

57599 Pte. F. J. S. Hutchings, Worc. R. (Totnes).

For conspicuous gallantry in a raid to secure prisoners. He carried out his task well, which was to approach an enemy pill-box independently from the rear and bomb it from a flank. After the pill-box had been entered, he tried to capture a machine-gun post, but got cut off from his companions. After eighteen hours in "No Man's Land" he got back to his company.

15347 L./Cpl. A. Hutton, M.M., Durh. L.I. (Crook).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in rushing and capturing a post containing six of the enemy, thus allowing the company to continue its advance. Later, with his company commander, two machine guns in action were located. They worked round and rushed them, the gunners surrendering.

M2/120576 Sjt. S. Ibbeson, A.S.C. (M.T.), (Wakefield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of two caterpillars which had taken a heavy gun to a position 1,000 yards from the front line for a special operation. Heavy enemy shell fire developing, orders were given for its withdrawal, whereupon he successfully accomplished the difficult task of manoeuvring the gun from the pit and taking it along a track under heavy shell fire. This action saved the gun, as the platform was almost immediately afterwards destroyed by a direct hit.

S/13186 Sjt. J. C. Iveson, Gord. Highrs. (Clayton, Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon was held up in an attack by an enemy strong point in the open, he led his men up to it very skilfully in spite of heavy casualties. Although wounded, he charged the garrison with his platoon and killed or captured them all. He was again wounded very badly, but refused to leave his men until the objective was reached and consolidation was commenced. He showed courage, ability, and endurance of a very high order, and his splendid example inspired his men to such efforts as were undoubtedly responsible for the success of the advance.

240002 C./S./M. T. Jackson, N. Lan. R. (Bolton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy counter-attack. When all the officers of his company had been put out of action, he assumed command and held on to a forward position under heavy shell and machine-gun fire until all Lewis gun ammunition was exhausted. He then withdrew the company and reorganised.

17140 L./Sjt. W. Jackson, M.G. Corps (New Cumnock).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when commanding two gun teams during an enemy attack. His example of coolness and determination under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire encouraged his men in keeping his guns in action until the last moment.

He subsequently extricated his guns, and took up new positions after personal reconnaissance. The excellent work done by his guns was entirely due to his gallant conduct.

9511 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) G. W. Jenkins, R. Berks. R. (Porchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid. With supreme contempt of his own personal safety, he led his men with great dash, and was largely responsible for taking the first objective. After withdrawal he returned 400 yards into the enemy lines under heavy fire and brought back a sniping man. He did splendid work.

34741 Pte. J. M. Jobe, North'd Fus. (Newcastle-on-Tyne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He took command of a Lewis gun team after the N.C.O. had become a casualty, and under heavy shell fire maintained his position throughout the day, causing many casualties among the enemy and greatly assisting to readjust a critical situation. He did splendid service.

S/41229 Pte. J. Kennedy, Sea. Highrs. (Airdrie).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his section commander was killed by a sniper, he at once took command of the section, and, going forward alone, rushed the post and killed the sniper. He then led his section forward. Both on this occasion and throughout the operations he showed the greatest gallantry and contempt for danger, and set a splendid example to his comrades.

17672 Pte. (L./Cpl.) W. Kennell, M.M., Herts. R. (Thrapston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in repelling, after a heavy bombardment, two vigorous hostile attacks against his post. He was seriously wounded, but kept his men well in hand and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy, who withdrew leaving a wounded prisoner behind.

83854 Pte. (L./Cpl.) V. Kibble, M.G. Corps (Rawtenstall).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an advance he was in charge of a machine-gun and team. He went forward, as close to the barrage as possible, looking for positions from which he could assist the infantry. While doing so he came upon an enemy light machine-gun that was inflicting losses on our infantry. He killed two of the detachment, and turned the captured gun on the remainder, who were retiring. Our infantry were then able to advance. His coolness, initiative and devotion to duty under heavy and continuous fire of all descriptions were very conspicuous.

751495 B.S.M. R. P. Kirkup, R.F.A. (Newcastle-on-Tyne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. While his section was being heavily shelled and also engaged by five low-flying enemy planes, he behaved with great gallantry and coolness.