

clothes caught fire. Pte. Digby at once went to his assistance, extinguished the flames, and dragged him to a shell hole while the enemy's attacking troops passed over the spot. A counter-attack by our troops having driven the enemy back to their original position, he went back for assistance to our lines, and then carried the officer to safety. He showed most praiseworthy courage and self-sacrifice.

4116 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) J. Dignam, I. Gds. (Blackrock, Co. Dublin).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as N.C.O. in charge of the aid post. He dressed case after case under heavy fire until everyone had been collected. Later his work in collecting wounded under shell-fire was beyond all praise.

987 Sjt. F. Diver, Lanc. Fus. (Cambridge).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his officer was wounded he at once took command and led his men forward in the advance, though he was badly shaken by the explosion of a shell. He captured his objective, and later led his platoon forward and covered an exposed flank. It was mainly owing to his courage and determination that the position was made secure.

6309 L./Sjt. T. N. Dove, Notts. and Derby R. (Blidworth, Notts.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the other serjeants of the company were casualties he showed great determination in the attack and energy and initiative during the consolidation under very difficult conditions.

M2/055482 Pte. (A./Sjt.) G. H. Drew, A.S.C. (St. Helens, Lancs.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while acting as N.C.O. in charge of ambulance cars during an action. He was on duty day and night, making arrangements for and directing the cars with great skill. He was severely wounded while engaged on this work.

20202 Sjt. H. Duncan, M.G.C. (Aberdeen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of a party which supplied and distributed ammunition to eight machine guns, continuously moving about over the open in the course of the work. Later, when casualties were heavy, he went from gun to gun over the open under heavy fire, keeping the guns in action at a critical time. He showed great courage and initiative.

14779 Sjt. E. Dyer, Som. L.I. (Radstock).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an action. When all the officers of his company were casualties he took command, established advanced posts and repelled several enemy counter-attacks. He was wounded several times during the day, and it was entirely due to his great courage and disregard of danger that the position was maintained.

14866 Sjt. A. Dyson, W. Rid., R. (near Huddersfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He pushed forward when the line

was held up with half a platoon, under intense fire, and secured a position from which he was able to direct heavy fire on an advancing counter-attack, causing it to fail hopelessly.

13002 Sjt. J. Eades, S. Staffs. R. (Ocker Hill).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He led his platoon with complete disregard of danger, and helped to reorganise his company under heavy shell fire when the objective was captured. He did excellent work in the consolidation, and led forward a patrol at a time when information was badly needed and brought back a valuable report. He set a splendid example of courage and initiative.

12137 L./Cpl. W. Eccles, C. Gds. (Rishton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was one of a party marking out the assembly position for an attack. The work was most difficult owing to the state of the ground, and there were several casualties from shell fire. He showed the greatest coolness, rallied and helped other men, and worked indefatigably until the task was finished. But for his intelligence, courage and determination the work would never have been completed.

235438 L./Cpl. E. Edmondson, Lan. Fus. (Barnoldswick).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in rallying men and leading them forward under a heavy barrage. When the enemy put down a heavy barrage and threatened a counter-attack, he went out alone and met the enemy patrol, shot one and brought two in prisoners.

9637 Sjt. J. Ellis, L'pool R. (Dublin).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was largely responsible for the steadiness with which the men of his company met and repulsed a strong enemy counter-attack. His great courage, resource and initiative were an inspiring example to the men at a critical time.

200852 C.S.M. W. Fairbrother, E. Lan. R. (Blackburn).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of a blockhouse. By his example and cheerful bearing he kept his men together when suffering severe casualties from snipers.

50373 Pte. J. Fox, L'pool R. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his platoon when his officer was killed, and led it in an attack on a concrete emplacement, which he captured with eight prisoners. He showed the greatest courage and resource.

200167 Sjt. J. J. Gaffney, L pool R. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On reaching the objective it was found that some platoons had lost direction and had gone away to the right. He made his way from shell hole to shell hole across the whole front, collected all the men of his platoon that he could find, and brought