

14536 C.S.M.. J. J. Patterson, R. Innis. Fus. (Newtonstewart).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The enemy attacked a trench which his company was holding. Although under very heavy rifle fire, he rushed to that part of the trench in which the enemy was gaining a footing, and with great courage led an attack which drove them out. It was mainly owing to his promptitude and fearlessness that the enemy attack was repulsed.

371575 Sjt. H. Payne, M.M., London R. (Icklingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon officer was killed, he took charge of the platoon, and handled it with great courage and skill, advancing his line during the night 300 yards without a single casualty.

R/35264 Rfn. G. Peat, K.R.R.C. (Ripley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Being the first in the rush on an enemy post, he was the first to follow his officer into the "pill-box," which was the main objective. On his officer being treacherously shot by one of the enemy, who fired from behind a man with his hands up, he then accounted for the three remaining men of the enemy garrison, and after the signal to withdraw had been given, he remained in a position outside the "pill-box," firing until the party had made good their withdrawal. His conduct throughout was worthy of the highest praise.

6192 Sjt. O. Pennicard, C. Gds. (Billinghurst).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of a section on the right of the line after the capture of the objective in an attack. He kept in touch with the unit next to him and beat off several counter-attacks, in one case following up the enemy with his Lewis gun and causing heavy casualties. He set a splendid example of leadership and initiative.

240628 Sjt. J. Pennington, York and Lan. R. (Barnsley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in attacking single-handed an enemy machine gun which was causing severe casualties. He wounded the gunner and captured the gun, and the remaining five of the team surrendered. He then reorganised his platoon and recaptured the objective.

4644 Sjt. W. J. Peoples, Welsh R. (Stansted).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a platoon. The battalion was ordered to advance and retake a position from which another unit had been driven back. During the advance under a heavy enemy barrage he kept his platoon well in hand, and, collecting detached men of other units, advanced through a village just in time to meet the advancing enemy. He drove back the advanced parties of the enemy and, under heavy rifle fire which caused many casualties in his platoon, succeeded in establishing a firing line on the far side of the village and held the enemy until reinforcements arrived, when a further

advance was made. His courage and good leading were instrumental in saving the village, and his gallantry and coolness were a most inspiring example to his men.

5619 C./S./M. A. G. Pettit, C. Gds. (Balham, S.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Throughout the attack he was in command of a platoon. He led his men with the greatest gallantry and skill, and on reaching his objective began at once to reorganise his platoon, which had suffered severe casualties. Observing that the enemy were massing for a counter-attack, he forestalled them by leading out a party and driving the enemy out of a dug-out position. He showed the finest example to all ranks, both of gallantry and bold initiative, in dealing with a difficult situation.

22938 Pte. A. J. Pharaoh, Bord. R. (Tooting).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He collected a few men and attacked an enemy strong point in conjunction with another party. They captured the position in spite of heavy fire from the enemy, taking three machine guns and over fifty prisoners. He showed splendid qualities of leadership and courage.

200088 Sjt. B. E. Phillips, R.W. Surr. R. (S. Croydon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Though some confusion had resulted from crossing a stream, he collected the men around him and successfully assaulted a position despite considerable opposition. He then led his men across a swamp, collecting others who had lost their way, and established a strong and well-sighted position with trenches 6 ft. deep. On relief he withdrew all his men through shell fire without a casualty.

13121 Sjt. H. T. Piper, E. Surrey R. (Putney, S.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon came under annihilating machine gun fire, he rallied his men into a house, which he prepared for defence with eight men and many wounded whom he took in for shelter. He was cut off for the whole day. At nightfall he successfully conducted the whole party and such of the wounded as could be moved to our out-post line.

23484 Pte. F. Plummer, S. Wales Bord. (New Tredegar).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When an advance was checked he went forward, cleared a strong point, and captured eight prisoners. Later, he was responsible for the capture of another strong point, five prisoners, and a machine gun. He discovered a strong point, which he himself silenced, and also took an officer and ten other ranks prisoners. He continued to show great dash until wounded.

633 Pte. (L./C.) V. B. Polden, M.G. Gds. (Brixton Deverill).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was, with a sub-section of