

intense machine-gun fire. The strong point and many prisoners were captured.

21690 Cpl. H. Davies, Welsh R. (Maesteg).

When the advance was checked by the fire of three machine guns he at once organised and led a bombing party, which he skilfully manoeuvred to within short distance of the nest of machine guns. Shortly afterwards the advance progressed without opposition. His determined and gallant behaviour was worthy of very high praise.

45148 Rfn. J. Dennison, K.R.R.C. (Hull).

When some of our men were being driven back by a large party of the enemy, Rfn. Dennison and a Lance-Corporal jumped up on the parapet of the trench and heavily bombed the advancing enemy who became greatly demoralised. Our troops resumed the offensive and captured many prisoners and machine guns. The gallant action of this soldier and his companion undoubtedly saved an awkward situation.

110075 Pte. G. W. Dickenson, Tank Corps (Heworth, York.).

For conspicuous gallantry and skill in repairing his Tank after it had been set on fire, although closely surrounded by the enemy all the time. His officer had been killed and his first driver wounded, but he drove the Tank through the enemy and brought in fifty prisoners.

202739 Sjt. H. Dickinson, M.M., R. Lanc. R. (Ulverston).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative in an attack. He attacked an enemy machine-gun team of six men, killing them all and destroying the gun. Later, on reaching his objective, he rallied and reorganised under fire a party of men who had advanced too far and were caught in the barrage. He showed splendid leadership and resource throughout the action.

275102 Pte. H. T. Dorrington, Lond. R. (Brockley).

During an advance he and another man were led by a N.C.O. to attack an enemy machine gun which was causing many casualties. They crawled to within ten yards of the gun, which was firing directly at them, and Pte. Dorrington got up and rushed the gun, which he turned on the enemy at once. He killed two of the crew and three prisoners were secured. His boldness and dash were splendid.

528464 L./Cpl. (A./2nd Cpl.) H. E. Drage, R.E. (Brondesbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He spent the whole night under persistent shell fire repairing the breaks in the telephone line from brigade to battalion. He also with five linesmen under his charge at a linesman's post mended lines for several hours under heavy gas shell bombardment, and though badly gassed remained, and worked the exchange single-handed after the rest of the men had been removed to hospital. He behaved splendidly.

11370 Pte. P. Duffy, Bord. R. (Ballagdeen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid. He was one of the relay post of stretcher bearers, and under heavy trench mortar barrage which killed the medical officer and others, he continued at duty dressing the wounded. He and another bearer carried down a stretcher case and he led back a squad of bearers. It was due to his energy and disregard for his own safety that the wounded were got back without loss of time.

16840 Pte. H. J. C. Eades, Devon. R. (Plymouth).

In company with a non-commissioned officer he was endeavouring to get touch with the battalion on the flank, when they met the enemy advancing to retake the positions lost the day before. Pte Eades immediately opened rapid fire on the enemy, who became quite demoralised, and 200 of them surrendered. The courage displayed by this man in the face of overwhelming numbers was of the finest description.

23531 L./Cpl. J. Edwards, R. Lanc. R. (Barrow-in-Furness).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative in an advance. When all his men had become casualties he collected some others, and carried out his orders, making a successful reconnaissance of part of the enemy's position. On returning, he brought a captured trench mortar into action and fired it until all the ammunition was expended. He showed great courage and resource throughout.

31216 Pte. J. T. Edwards, Devon. R. (Llanelly).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. When his platoon was out of touch with the left he went out three times under very heavy machine-gun and rifle fire to get touch, which he eventually did. The information obtained by him enabled his platoon to maintain their position. Later he went forward under heavy fire and brought in a wounded non-commissioned officer. Throughout the day he took command of his section and showed the finest qualities of leadership.

43402 Pte. (L./Cpl.) W. H. Edwards, Suff. R. (Ely).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of the brigade observers. During a period of open fighting he kept brigade headquarters continually informed of the progress of patrols and the position of the enemy; he was also instrumental in locating enemy machine guns and enabling the artillery to engage them. He showed absolute disregard of personal danger, and under the heaviest fire displayed the greatest coolness and resource.

200631 Pte. D. J. Elam, R. Scots (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his section splendidly in an attack, and cleared huts held by machine guns. He bombed and rushed a post with his section, killing an officer and five men, and enabling his company to reach their