

took charge of his platoon, led them forward to the objective and consolidated the position. He made frequent reconnaissances under heavy fire and established posts well forward in front of his line. He showed splendid courage and initiative.

1760 Cpl. W. O. Rabey, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his section through a barrage to the first objective. Then, as most of the section had become casualties, he organised the remainder of the platoon and led them forward to the second objective. Being held up by a concrete machine gun position he left most of his men to maintain fire on it, worked round the flank with a few men and captured the gun and seven of the crew. When all but two of his men had become casualties he took up a position in a shell-hole and continued sniping all day. He drove back with his rifle six of the enemy who attempted to recapture the gun position, killing two of them.

5211 Pte. A. R. Roberts, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a position was to be captured by a flank attack he went forward alone with a supply of bombs and made a daring frontal attack on the position, drawing the enemy's fire and enabling the attack to close on the enemy from behind. His courage and resource assisted greatly in saving a difficult situation.

976 Cpl. W. W. T. Robertson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his section to the final objective after his platoon commander was killed, and digging in on an exposed flank. On his own initiative he took out a patrol, located two enemy machine guns, and captured two prisoners. Compelled by our barrage to return, he did so with great skill, having only two casualties.

2779 Sjt. W. D. Scorer, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He assisted in guiding the battalion to the assembly position. During the advance he maintained direction on the flank in a most efficient manner and when held up by machine gun fire crept forward alone and put the gun out of action. Though wounded he continued at his task until badly wounded at the final objective, setting a fine example of courage and initiative.

407 C.S.M. G. W. Seymour, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He personally rushed an enemy machine gun strong point and shot two of the crew. His gallant conduct inspired his men to fight bravely and successfully during the remainder of the attack.

5488 Pte. E. J. Smith, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a runner during an attack. He passed through the heaviest barrages carrying messages and maintaining communication, and though twice blown up he remained at duty until the battalion was relieved. He

set a splendid example of courage and devotion to duty.

935 Sjt. S. Smith, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He successfully held a difficult position against counter-attacks, and at a critical stage kept his Lewis guns in action with ammunition taken from casualties. He showed great resource and initiative in leading parties to attack enemy machine guns, and set a splendid example of contempt of danger to his men.

3943 L./Cpl. J. T. Swain, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a machine gun in an attack. When the advance came under heavy fire from some pill-boxes, he penetrated the barrage and, getting his gun into action on a flank, silenced two of the enemy's machine guns, thereby enabling the line to advance and rush the position. Afterwards, when the enemy retired, he rushed forward ahead of the line and inflicted heavy casualties on them. He showed splendid courage and resource.

2427 Pte. J. Tehan, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a scout. During the attack he was continuously out in front of the leading line, locating and attacking machine guns, two of which he put out of action single-handed. He located a battery of field guns, and put one of them out of action by bombing the gunners. Throughout the operations he rendered valuable service in carrying messages, and reconnoitring, locating, and mopping-up enemy strong points.

8026 Spr. W. C. D. Veale, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was one of a party who were starting to mark out an assembly position when the officer and three others were seriously wounded. He attended to all their wounds under continuous shell-fire and got them away to safety. He then marked out the assembly position successfully. He showed great courage and initiative.

3973 L./Cpl. A. L. Webber, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He attacked two pill-boxes with his section, killing several and capturing five of the enemy. During the attack on a strong point he showed coolness and judgment of a high order in handling his men, and gallantly led them in an attack on the position.

537 Sjt. R. L. Weir, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in collecting his men after all the officers had become casualties, and leading an attack on an enemy machine gun position. After putting this gun out of action he established his men in a position which he held until relieved six days later.

1208 Sjt. M. P. Willey, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of his platoon during an attack. He was instrumental in capturing an enemy machine gun and a large number of prisoners. He went forward on four occasions and brought in wounded.