

example of cool courage and devotion to duty.

S/23852 Sjt. J. MacIver, Sea. Highrs. (Cromarty).

For conspicuous gallantry while acting company serjeant-major during an advance. When company headquarters were fired on by a machine-gun from some ruined houses just in front he at once worked round the gun team and dislodged them, killing one and scattering the others. His initiative and daring saved many lives. Throughout the advance he was of the greatest assistance to his company commander.

11007 Sjt. H. McMahon, H.L.I. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, acting as company serjeant-major. He rendered invaluable assistance to his company commander, and when a very heavy barrage, including gas, was put on the area through which the company had to move forward he showed great coolness and absolute disregard for personal safety while collecting the company and getting them started off.

R/4640 Sjt. J. McMahon, K.R.R.C. (Walthamstow).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative. He was one of the first to reach the objective in an attack, and then saw that the advance of the battalion on his left was checked by machine-gun fire. He went forward alone, located the machine gun, and then organised Lewis-gun fire, which silenced the enemy gun. Throughout five days' operations he displayed great energy and contempt of danger.

17418 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) H. J. Maddock, D.C.L.I. (Edmonton, N.).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. When his platoon officer was wounded he took charge and led the platoon to its objective in face of heavy machine-gun fire. Later, he took out a patrol and established a post, and then returned and led his company through without a casualty with a large capture of prisoners. He rendered valuable service.

5758 C./S./M. J. Mahoney, Manch. R. (Oldham).

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership in an attack. He took command of his company when the company commander was wounded, and led it with the greatest determination at a critical time. He led a platoon to attack an enemy machine gun, which he captured, with nine prisoners, and enabled the advance to continue. He set a splendid example of coolness and resource.

58210 Cpl. A. Mail, M.G. Corps (Derby).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst commanding a machine-gun team under very heavy shell fire. When the enemy counter-attacked, and his gun and tripod had been blown down by shell fire, he mounted it again in a shell hole and continued to fire on them. His action materially assisted in breaking up the enemy counter-attack.

240698 Cpl. J. H. Manchester, Linc. R. (Barton-on-Humber).

For conspicuous gallantry and resource in an attack. He led a charge against a strong point which was holding up the advance, put several of the enemy out of action, and captured the position and a machine gun. He then followed up the retreating enemy with a few men and took four prisoners. Throughout the operations he showed splendid courage and initiative under heavy fire.

785759 B.S.M. G. W. Markham, R.F.A. (Neepsend, Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during recent operations. Through heavy shell fire he took up a convoy and got all ordered ammunition up to the guns, which were within a short distance of the front line. He then pushed back through the fire a second time to refill. Through his speed and resolute courage all ammunition was delivered at the cost of only two horses and one wagon body.

13833 C.S.M. J. Marsden, N. Lan. R. (Preston).

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership. He took command of his company in an attack when all his officers were casualties. He organised the company and established posts when the position was very critical, and attacked and captured a machine gun which was inflicting casualties on the company. He set a splendid example of determination and resource.

16777 Sjt. H. T. Merrick, M.G. Corps (Rickmansworth).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative when in command of a sub-section of machine guns. He led his men forward under intense bombardment and got his guns into action with the advancing infantry. On the following day he got his guns into action in a very exposed position, from which he could bring direct fire to bear on the enemy from a flank. By his action the infantry were able to advance and gain their objective.

200212 Pte. (L./C.) H. Merriman, O. & B. L.I. (Thame).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative during a raid. He cleared several dug-outs with bombs, and on reaching one out of which the enemy refused to come he entered himself and emptied his rifle into the occupants. He then seized the rifle of the nearest enemy and fired the contents into them, causing them to surrender. He did fine work.

418077 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) J. Meston, M.M., R.E. (Stonehaven).

Within fifteen minutes of the occupation of an important position by our troops he ran out a line from brigade headquarters to the most advanced posts, working under heavy fire all the time. He maintained and repaired communication with this position throughout the day, it being a matter of vital importance, as a heavy counter-attack was impending. His disregard of danger and devotion to duty were admirable.