

4248 Pte. (A./Cpl.) F. Crossley, Lan. Fus. (Burnley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of a section of a raiding party. He led his men successfully against an enemy machine-gun post, killing three of the garrison himself and assisting in capturing a machine gun, which he brought back to his lines. Against strong enemy opposition he showed marked determination and powers of leadership.

142268 Sjt. R. Crouch, M.G. Corps (St. Helens).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of a section. During a counter-attack by the infantry he led his guns forward through a heavy barrage and placed them on the exposed flank of the required position. During a subsequent attack by the enemy on this position he covered the withdrawal of the infantry with his guns and killed many of the enemy, and when compelled to withdraw himself he skilfully withdrew his guns and at once got them into action again. He showed great courage and initiative.

S/17712 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) G. Currie, Cam. Highrs. (Motherwell).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a portion of his company were held up during an attack by machine-gun fire and barbed wire he rallied the men and led them forward and captured the position. During the work of consolidation he went forward and took an enemy machine gun which was causing casualties, accounting for the whole team. His coolness and fine example were of the utmost assistance to his company commander, who had lost two officers.

H/230089 L./Cpl. (A./Cpl.) P. Cutler, Yeo. (Witchampton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of the advanced section of the advance guard. His horse was shot under him, and in the fall his leg was fractured. He struggled back to the squadron, though repeatedly called on to surrender and fired at by an enemy officer at close range. On regaining his squadron he rendered great assistance in rallying the men, and totally disregarded his own injury. He behaved most pluckily.

9148 Pte. W. Dable, Hrs. (Stainton-in-the-Vale).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While in charge of an advanced patrol he sent back most valuable information as to the dispositions of the enemy. He kept in touch with the enemy and showed the greatest coolness in face of machine-gun fire. He was undoubtedly instrumental in assisting the squadron to reach its objective. Later in the day he did fine work patrolling. Throughout he showed fine courage and powers of leadership.

241168 Pte. W. Dale, Y. & L. Regt. (Rotherham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all his section except himself

were casualties he observed some enemy machine guns which were holding up our advance. In company with a private from another battalion under intense machine-gun fire he worked round the machine-gun nest and captured an officer and two privates and two machine guns. His gallant action materially assisted our further progress.

18437 Pte. W. Dalrymple, M.G. Corps (Annan).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on finding that a party of the enemy were in rear of his gun position. He crawled back under cover with his gun, brought it into action against the enemy, and killed all but one of the party. He then went forward and took up his original position, firing belt after belt on the advancing enemy and causing heavy casualties. He did splendid service and showed courage and initiative of a high order.

66099 2nd Cpl. (A./Cpl.) D. H. Davies, B.E. (Stonehouse).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He was the last to leave brigade headquarters in charge of a party of signallers carrying valuable telephone and signalling stores, and under heavy machine-gun fire got all safely away. Next day, when headquarters had to be moved again on account of heavy shelling, he sent away all his signallers and remained alone at the telephone. He thus maintained communication until new brigade headquarters were established. Throughout the operations his personal example and gallantry were an inspiration to all the men in the brigade section.

572724 L./C. J. G. Davies, Lond. R. (Lever Street, E.C.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his section during a daylight raid and captured the objective. Though wounded in the shoulder he attacked a party of ten of the enemy single handed, and with the assistance of his section accounted for them all. He set a splendid example of courage and determined endurance.

L/8505 Sjt. B. Davis, M.M., R.W. Kent R. (Poplar, E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of the battalion signalling arrangements, which he carried out with excellent judgment and complete disregard of danger. Under machine-gun and artillery fire of the heaviest description, he distinguished himself by his courage and the resourceful way in which, with entire devotion to duty, he repaired the broken lines. His example inspired and stimulated his men to similar efforts, and it was largely owing to his work that communications were so successfully maintained.

9194 C.S.M. W. E. Davis, M.M., Linc. R. (Shoreditch).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He was largely instrumental in reorganising his company after its withdrawal; and in face of heavy machine-gun fire checked and organised men of various units. Next day, when the flank of his company became exposed, he