

of his position, gaining valuable information. Later, when the battalion on his right advanced, he maintained communication by establishing two posts under intense fire. He gave the greatest assistance throughout the operations, and showed great coolness, courage and contempt of danger.

610 Sjt. A. W. Clark, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. led his platoon with great dash and set a splendid example to all. When all his company officers had become casualties he took command of his company and handled his men in grand style under very trying circumstances. His conduct was most gallant and inspiring.

2935 Cpl. (now 2nd Lt.) W. Colborne-Veel, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his officer became a casualty, by his splendid courage and organisation he rallied his men and got his guns into action at the first objective. When the enemy attempted to turn the flank of the brigade he went forward on his own initiative and broke up the enemy's attack. He cut off a large number of the enemy, who surrendered. By skilful handling of his men he saved many casualties, and set a splendid example of courage and coolness throughout.

5073 Sjt. J. J. G. Colclough, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He constructed a Lewis gun position with great skill under heavy shell fire. When the enemy attacked he handled his men with great coolness, and, though wounded, remained at his post preparing against a flank attack when the enemy had gained a footing in the trenches on his right. He set a magnificent example of courage and determination.

3263 Sjt. (T./C.S.M.) H. Collins, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He collected a small party and advanced on an enemy blockhouse which was garrisoned by about twenty of the enemy with two machine guns. He reached it, well ahead of his men, in spite of heavy machine-gun fire, threw some bombs into the blockhouse, and entering, forced the enemy out of another entrance into the hands of the men who were following. He set a splendid example of courage and initiative.

2484 Dvr. J. Cooper, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his platoon during an attack when all the N.C.Os. had become casualties, and led them successfully to the objective. He remained in charge during the consolidation, inspiring his men by his fearless conduct under heavy shell and machine-gun fire. His initiative and example was of conspicuous merit.

4389 Cpl. T. A. Corbett, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He brought his machine-gun team to the objective, and when in position he was wounded. Later, when visiting all his guns, and though buried by a shell, he carried on until ordered away. Owing to casualties in his gun team he crawled back and remained

on duty until the battalion was relieved. His courage and coolness went far to keep up the spirits of his men.

1851 L./Sjt. O. A. Cropley, A.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He worked for long periods in the open under heavy shell fire during an action, showing great coolness and devotion to duty. He not only dressed many cases, but spent all his spare time outside the aid post looking after the comfort of the wounded. He has continually done excellent work.

3495 L./Cpl. R. S. Davies, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While advancing with his machine-gun section during the attack a shell burst, burying the gun. This N.C.O. and one other man were the only men who were not casualties. He recovered the gun and magazines, got the gun into action, whereby severe casualties were inflicted on the enemy. Later, he crawled forward alone through heavy shell fire and disposed of two enemy snipers. He showed great courage and dash throughout the action.

4472 S.M. E. F. Dawson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in organising the carrying of ammunition and water to the front line and in clearing the wounded from the forward area. Though suffering severely from shell shock, he refused to leave his post until incapacitated. He set a very valuable example to all ranks at a critical time.

2272 Sjt. R. W. Day, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O., when in charge of a reconnoitring patrol, sent out to ascertain the dispositions of the hostile line, brought back valuable information, though attacked by a hostile patrol of superior numbers. By prompt and vigorous action he inflicted sufficient casualties on the latter to force them to withdraw. The information brought in by this and other patrols led by this N.C.O. proved of great value.

18 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) R. G. Dobbie, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of a party making communications close to the front line. Throughout the day he moved about among his men under fire, encouraging them at their work, and continued to do so even during a heavy enemy barrage and counter-attack. It was owing to his magnificent example and determination that the work was completed.

3084 Pte. H. Eccles, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as runner during an attack. He was the only runner left in his company, and carried out the whole of the work, moving about through enemy barrages regardless of danger, and was more than once buried by shell fire. He guided a relieving unit to their position under a heavy bombardment, and showed the greatest courage and determination throughout.

5366 Sjt. S. G. Facey, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He attacked an enemy machine-gun