

*40655 Sjt. T. W. Elias, R.E. (Monmouth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has done consistent good work during a long period, and always showed great coolness and initiative in action.

267293 Cpl. F. A. Elliott, Glouc. R. (Manor Park).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as headquarters signaller. During the advance of the enemy on battalion headquarters he rallied the handful of men left, held up the enemy, and inflicted considerable casualties upon the leading bombing parties. Later, when in charge of a bombing party, he succeeded in beating off six enemy bombing attacks.

241052 L./Sjt. (A./Sjt.) R. W. Elliott, M.M., Worc. R. (Fairford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was one of the garrison of a post which was heavily attacked by the enemy, and showed splendid courage and leadership throughout five hours' fighting. He finally drove the enemy back with rifle fire and the bayonet, and then went forward on his own initiative and rescued some wounded men from a dug-out behind the enemy's lines.

PS/1751 Sjt. W. Emmett, Midd'x R. (Battersea, S.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed great initiative and courage on two occasions when in command of a company. Though cut off by the enemy, he held his position for two days until relieved.

320159 Sjt. D. L. Evans, Welsh R. (Amenford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the whole of a Lewis gun team became casualties, he fetched in the gun and spare parts under heavy fire, organised a team, and got the gun into action again with great success. He showed splendid initiative and determination.

242557 L./C. W. Fairchild, North'd Fus. (Nottingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a Lewis gun post in the front line. A party of twenty of the enemy approached his post, and he inflicted several casualties on them with Lewis gun fire. Three of them, however, made a determined rush for the post, and though one of them fired three rounds at him with a revolver, he continued to fire his Lewis gun, and drove them off. He then pursued the enemy with a rifle and bayonet, and captured three prisoners. He showed magnificent courage and initiative.

59862 Gunr. J. Fallas, R.G.A. (Sanquhar).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. When the battery retired, he stayed behind, with another man, to defend the quartermaster's stores. They held up an enemy party, shooting some and taking five prisoners. Later, when reinforcements came up, they joined in an attack, and were found at night by the battery salvage party still holding their position.

19520 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) J. Farmer, Essex R. (Bow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He afforded a magnificent example of outstanding courage in leading three bombing attacks, and in rallying and encouraging his men on many occasions under intense shell fire. His conduct throughout gave proof of marked skill, enterprise, and ability.

20/1038 Cpl. C. Felce, North'd Fus. (S. Shields).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The conduct of this N.C.O. during the operations was most conspicuous. When in charge of a bombing section, he entered the enemy trench, and at once attacked, single-handed, a hostile bombing post, killing or putting to flight the whole garrison. In accordance with plan, he formed a bombing block in an enemy communication trench, from which he and his section repulsed bombing attacks for seven hours. Later, though the hostile infantry attacked in force and dislodged our garrison, he remained at his post until all his own bombs, and also those captured from the enemy, had been thrown, and was the last man to leave the trench.

STK/1692 L./Sjt. R. G. W. Field, R. Fus. (Potters Bar).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in command of a section of a raiding party on an enemy machine-gun post, he, on reaching the post, came under fire of a machine gun. He threw a bomb, which put the gun out of action, and, whilst the rest of his party dealt with the garrison of the post, he seized the gun and a belt of ammunition and carried it back to our lines. The completeness of the surprise, which resulted in the whole of the garrison being either killed or captured, was in a great measure due to his skilful leadership.

37736 Smith/Gnr. (A. Fitter/S.S.) J. W. G. Fields, R.G.A. (Chatham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. When the enemy were within 300 yards of the battery, and the position was being swept by machine-gun fire, he temporarily disabled the guns as ordered. The battery was captured nineteen minutes later. On another occasion he helped to pull the guns out of position while the enemy were only 500 yards away, and the position was swept by machine-gun fire.

61293 C.S.M. J. W. Finch, North'd Fus (Crouch End, W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When an ammunition dump was set on fire by enemy shelling, he extinguished the flames at great personal risk. His courageous and prompt action saved a large quantity of ammunition, and prevented many casualties, as there were a large number of troops in the neighbourhood.

21359 A./C.Q.M.S. S. Finlay, M.G.C. (Cumberland).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy advanced on his