

reached his final objective with a handful of men. He set a splendid example of courage and fine leadership.

10384 Cpl. J. Downey, R. Ir. R. (Ros-trevor).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went out with an officer and entered the enemy lines. Meeting some of the enemy, he accounted for several himself. The two then temporarily withdrew owing to intense machine-gun fire, keeping up a running fight and killing more of the enemy; but returned again to the enemy trenches and obtained an identification. He showed splendid courage and determination, and did grand work.

18562 Pte. (L./Cpl.) H. Duffell, M.M., R. Ir. Regt. (Horsham).

For conspicuous gallantry and determination during a raid. He was in charge of a Lewis gun section forming a right defensive flank after the first objective had been gained. Owing to an enemy machine gun opening fire from the other flank, one Lewis gun was despatched to silence this. The No. 1 was wounded and Lance-Corporal Duffell brought the gun on alone and brought it into action. The fire from the enemy machine gun at once ceased, and four dead enemy were found by the gun. He did splendid service.

241140 Pte. J. H. Dukes, York. R. (Bever-ley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a stretcher-bearer. He went out repeatedly under heavy shell fire and brought in wounded. He was continuously in action for over three weeks, and throughout this period showed consistent courage and devotion to duty in the care of the wounded.

295734 Pte. R. Duncan, R. Sco. Fus. (Torthorwald).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He rushed a machine-gun post, shooting one gunner while the other two ran off leaving their gun. His fine courage and initiative inspired his comrades and greatly facilitated their advance.

14395 Cpl. E. Dyson, Y. & L. Regt. (Rotherham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. was in charge of a party specially detailed to destroy the foot bridges over a stream during a night attack. When the objective of the attack was reached, several of the enemy were observed escaping over the bridges. Corpl. Dyson at once charged forward with his party and threw some of the enemy into the river, where they were afterwards made prisoners, bayonetting others, and capturing a machine-gun. By his splendid dash and determination he prevented the escape of several of the enemy and the withdrawal of the machine-gun.

200871 C./S./M. J. J. Eddie. Gord. Highrs. (Aberdeen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed brilliant leadership and initiative in action. When the situation was very obscure, by his great gallantry he rallied

his men and reorganised the position, setting a splendid example of coolness and devotion to duty.

50345 Sjt. D. Edgar, M.M., R.F.A. (Thorn-liebank, Renfrewshire).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He fought his gun until the enemy was practically in the emplacement. Holding them off as best he could, he destroyed his gun, removed his sights and breech block, and got away the survivors of his detachment. In a trying, difficult and isolated position this N.C.O. displayed leadership and devotion to duty of a very high quality.

31559 Sjt. O. R. Elliott, E. Lan. R. (Port-land).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On one occasion during an attack he personally rushed an enemy post and bayoneted three of the enemy. He rendered great assistance to the platoons on both his flanks by his able co-operation and the skilful manner he directed fire to cover their advance, and his initiative and good leadership enabled his own men to inflict heavy casualties on the enemy. He was subsequently wounded, but declined to leave his platoon until forced to do so, exhausted by loss of blood. He set a very fine example of courage and fortitude to all around him.

19558 Sjt. G. Ellis, R.W. Fus. (Chew-magna).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in command of a platoon which held a front line of outposts. Under repeated enemy attacks with a heavy machine-gun and artillery barrage these posts were lost, but with great gallantry and dash this non-commissioned officer led successful counter-attacks which fully restored the position. He then displayed splendid skill in reorganising the defences and garrisons under fire from enemy machine guns.

482140 Sjt. H. Ellis, M.M., R.E. (Rother-ham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In spite of a heavy enemy barrage he repeatedly went across the open to assist in the repair of lines that were cut by the enemy shelling. Throughout ten days' fighting he set a brilliant example of courage and devotion to duty, and it was largely due to him that communications were maintained between battalions and brigade advanced report centre.

9421 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) E. England, M.M., Dorset. R. (Bournemouth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid by his battalion. He took a Lewis-gun team down the slope of a ravine and killed a number of the enemy coming out of their dug-outs. Later, although unarmed, he attacked one of the enemy and killed him with his fists. Throughout the raid he displayed a fine fighting spirit, setting a splendid example to all about him.