

was wounded. His energy and dash were a great incentive to his men at a critical time.

2350356 Pte. W. Neil, Infy.

When his platoon was being held up by snipers and machine-gun fire, this man, along with a comrade, rushed two posts under very heavy fire, killing or capturing five in one and seven in the other. This enabled the platoon to advance to the final objective.

769474 Sjt. J. W. Nutter, Infy.

This N.C.O. led his platoon across the open and charged a machine gun, which was holding up the advance. Although wounded, he insisted on carrying on, and when the front line companies were held up by machine-gun fire near the final objective, he led two sections forward in support, charging up a hill and gaining the crest, where he was again wounded while gallantly pressing on.

142488 Sjt. F. A. O'Donnell, M.M., Infy.

This N.C.O. led his platoon in the first wave of the attack through intense machine-gun fire. Although practically all his men became casualties, he gained the objective. The following day, while acting as platoon serjeant, he was severely wounded by a shell burst early in the attack. He has always distinguished himself.

195181 C./S./M. H. O'Heron, M.M., Infy.

This W.O. went forward with his company, which was checked by terrific machine-gun fire from a bit of ground overlooking the level along which the attack was coming. The company commander and both the officers of the leading platoons became casualties. Without any hesitation he took command and reached the objective. His coolness and resource led to the final success of the company's attack.

919302 Cpl. J. C. O'Toole, Infy.

This man went out with his serjeant against a machine gun which was firing on the company from a wood. They captured the gun and twelve men. Later, he volunteered with another man to establish communication with the unit on the right. The two men ran into an enemy patrol of one officer and twenty men, whom they forced to surrender and brought into the lines.

288033 Sjt. N. W. Pace, M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry while in charge of battalion scouts in forward service during an attack on a village. He was the first to enter the village, continually leading small rushes against enemy parties in face of heavy machine-gun fire. Later, he held an advanced block against enemy attacks, at one time being entirely surrounded. He set a very fine example of courage and determination to his men.

59768 Sjt. J. Packer, Infy.

During the advance he organised all stragglers that had gone astray in a thick mist, and on three successive occasions led

his party against machine-gun nests, killing or capturing the crews. Later, he met a battery of field guns in action in a village, which he charged, killing the crews. His courage and example were of a high order.

A/2390 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) W. E. Pagett, Infy.

During severe fighting this N.C.O. worked his way up a shallow disused trench to a machine-gun post, which he engaged single-handed, killing two and taking the remaining four prisoners. He then turned the gun on to the retreating enemy, and inflicted heavy casualties.

907662 Pte. J. Paton, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. When an enemy machine gun was causing heavy casualties, he dashed forward over seventy-five yards of open ground in face of the heavy fire and rushed the gunner, killing him and putting the gun out of action. By his splendid courage and promptitude he saved many casualties, and greatly facilitated the advance.

A20447 C./S./M. J. Porter, Infy.

This warrant officer rendered most valuable service in assembling his company in the dark, on ground that had not previously been reconnoitred. During the action, when part of the company was held up by machine-gun fire, he organised a flank attack which put it out of action. He set a fine example, and saved many lives by his gallantry and initiative.

178020 C./S./M. E. E. Potter, M.M., Infy.

When a machine-gun post was checking the attack this warrant officer collected a few stragglers, and by skilful manœuvring outflanked the post, and, rushing it, captured the gun and crew. He has at all times been a tower of strength to his company.

887111 A./C.S.M. R. Quilliam, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry in an attack. He showed marked initiative and resource in handling his men and led them fearlessly in face of heavy fire. On one occasion he, with five other men, rushed and captured two machine guns, killing or capturing nine of the enemy. He set a splendid example to his men.

892273 Pte. R. Rae, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. When his battalion was held up in a wood he rushed an enemy gun pit which held three snipers and killed one of them, while the other two surrendered. Later, when the enemy tried to break through, he used his machine gun with great effect, and was the cause of about forty of the enemy surrendering. He did splendid work and behaved most gallantly.

7677 Sjt. J. Robertson, Infy.

When the company met very determined resistance from massed machine guns this non-commissioned officer's commander was killed. He immediately took charge of the