

267193 L./Cpl. B. Rands, Glouc. R. (Mimdford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The enemy having forced an entry into our sap, he took up a position on the parapet when the supply of bombs was exhausted, and got his Lewis gun into action, until finally the enemy were driven off. During an enemy advance he kept his gun in action and held them up while his company withdrew to another position.

5433 C.S.M. (A./R.S.M.) W. G. Rice, Midd'x R. (Finchley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in keeping the front line companies supplied with ammunition and grenades during two days' operations. He personally visited the forward positions under heavy fire to ascertain if they were in need of more supplies.

46048 Sjt. T. E. Riddle, R.G.A. (Mansfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the infantry had been driven back through the guns he displayed the greatest courage in supervising their fire, and when, owing to machine-gun and rifle fire, it became necessary to abandon the guns, he remained behind to extract the breeches from damaged ones, being all the time under close range rifle fire.

28781 L./Cpl. A. E. Rix, R.W. Fus. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. Becoming isolated with his Lewis gun team, he extricated the party by attacking the enemy, who had two machine guns, capturing both guns, an officer, and a number of prisoners.

242192 Sjt. F. Roberts, Yorks. L.I. (Nr. Doncaster).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon, which was advancing without the aid of Tanks, was held up by an enemy strong point, held by 25 men and a machine gun, he left the platoon to engage it frontally, while he, with two men, walked round and bombed it from the rear, cutting off the retreat of the garrison, who were subsequently accounted for. He was himself responsible for killing or capturing a large number of the enemy, and though wounded remained with his platoon.

*10173 L./Cpl. H. Robertson, Sea. Highrs. (Dunkeld).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He did excellent work during the operations, and showed an utter disregard of danger during the several engagements in which he took part. He behaved with great courage and coolness also on previous occasions.

14136 Sjt. W. W. V. Robertson, Midd'x R. (Finsbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in helping to reorganise the company after his senior N.C.O.'s had become casualties. He also rescued three men from a burning Tank in our front line under heavy machine-gun fire.

305815 A./Sjt. B. Robinson, W. Rid. R. (Springhead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In answer to a Tank signal he led his platoon forward about 300 yards in spite of heavy fire, and then, getting in advance of the Tank, captured a machine-gun officer and twenty-one men.

14642 C.Q.M.S. J. Robinson, R. Ir. Fus. (Portadown).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when acting as company serjeant-major in an attack on a village. He took command when his officers were wounded, and displayed initiative and boldness in leading the advance, and in clearing the enemy from houses and cellars when the village was reached. He rendered valuable assistance in repelling an enemy counter-attack.

235290 Sjt. T. Robins, N. Lanc. R. (Kington-upon-Thames).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as platoon serjeant when in command of his platoon in an attack. Although wounded three times, he continued on duty until forced by exhaustion to go to the regimental aid post. On his way there he assisted three wounded men under heavy shell fire.

30315 C.S.M. J. M. Robson, W. Yorks. R. (Blyth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When troops on the flank of his company failed to come forward, he quickly reorganised the men on the flank of the company, took forward a party of ten men, attacked the enemy on the flank, drove him back 200 yards, and secured his own position.

5446 Pte. J. Roche, Ir. Gds. (New Ross).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Seeing an enemy machine gun firing on his company from a flank during an attack, he rushed and captured it single-handed, killing two of the team. His prompt and courageous action undoubtedly saved many lives.

41147 Cpl. H. Roe, R. Ir. Fus. (Harrow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon commander was wounded he took command of the left flank, and secured it against counter-attacks. He held up the enemy's advance with great determination, and was responsible for bringing into our lines several wounded men.

31265 B.S.M. G. Rogers, R.G.A. (Whitchurch).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On a premature burst occurring in the bore of one of the guns, which fired the charges in the gun-pit and caused two casualties, he, with two men, entered the pit, which was on fire, and carried out the wounded men, returning at once to extinguish the flames, which were fast approaching the high explosive and gas shells. His prompt and gallant action was in the highest