

72652 Pte. M. Morgan, M.G.C. (Durham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went forward with a gun team in an attack, and when the advance was held up by a machine gun he went forward with another man, killed the crew, and captured the gun after a sharp engagement. He did excellent work later as runner, and set a fine example throughout the operations.

25020 Sjt. S. Morgan, R.W. Fus. (Llandudno).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took over the duties of company serjeant-major just before an attack. Owing to a hostile counter-attack the line was somewhat disorganised, but he collected the men and advanced to the assault. After the assault he reorganised his company, and led forward a party against a concrete dug-out, capturing fourteen prisoners. He showed the greatest courage, resource, and skill throughout.

5834 Pte. F. Mulligan, R. Dub. Fus. (Kilsyth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Shortly after the company had reached its objective the enemy counter-attacked. Owing to casualties he had to take charge of two Lewis guns, one of which he fired himself and the other he directed with such effect that he dispersed the enemy, who retired in disorder. Thereupon he rushed his guns forward and completed their confusion, inflicting heavy casualties.

17650 L./Cpl. W. A. Murgatroyd, R. Fus. (Skipton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a Lewis gun post in front of the line. A party of about fifty of the enemy advanced against his post covered by snipers, but he mounted his gun and beat off the attack. He showed great contempt of danger, and set an excellent example to his men.

314 C.S.M. (A./R.S.M.) C. Murphy, Lancs. Fus. (Walsall).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He did valuable work throughout the operation under heavy shell fire, and collected scattered parties of men of all units and organised them for the defence. He also marked out a track from the front line under heavy fire, without which it would have been impossible to carry out the relief of the battalion. He showed great initiative and fearlessness.

3655 C.S.M. Drill/Sjt. G. M. Murphy, I. Gds. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While the line was being heavily shelled he reorganised the garrison and re-established the line at a moment when the S.O.S. had gone up.

5877 C.S.M. (T./R.S.M.) W. Neale, L'pool R., attd E Lan. R., T.F. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the Bn. H.Q. was caught in the enemy barrage and signallers killed, he reorganised them. As all H.Q. officers were hit early, he filled their places with the best ability.

45689 Sjt. G. A. Newman, R.F.A. (Bishop Stortford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in keeping the battery in action during an S.O.S. attack under very heavy fire, after both officers at the guns had been wounded. He has shown great gallantry on several occasions, getting wounded men out of areas under shell fire, and has inspired the detachment, composed mostly of recruits, to behave in a most gallant manner.

7032 Cpl. W. D. Nicholson, R.W. Kent R. (Wingate, Co. Durham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of his platoon in an attack after his platoon officer and serjeant had become casualties. He accounted for twelve of the enemy. Later, as senior N.C.O., he took over the duties of C.S.M., and finally, when his Company Commander was killed, he took over the company and brought it out of action.

7594 C.S.M. J. Nolan, R. Dub. Fus. (E. Maesteg).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of the first wave of his company, after the officer had become a casualty. He captured the objective and consolidated the position. During the night he took a patrol into No Man's Land, and visited every post in the company.

9581 L./Cpl. J. O'Brien, R. Dub. Fus. (Dublin).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon was held up by a hostile machine gun, he dashed at the gun and silenced it, killing the entire team of four and taking another man prisoner. After this the objective was reached and consolidated.

35723 L./Cpl. T. O'Sullivan, Lancs. Fus. (Aldershot).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. With three others, he attacked an enemy strong point, which had been causing many casualties, capturing a machine gun and killing or capturing all the garrison. He showed splendid courage and initiative.

351191 A./C.S.M. J. W. Peagram, Manch. R. (Ashton-under-Lyne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in going from shell hole to shell hole, under heavy fire, to keep up the men's spirits. Later on, in charge of 100 men, after all their officers and N.C.O.'s had become casualties, he succeeded in repelling a counter-attack.

45237 L./Cpl. W. G. T. Pearse, Worcester R. (Worcester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a mopping up party in an attack. A small party of the enemy were giving trouble. He immediately attacked them with great courage and determination, shot the leader, and captured the remainder.

200508 Sjt. J. R. Pearson, R. Lanc. R. (Millom, Cumberland).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his platoon