

attempting to reorganise. With his platoon he immediately rushed them, killing or capturing the whole thirty. He then went forward alone and spotted a machine gun nest which he engaged with his platoon and accounted for the whole team and two machine guns. He rendered magnificent service.

294391 Sjt. T. A. Watson, R.G.A. (Stockport).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his battery was heavily shelled, he carried a dangerously-wounded man through a severe barrage to a place of safety and applied first aid, thus probably saving his comrade's life. He took charge of a party to carry another wounded man back under intense fire to a place where transport could be obtained to take him to a hospital, that in the opinion of the medical officer being the only hope of saving the man's life. Throughout the day his splendid example of coolness and courage had a very marked effect on the non-commissioned officers and men under his command.

260319 Sjt. H. W. Wedlock, R. War. R. (Ealing).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed great gallantry and exceptional powers of leadership in command of a platoon during an attack, and later in a retirement when he withdrew his men under heavy fire with perfect coolness and in excellent order. Subsequently he rendered very good service by the way he took charge of reinforcements and utilised them to the best advantage. His reports to headquarters were excellent.

27925 Pte. J. H. White, R. Lanc. R. (Nottingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and resource during an attack. Single-handed he rushed an enemy machine-gun crew of six men who were using their rifles after their gun had been knocked out and captured them all. Later, he carried messages under heavy fire, and when wounded crawled to company headquarters and delivered a message before he collapsed. He showed splendid determination and devotion to duty.

200569 Sjt. W. T. White, R. Berks. R. (Woodley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when commanding a platoon during a raid. He attacked a large party of the enemy, captured seventeen prisoners, cleared several dug-outs, and then disposed his men to cover the withdrawal of the leading company. Throughout he showed great courage and initiative.

76264 Sjt. A. J. Whitehouse, R.F.A. (Brewood, Staffs.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while acting as battery serjeant-major. Under very heavy shelling, during which he was blown over once and afterwards wounded, he remained with the battery and was responsible for the supply of ammunition. Later, when unloading ammunition under heavy shelling and gas, a wagon was

overturned, beside casualties to men and horses; he immediately took charge, and by his coolness and ability enabled the ammunition supply to proceed.

36663 Pte. A. Williams, Som. L.I. (Sparkbrook, Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as one of a party chosen to clear an enemy machine-gun post. He was the first man to rush forward, and killed the machine gunner. Later he formed one of a party to follow a Tank, and, although wounded, refused to leave until forced to do so through exhaustion. He showed fine courage and determination.

16100 Sjt. D. Williams, Welsh R. (Ynysybwl).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During several days' hard fighting he set a splendid example of courage and determination to all ranks. On one occasion, when the last remaining officer of the company was hit, just before the attack started, he took command and led the men to the objective in the face of strong opposition, and kept his direction with great skill, in spite of many difficulties. As his was the directing company, this was a matter of great importance to the success of the attack.

45167 L./Cpl. E. Williams, R.W. Fus. (Aberhosen, Montg.).

For conspicuous gallantry and resource in an attack. When his platoon commander and serjeant had become casualties he took command of the platoon and led it to the final objective, which he captured and consolidated. He showed splendid leadership and initiative.

21442 Sjt. J. T. Williams, R.W. Fus. (Bangor).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the officers of his battalion had become casualties he took command and carried out the retirement, which became unavoidable, with admirable coolness, judgment and skill. He kept his men well in hand and his fine example was a very valuable encouragement during a difficult operation.

96533 L./Cpl. H. Wilson, Tank Corps (Bethnal Green).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the officer commanding was wounded, and the Tank disabled by a direct hit, he gave the order to evacuate the Tank while he himself remained behind and kept down the fire of machine guns, though exposed to the fire of a field battery at close range. He covered the retirement of the wounded officer and of the crew, which they made good, and then, when his Tank had received two more direct hits, and was on fire, he himself also got out and retired and took charge of the crew. His gallantry and presence of mind were admirable.

202337 Pte. S. J. Wilson, M.M., Lond. R. (Leytonstone).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was acting as stretcher-bearer, and repeatedly crawled out of the front line trench into "No Man's Land," under very