

ammunition forward and attacked a "pill-box" which held up the advance. He put two machine guns out of action, and then rushed the post single-handed, capturing the gun. His courageous act enabled the advance to continue, and prevented many casualties.

858 Sjt. E. J. Gothard, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. Whenever the advance was impeded he was always ready to lead a party to deal with the obstacle. He led an attack on a strong point, and captured ten prisoners and a machine gun. Later, he was wounded, but refused to leave his post until utterly exhausted. By his great courage and determination he rendered valuable assistance to his company.

408 Sjt. I. W. Gunn, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He took command of his platoon when his officer became a casualty, and during the advance encountered a party of the enemy assembling for an attack. He rushed forward, firing his rifle, and the enemy fell back to a concrete dug-out, where they held up the advance by machine gun fire. He attacked and silenced the machine gun, capturing the entire crew. His courage set a splendid example to his men.

2666 Pte. W. Haley, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when carrying rations to the front line. The route, which lay across the open, was heavily shelled, and he was severely wounded. He struggled on, however, a distance of half a mile, although heavily laden, and succeeded in delivering the rations before he collapsed. His gallant and devoted action inspired the other men of the party to go forward and deliver their loads in like manner.

4131 Sjt. W. C. Harris, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in continuing to lead his section in an attack though wounded three times. He rushed a hostile blockhouse, silenced the gun, and captured the occupants. He remained at his post in the captured position until wounded again.

2965 Pte. A. P. Lilley, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as stretcher-bearer. He carried on his work under direct machine gun and rifle fire, and rendered splendid service in attending to the wounded of all battalions. He showed magnificent coolness and devotion to duty, and many men owe their lives to his courage in the face of heavy fire.

2850 L./Cpl. J. W. McDonald, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a Lewis gun section during an attack. He was wounded three times before the second objective was reached, but he kept his gun in action until wounded again, and got it to the final objective when all the other teams had become casualties. He showed great courage and determination.

2347 Pte. J. C. McFarlane, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as runner, carrying despatches through

heavy barrages. When the position of one of the new forward posts was obscure, he succeeded, under heavy fire, in locating it. It would otherwise have been cut off.

473 C.S.M. J. B. McGowan, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went forward alone and captured an enemy post, killing or capturing the whole garrison. Later, when an N.C.O. of the company was badly wounded, he went over the open, under heavy shell and rifle fire, and brought him in. His courage and initiative have at all times been a very fine example to his men.

88 Cpl. C. J. Mitchell, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in laying 1,000 yards of wire during an attack, and finally establishing his forward report centre within 400 yards of the enemy posts. For eighteen hours he worked continuously, under heavy fire, mending breaks in the line. On three occasions he voluntarily carried messages to the forward posts in broad daylight. He was wounded in the leg, but carried on until relieved eighteen hours later. He was thrice buried by shell fire.

1260 Sjt. W. H. O'Hara, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as one of a party of twelve, which moved forward to attack strong enemy positions. After his officer had been seriously wounded, he took charge, assisting to drive the enemy out of a wood and to hold the ground gained.

942 L./Cpl. W. E. Oliver, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was the most prominent figure in the whole attack. He fired his Lewis gun from the hip on the retreating enemy, and silenced a machine gun firing from a "pill-box," and another later which was firing from a shell-hole. On reaching the objective, he reorganised teams and repaired guns under the hottest fire. In the second attack he was severely wounded in a duel with an enemy machine gun.

2674 C.S.M. G. Parker, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He got his company into the assembly position with great skill, and showed excellent leadership during the advance, capturing a machine gun and putting the crew out of action. His courage and coolness were largely responsible for the excellent work done by his company in the consolidation of the final objective and in repulsing several enemy counter-attacks.

6310 L/Cpl. B. C. Pearce, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as stretcher-bearer during five days' operations. On several occasions he worked throughout the day and night without resting. He carried wounded men long distances on his back under heavy fire. On one occasion when a shell wounded the three other bearers he single-handedly carried the wounded men to the aid post.

3419 Sjt. L. M. Phillips, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. Though wounded he