

objective. During four days' advance he did very fine work indeed.

S/7972 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) M. Ellington, Rif. Bde. (Natal, S. Africa).

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership. When several non-commissioned officers of the company became casualties during an advance he took command and led the company with great coolness and determination. By skilful handling of his Lewis guns he enabled the attack to go forward after it had been held up, and ably assisted his left flank, which met with strong enemy resistance. His excellent example contributed largely to the success of the operation.

55673 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) H. G. Ellis, R.W. Fus. (Gloucester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. He was responsible for the capture of a trench mortar, the crew of which he killed. Later he assumed command of his platoon, and did excellent work mopping up, subsequently helping to drive off an enemy counter-attack. He showed marked courage and ability to command.

18258 Cpl. W. A. Ellis, Bedf. R. (Watford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of the remnants of his platoon during an enemy attack. When the enemy had captured the forward outposts he led a small party forward with a Lewis gun, restored a large portion of the outpost line, and captured eighteen of the enemy and three light machine guns. Throughout the operations he displayed courage and leadership of a very high order.

10995 Cpl. A. Evans, M.M., R.F.A. (Coventry).

He extinguished a fire in the ammunition recess at very great risk, thus saving a disastrous explosion. Two men who had been badly burnt by the explosion of the shell which started the fire ran out into the open, being delirious with pain, and were heavily fired on by the enemy machine guns. Regardless of his own safety, he ran out and got them back under cover. His very gallant and self-sacrificing conduct were admirable, and his example had a great effect on his comrades.

89128 Pte. R. Farley, L'pool R. (Ardwick).

For conspicuous gallantry and resource in an attack. When his platoon was held up by two enemy machine guns he rushed forward over fifty yards of fireswept ground, killed the nearest gunner and single-handedly captured the remainder of the teams and both the machine guns. His courageous and determined action saved a critical situation and contributed greatly to the success of the whole attack.

9280 B.S.M. H. R. Fautley, M.M., R.F.A. (Blackheath).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his battery coming into action was heavily shelled, he showed great resource in getting the detachments to a flank. Later, when the S.O.S. message was received, he brought the men back to the guns and set a magnificent example of coolness and complete disregard for his own safety.

51610 Gnr. T. Fellowes, R.F.A. (Kettering).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Wagons were being pressed forward with ammunition to an advanced battery position, and two land-mines exploded under his wagon, killing or wounding the men and horses. Though severely wounded himself, he harnessed two horses to an undamaged wagon and delivered the ammunition to the battery position. His courage throughout was remarkable.

301290 L./Cpl. H. Fleck, Tank Corps (Waltham Green).

For conspicuous gallantry and endurance. Although suffering severely from wounds and petrol fumes, he drove his Tank into action and continued until he fell unconscious on his way back to the rallying point. Throughout the operations he set a magnificent example of courage.

40666 Pte. J. Fleming, H.L.I. (Glasgow).

41617 Pte. W. Gray, H.L.I. (Kilwinning).

55770 Pte. W. J. Jones, H.L.I. (Peebles).

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When their battalion relieved another unit in the front line, these men formed part of an advanced post under Cpl. D. F. Hunter, V.C., H.L.I., which was established in shell holes close to the enemy. The following afternoon the enemy drove back the posts on their flanks and established posts in close proximity all round them, thus completely cutting them off. Though almost entirely without food or water, the party maintained their position, repelling enemy attacks until the evening of the third day, when a counter-attack relieved them. Before relief they had to undergo the barrage fire of the enemy and of our own attack, which came right across their post. Their moral was quite unimpaired when relieved, and their conduct was a magnificent example of courage and endurance to all.

8491 Sjt. J. Foy, R. Innis. Fus. (Derrygonnelly, Co. Fermanagh).

For conspicuous gallantry in command of his platoon during an attack. When an enemy machine gun attempted to check his advance, he came round its flank and with another man charged it and captured the gun and four prisoners. He set a splendid example of courage and determination to his men.

237861 Pte. S. Gardiner, Shrops. L.I. (Trehbert).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He carried in wounded men a long distance under heavy machine-gun fire, and killed two of the enemy whom he found trying to carry away a wounded man. He also sniped three of the enemy, and brought back valuable information. He did splendid work.

29140 Pte. G. A. Garside, Bord. R. (Delph, Huddersfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid. He assisted in the rushing and capture of two machine guns, carried