

acted entirely of his own accord, the only officer near him having just been hit. His dash and gallantry were admirable.

203156 Pte. W. H. Lowther, York. R. (South Bank, Yorks.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. With an officer and party of three he penetrated the enemy's main position. He attacked a large party of the enemy and killed a number of them both with rifle fire and bayonet. He then assisted his officer to clear up two large enemy dug-outs, killing all who resisted, and afterwards helped him to take back twelve prisoners. Throughout the operation this young Private showed a magnificent fighting spirit and the utmost contempt of danger.

265555 Sjt. F. Luckman, R. War. R. (Coventry).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative during a raid. When his platoon became disorganised by heavy rifle grenade fire on nearing the objective, he immediately collected a few men, entered the trench and bombed down, clearing trench and dug-outs, killing about thirty of the enemy and capturing many prisoners. He personally cleared all dug-outs, setting a splendid example of courage. He afterwards organised his men, and formed a defensive line.

34671 L./Cpl. J. Lumb, Lan. Fus. (Rochdale).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was wounded at the beginning of an attack, and being unable to walk, crawled after his section to the most advanced post of the battalion, where he remained for thirty-six hours helping in the consolidation. He set a splendid example of courage and determination.

514122 Sjt. C. McAllister, Lond. R. (Port William).

He commanded his platoon in two attacks on a village, and on both occasions he led his men under heavy machine-gun fire with gallantry, judgment and determination to their objective. On the second day he was wounded severely in the back, but refused to leave his platoon or have his wound dressed until the battalion came out of action. His example greatly inspired his men.

330526 C./S./M. J. C. McCarten, M.M., L'pool R. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative in an attack. He led a platoon with great dash and skill under heavy machine-gun fire, bombed his way along the enemy trench, which he then consolidated and held. Later he showed splendid resource in forming a defensive flank.

14556 A./C./S./M. W. J. McClean, R. Ir. Fus. (Portadown).

During an attack he got round the flank of a machine gun that was causing casualties to our men, and killed four of the team and put the gun out of action. When the enemy counter-attacked, he skilfully disposed two Lewis guns, and opening fire on the enemy at point-blank range, he broke up the counter-attack on his front with very

heavy losses. He displayed great gallantry and very high qualities of leadership and initiative.

8625 L./Sjt. J. McCreedy, R. Ir. Fus. (Belfast).

When his platoon commander had been killed he took command, and controlled his men with great ability during a difficult and trying time, when an intense bombardment was causing many casualties. He held on to his own position, and helped another platoon to reach their objective by pushing forward the remnants of his men and opening a heavy fire on the enemy. He displayed great gallantry throughout the operations, and very high qualities of leadership and determination.

241012 Sjt. A. MacDougall, H.L.I. (Greenock).

For conspicuous gallantry and determination during an attack. Under heavy machine-gun fire he rallied his men, and when the attack was held up he rallied a small party, and brought in wounded from in front of the enemy wire. Three days later, when an enemy machine-gun post was holding up his company, he got his Lewis gun directed on it from a flank, and single-handed went forward and captured the gun. He set a splendid example of courage to his men.

203406 Pte. D. McFarlane, H.L.I. (Glasgow).

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his battalion relieved another unit in the front line, this man was one 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. On the second night this man and another went out to try and get into our lines and bring back rations and water. The other man was killed, and he himself was badly wounded. After wandering about "No Man's Land" for five hours he succeeded in reaching another of our posts, and gave information as to the position of his party. He showed magnificent courage and determination.

51812 Sjt. C. McGregor, Ches. R. (Hoole, Chester).

When the advance of the battalion was held up by the enemy machine-gun fire, he went out single-handed and killed the detachment and captured the machine gun. His gallant action saved the battalion many casualties. Throughout the day he set a splendid example of courage and devotion to duty.

250234 Cpl. W. Mackie, R. Scots (Edinburgh).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. He kept his Lewis-gun section together, and inspired them by his cool behaviour until they had all become casualties. Later he collected remnants of companies and formed them into a series of posts, preventing the line being penetrated. Later, when seriously wounded, he remained at duty encouraging his men. He set a splendid