

3339 Cpl. J. G. Harrop, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the advance was held up and his officer had become a casualty, he brought two guns into action in front of the infantry and protected the flank under heavy fire until the advance was renewed. He also held up an enemy attacking party at a critical moment, using a captured enemy gun. He showed exceptional skill and determination.

1357 Cpl. H. Hodge, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the advance was held up by an enemy machine-gun he dashed forward, shot the gunner, and put the gun out of action. His gallant act enabled the whole line to advance, and the strong point was captured with 100 prisoners. By his utter disregard of danger he saved many lives and relieved an awkward situation.

46 Sjt. J. S. Hopkins, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of parties carrying stores forward to the front line. His men were several times dispersed by shell fire, but he reorganised them and got them forward. He continued at this work for eighteen hours, showing great courage and sound judgment throughout.

3023 Sjt. E. H. Horwill, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. Under a heavy enemy barrage he rushed a strong point, which was offering stubborn resistance, and captured fourteen prisoners and a machine-gun. He showed the greatest courage throughout.

2543 Cpl. H. Israel, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He rushed forward and bayoneted two of the enemy who were inflicting casualties on another unit with a machine-gun. He then helped to rush a concrete blockhouse, where eight prisoners were captured. After the consolidation he did splendid work in leading carrying parties to the front line through heavy barrages. He showed the greatest courage and determination.

6274A L./Cpl. E. J. Johnson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his officers had become casualties, he took charge of two platoons of his battalion and a number of men of another battalion, showing excellent judgment in selecting positions and consolidating. The position was rendered safe by the good dispositions which he made for its defence and by his personal example and leadership. Though wounded, he carried on until the battalion was relieved, displaying an utter disregard for personal safety.

4063 C.S.M. (now 2nd Lt.) F. R. Jones, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a nest of "pill-boxes" had caused a gap in the line, he reorganised the leading platoon and succeeded in rushing and capturing them. Though afterwards buried and badly shaken by a shell, he carried on with his duties, rendering great assistance in getting the company reorganised on the

objective and consolidating the position. His coolness and courage throughout were most inspiring.

2867 L./Cpl. W. H. Kates, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When during the advance a hostile machine-gun opened fire on our men, he rushed forward, engaging the gun at close quarters. Later, observing a machine-gun coming into action 100 yards in front, he immediately proceeded across the open and put the gun out of action. His work throughout was splendid.

3055 L./Cpl. P. King, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his section forward in an attack and bombed two dug-outs, which each contained a machine-gun crew. As he advanced towards the final objective he shot an enemy machine-gunner who was enfilading his company, and cleared a series of enemy posts with bombs and rifle fire. He showed splendid courage and initiative.

203 C.S.M. A. W. Lane, A.S.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of pack transport. By his personal example and courage he kept the forward dump supplied with ammunition and water. The country over which he had to work was most difficult and continually swept by shell and machine-gun fire, but he showed great initiative and determination, and never once failed the troops in the front line.

137 Sjt. (now 2nd Lt.) P. Lay, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon commander became a casualty on the way to the assembly position, he led his platoon to the position through a heavy barrage. He led them with great determination in the attack, clearing up strong points, and finally established his men in a commanding position on the final objective. The success of the company was greatly due to his gallantry and skill.

3595 Pte. (L./Cpl.) J. McCarthy, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a Lewis gun section during an attack. All his section became casualties, but he carried the gun and ammunition forward himself. On reaching the objective he got his gun into position, and kept it in action during the whole period of consolidation, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. He rendered his company valuable support at a critical time and set a fine example to his comrades.

1980 Sjt. R. Mackenzie, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was responsible for the capture of several shell-hole positions, displaying courage and leadership of the highest order. During the consolidation he showed absolute disregard for personal safety, rendering great assistance in laying out and constructing defences. He also gained much valuable information when in charge of patrols, during which he carried in many wounded under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire. His splendid example did much to keep up the moral of his men.