

20846 Pte. E. Fearnley, Yorks. L.I. (Leeds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was one of a party marking out the assembly position under heavy fire. He showed great coolness throughout, and dug out a man who had been buried by a shell. In the attack he acted as runner, and continually carried messages over ground swept by rifle and machine-gun fire. He set a splendid example of courage and devotion to duty.

203001 A./C.S.M. E. G. Feltham, Dorset. R. (Codford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company had suffered severely and the officers had become casualties, he reorganised his men with great determination, and by his able leadership continued the advance. He showed the greatest coolness and courage.

9209 Pte. J. J. Finegan, I. Gds. (Dublin).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. Under cover from the fire of the Lewis gun of his section, he dashed forward and entered a blockhouse and captured the garrison of twenty-five.

18966 L./Cpl. J. G. Finney, Notts. & Derby. R. (Skegby).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went forward in an attack to a timber emplacement, and finding that the enemy inside had a machine gun trained on the door he shot three of them and captured the emplacement. By his determined and courageous action he prevented the attack from being held up, and enabled his company to advance and capture all their objectives.

38448 Gnr. (A./Bombr.) E. Fisher, R.F.A. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a gas shell wrecked the officers' dug-out and all the occupants became casualties, he took a prominent part in the rescue operations, working with great coolness under heavy fire and in spite of gas fumes. He then took charge of the situation, though he was suffering from gas, and with the only other man available manned a gun and fired a *bombardment programme made out for the whole battery*. His splendid courage and determination enabled the battery to remain in action and carry out its task during a most important period of the operations.

17684 L./Cpl. J. Fisher, S. Staff. R. (Wednesbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he showed remarkable skill in handling his Lewis gun, keeping it in action in spite of heavy shell fire, and inflicting severe casualties on the enemy. He successfully held up an enemy counter-attack, and, though wounded, remained at his post until all danger of the position being lost was over. He set a magnificent example of courage and devotion to duty.

6403 C.S.M. T. E. Fletcher, M.M., Bord. R. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in reorganising his company twice

before the final objective was reached. When a strong position was holding up the advance with machine-gun fire he worked forward with a few men and a Lewis gun and captured it with thirty-five prisoners.

305601 Sjt. J. Flockton, W. Yorks. R. (Woodlesford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of a party of about twelve men and observed a body of the enemy massing in front. With Lewis gun and rifle fire he killed or wounded the whole party except fifteen, whom he captured. He showed great coolness and initiative.

248053 L./Cpl. J. Fraser, Lond. R. (Cove Bay).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon was held up by an enemy machine gun during an attack he went forward, though wounded, and bayoneted the gunner, and enabled his platoon to advance. His courage, gallantry and devotion to duty were an inspiration to his men.

380505 Sjt. J. C. Freemantle, Hamps. R. (Romsey).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a platoon. Though owing to heavy casualties he lost touch temporarily with his company, he succeeded in reaching the final objective, where he established himself in a post within fifty yards of an enemy's strong point. He fearlessly sniped back at the enemy snipers. It was mainly due to his efforts that the enemy assembly for counter-attack was brought to notice in good time and broken up by our artillery.

G/67212 L./Sjt. A. Frost, R. Fus. (Thorn-ton Heath).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the officers and senior N.C.O.'s of his company had become casualties he took charge of the company and assisted in repulsing enemy counter-attacks under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire. Throughout the whole operation he displayed great courage and coolness, which were an inspiration to the men of his company.

314592 Gnr. W. L. Gale, R.G.A. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in rescuing a gunner who had had his arm blown off, fetching a stretcher and carrying him into a small iron shelter where he and a comrade remained with him keeping a pressure on the artery, as it was impossible to apply a tourniquet. The whole of the time the shelling was most intense.

4936 C.S.M. H. Galletly, M.G.C. (Norton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of pack mules carrying ammunition, rations, and water during two days' operations. Despite the most difficult conditions he brought the supplies through night after night, pushing further forward than any other train in the area.