

sioned officers had become casualties. Under heavy fire and on his own initiative he reorganised the line with great skill and courage. At a critical period his grasp of the situation was largely responsible for the steadiness of his company in the advance.

29643 Motor Cy. Cpl. J. White, R.E. (Cork).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when carrying urgent despatches. Although twice fired upon by parties of the enemy with machine guns and rifles he waited his opportunity and got through them, and delivered his despatches to their destination. He showed great coolness and resourcefulness. Throughout the operations he did excellent work under arduous and dangerous conditions.

250223 C.S.M. H. D. Whitford, Manch. R. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack on an enemy strong point. He led a party under heavy machine-gun fire to bring in a man lying in No Man's Land, and led another party with ammunition and rations through to the garrisons holding the new posts. Throughout the operations he set a fine example of courage and resource to the men of his company.

60482 Pte. W. Wiggans, M.M., Ches. R. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while carrying messages to the front line under very heavy shell fire, the situation being at the time uncertain, and the outpost companies being almost surrounded. By his tenacity and courage in delivering these messages two companies were successfully extricated from a very precarious position.

2493 Sjt. G. W. Wiggin, Lan. Fus (Oswaldtwistle).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of a group during a raid. He charged ahead of everyone, and was the first into the enemy position. Here he met seven of the enemy, of whom he himself killed four and captured three. He set a splendid example to all ranks.

9894 Sjt. J. Wigston, Sea. Highrs. (West Kilbride).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Early in an advance all the officers of his company became casualties. He then assumed command, and successfully led the company to the objective, personally capturing two machine guns and twelve prisoners. He displayed magnificent gallantry and determination, and his leadership was admirable.

38518 Sjt. R. Wilkie, York. L.I. (Bargeddie).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. With his company commander he proceeded along 300 yards of trench, bombing the enemy and capturing many prisoners. He personally accounted for a great number of the enemy, who became completely demoralised by the determination of the counter-attack. Throughout the operation he showed splendid courage and dash.

301000 Sjt. W. H. Williams, att'd. L'pool R. (Edge Hill).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He volunteered to enter an enemy trench alone, and bring back an identification. The sap-head was first bombarded with Stokes mortars and rifle grenades, and two enemy were observed to bolt down the sap. Serjeant Williams then dashed across the open and entered the sap. He made his way about thirty yards down it, and ran into an enemy N.C.O. at the head of a small party. By persuasion, a couple of kicks, and a revolver shot or two fired wide to frighten him, he got this N.C.O. out of the trench, through a shower of bombs, and back to his own lines. His splendid courage and enterprise won the admiration of all, and the identification so much needed at the time was secured.

12/1246 C.S.M. J. A. Willoughby, Y. and L. Regt. (Heeley, Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed an absolute disregard of danger during an enemy attack, and several times led parties of men to their battle positions through gas and heavy shell fire. He also helped to carry in a wounded man of a patrol under heavy machine-gun fire. He set a splendid example to his men.

325306 Sjt. W. Wilson, Durh. L.I. (Winlaton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he frequently rallied his men and led them forward under intense machine-gun fire. Having captured his objective, he went out on his own initiative under very heavy fire some half a mile to a flank in order to get touch with the unit next to him. During eight days' heavy fighting his energy was untiring and his ability and leadership conspicuous. He set a splendid example of courage and devotion to duty.

265080 C.S.M. E. Wiseman, W. Rid. R. (Keighley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took out a party of eleven other ranks and occupied an enemy post six hundred yards from his lines that had been raided early that morning. Shortly after arrival he observed an enemy party about twenty strong advancing towards the post. When the latter were within fifteen yards he called on them to surrender. The leader drew his revolver and some of the others started to throw bombs. C.S.M. Wiseman shot the leader dead and ordered his men to open fire, inflicting heavy loss on the others, only two of whom got away. He showed great coolness and fine leadership, and did valuable service.

9662 R.S.M. H. O. Withers, R.F.A. (Hull).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. Whilst he was working in the headquarter wagons a shell exploded on the wagon park, wounding some men and animals and causing a stampede. At considerable risk he stopped two of the teams, and eventually got his wagons