out to occupy an advanced position, all became casualties, he at once left the trench and brought in the gun under heavy shell and machine-gun fire. He collected some ammunition and went forward by himself and established the gun in a strong forward position. On the following day he located and killed ten enemy snipers who were firing on his company. He showed the greatest courage and initiative, and set his men a splendid example during a heavy enemy bombardment.

1128 Armt. S./Sjt. A. S. Primrose, A.O.C. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in sticking to his work on one of the guns under a heavy gas-shell bombardment until blown from the gun by a shell. Although severely shaken he resumed his job, and did not leave it till the gun was in action again.

S/14429 Pte. (L./Cpl.) W. Pugh, Rif. Bde. (Kidsgrove, Staffs.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. A party of twelve of the enemy approached his post, which consisted of himself and two men. Sending the two men round one flank, he advanced across the open round the other flank and bombed the enemy, killing or wounding three and capturing the remaining nine. He set a fine example of courage and initiative throughout the operations.

G/2640 Sjt. A. J. Purfield, R.W. Kent R. (Cobham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy had attacked and captured a concrete dug-out and other positions he rallied the remains of the garrison and prepared for a counter-attack. He also led a flank attack on an enemy machine-gun, which he captured, and greatly helped to restore the situation. His spirited example