

268487 Cpl. W. Dodson, R. War. R. (Little Stuckley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the N.C.O.'s in his platoon became casualties he at once took command. When the platoon was held up by an enemy machine gun, by well-directed fire he kept the enemy engaged and enabled the flanks to advance. He then rushed the post and captured it, afterwards advancing and taking his objective. He set a splendid example of courage and initiative.

10501 Pte. D. Doherty, Lanc. Fus. (Salford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a battalion-scout during an attack on a village. He saw an enemy machine gun open fire on the right of the village, and working his way towards it rushed it single-handed, killing four of the crew and capturing the gun. His courageous act saved the battalion many casualties.

52569 Cpl. F. Doleman, L'pool R. (Oldham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his Lewis gun was buried by shell fire during a strong enemy attack, he dug it out under intense shelling, got it into action and assisted in breaking up the enemy's attack. He showed the greatest coolness and courage, and handled his gun with great skill, though he was the only man left in his section.

292691 C. S. M. A. V. Draper, North'd Fus. (Watford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in reorganising the company after all the officers had been killed, continuing the attack and holding a very forward position. On receipt of orders he managed to bring his men out of action, though practically surrounded.

31520 Pte. A. Duckett, Essex R. (Colchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the occasion of a bombing attack by the enemy he kept up a rapid rate of fire on the trench behind the hostile bombers, thus cutting off their supply of bombs. Later, he rendered great assistance in firing another gun on the enemy, who were advancing over the open from the flank, but who were completely repulsed by the intensity of the fire from this gun. His gallant behaviour, enterprise, and resource were worthy of the highest praise.

44558 Cpl. W. J. Dudley, M.G.C. (London, E.C.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took two machine-guns across the front of the enemy's attack and occupied a commanding position. Later, he got eight guns forward to a position close to the enemy's flank and covered a counter-attack with his fire. He put two enemy machine-guns out of action though under heavy fire himself, and kept his guns firing throughout. His example of coolness and initiative had an inspiring effect on his men.

26728 Pte. J. T. Dunn, Welsh R. (Williamstown).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in rallying men under heavy machine-gun fire in an attempt to reach a party of men cut off from the battalion as the result of an enemy counter-attack. He took charge of a party of dismounted cavalry and handled them with great skill.

96196 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) F. E. Durrant, M.G.C. (Glastonbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His pack leaders having been killed and the pack horses scattered, he collected his gun and ammunition pack under heavy fire and got his gun into action almost single-handed with great effect. He showed great courage and initiative under most difficult conditions.

257767 Cpl. A. Eason, M.G.C. (Wolverhampton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On his position being very heavily shelled and he himself buried by a bursting shell, he assisted to drag out the killed and wounded and then continued to command his team. Throughout the subsequent forty-eight hours he kept his gun continuously in action, during which period he handled his team with the utmost efficiency, displaying great courage and endurance.

71763 Pte. A. Eason, M.G.C. (Old Basford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Owing to the very heavy and extensive hostile barrage the lines were being continually cut, but almost without rest by day and night he continued to mend breaks in the line until he collapsed through exhaustion. Hearing that communication had again failed, he went out; despite a particularly intense bombardment, and succeeded in re-establishing communication, in time to enable his battery of machine-guns to open fire on the enemy massing for an attack. His devotion to duty and magnificent display of courage and endurance were beyond all praise.

681770 Bomdr. T. Edge, R.F.A. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was one of the detachment of a forward section of the battery during an enemy attack, and kept his gun in action with great effect on the advancing enemy when they were within 600 yards of his position, though he was subjected to heavy fire. The detachment finally came under intense machine-gun fire at close range from a flank which made the position untenable, but he exposed himself fearlessly to fire several more rounds, and then assisted in getting the guns away to the battery position. He showed magnificent courage and determination.

320292 Pte. J. R. Edwards, Suff. R. (Lowestoft).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his battalion was heavily shelled and suffered many casualties while supporting an attack, he went out time after time and brought in wounded men to safety. He set a splendid example of gallantry and self-sacrifice.