

took charge of half a company in street fighting, and by his example and skilful handling of his men contributed largely to the success of the action. With great gallantry at the head of his men he also charged a house which was strongly held, killing several of the enemy and capturing over fifty prisoners.

28881 Sjt. W. Murphy, H.L.I. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in helping his platoon officer to steady and control the men when a shell wiped out a whole section. He volunteered for parties to carry stores under heavy machine-gun fire, and made an effort with an officer to reach the companies which had been cut off. During three days of great strain he showed unflagging energy and cheerfulness.

310 L./Cpl. L. D. Murray, King E. Horse (Oxford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the advance his troop became isolated from the main body, and was surrounded by the enemy when this N.C.O. was sent with a message to report the situation to the commanding officer. He brought in his report after crawling through several enemy parties, and then volunteered to return and guide the troop back to the regiment. He again succeeded in making his way through enemy parties, and finally guided back his troop. He carried through his task, which required great coolness and determination, in a very bold and courageous manner.

550024 C.S.M. W. H. Musselwhite, M.M., Lond. R. (W. Hampstead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the supply of bombs failed, he went forward with a carrying party and established a forward dump, which he left in working order. Later, volunteering to go forward and obtain information as to the general situation and enemy dispositions, he returned and delivered a most valuable report, which enabled orders to be issued for the consolidation of the position. During the operations his coolness and resource were of the greatest assistance.

6530 Sjt. E. Mustoe, Glouc. R. (S. Cerney).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of his company under most trying conditions and heavy fire, after all the officers had become casualties. The company was about one and a half miles from battalion headquarters. He eventually brought it out of the line intact two nights after.

13100 Sjt. S. W. Myson, Norfolk R. (Norwich).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in advancing through heavy shell fire and in capturing an enemy strong point. Although wounded, he remained on duty.

70424 Sjt. J. S. Napper, Yeo. (East Hagbourne, Didcot).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his troop when

his officer was killed, and led it with great ability and resource under heavy fire. He captured a large number of prisoners.

28491 Pte. M. Nelson, N. Lanc. R. (Dublin).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. When all company runners had been killed or wounded he volunteered and repeatedly carried messages under heavy machine-gun and shell fire. Seeing a Lewis gun section all knocked out, he crawled under heavy fire to the gun and worked it with effect until it became clogged with mud.

M2/077665 Pte. (A./Cpl.) H. A. Newick, A.S.C. (Bushey).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed exceptional courage and coolness under fire when with the tractors which were pulling out the guns. In spite of the enemy advancing to within 500 yards of the position, which was being subjected to very heavy fire, all the guns were pulled out in safety and withdrawn to another position. It was due to his presence of mind and devotion to duty that the guns were saved.

681394 Sjt. J. P. Nichols, Lond. R. (Rotherhithe).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon against enemy machine guns with splendid courage and determination. He rushed an enemy battery which was still in action, and with four or five men captured the battery and all its personnel.

15204 C.S.M. J. Odum, M.G.C. (Birr).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He took charge of two guns of another company when no officer was available, and held the bridges over a canal against the enemy's advance. Later, he took up a position with two other guns and covered the digging of a new line. His fine example of cheerfulness and determination was the greatest encouragement to his men.

474088 L./Cpl. J. O'Hara, Lond. R. (Dublin).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He stood on the parapet firing his Lewis gun from the hip under heavy machine-gun fire, and successfully dealt with a flanking movement by the enemy. He showed magnificent courage and initiative.

39240 Pte. T. O'Hara, L'pool R. (Bootle).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He collected a small party of men, during the enemy attacks, and kept a bombing party supplied with bombs over a long period, carrying the bombs himself to them over the top under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire. He also carried a number of messages back to brigade headquarters, proceeding through an intense barrage on several occasions. His courage and determination throughout were most prominent.