

platoon, and with only one other N.C.O. to help, led it through severe fighting in a village, showing all the qualities of leadership and determination.

474200 Pte. C. Russell, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. Although a company runner, he greatly assisted to carry forward the charge of a platoon on two enemy field guns. The gunners were killed or captured and three horses killed. Private Russell mounted a horse, and, regardless of enemy fire, galloped to various parts of the line with messages, rendering valuable assistance in guiding detachments of his company to their objective. He rendered splendid service throughout the three days' operations.

304306 Sjt. E. J. Ryan, F.A.

During the temporary absence of the section commander this non-commissioned officer learnt that some neighbouring troops were held up by a nest of machine guns in a hedge. He immediately brought the fire of the section to bear on this point at close range, thereby neutralising the machine guns and allowing the advance to continue. This non-commissioned officer showed the greatest coolness throughout, setting a splendid example to the men.

835669 L./Cpl. C. R. Salsbury, Infy.

This man was section commander of the leading section, which came under intense machine-gun fire, losing all its Lewis gunners; so he took the gun and brought it into action, neutralising the enemy's fire. Then, with his officer, who was at once mortally wounded, he rushed the enemy post, seizing their machine gun and turning it on the flying enemy, after which he brought his wounded officer back under heavy fire. The following day his work was also a splendid example to all.

796597 Pte. P. Shand, Infy.

When his company was in the act of crossing a river it was suddenly fired upon at close range by an enemy machine gun. Without a moment's hesitation this man, with his section commander, rushed the gun, capturing it and four prisoners. This feat enabled the company to continue its crossing of the river.

118096 Sjt. J. M. Shields, Infy.

When about eighty of the enemy were cut off by his platoon and attempted to break through he strenuously opposed them, killing four before he was wounded. He continued in the attack until the objective was reached. He showed absolute disregard of danger, and set a fine example to his men.

416766 Pte. D. Simard, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. Single-handed he captured a machine gun and killed the crew. Throughout he set a splendid example of courage and initiative to younger soldiers.

427464 Sjt. J. P. Smith, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. When his officer became a casualty he took command of his platoon and carried them forward under heavy fire. He succeeded in killing or capturing the crews of four enemy machine guns. His excellent leadership and great personal courage enabled his men to overcome heavy odds.

466132 L./Cpl. F. W. D. Sorby, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and ability during an attack. He employed his Lewis gun to great tactical advantage, killing a large number of the enemy. By giving covering fire with his gun, he was responsible for the capture of two strong points by his section. He rendered most valuable service.

A36226 Sjt. A. Stead, Infy.

When a platoon was scattered by enemy machine-gun fire, this N.C.O. organised the sections and took them forward. He then collected the remainder of another company, and brought them forward through a machine-gun barrage. The word of this N.C.O. constantly inspired the men to push forward, and his leading was of the highest order.

21764 Sjt. J. Stephen, Infy.

This non-commissioned officer's platoon officer was wounded when the platoon was a mile from its objective, whereupon he took charge and led it through. It had to wheel to the left to capture some guns, but by his grasp of the situation and determination the movement was successfully performed, though under heavy machine-gun fire at the time.

425358 Cpl. P. Stevens, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of the battalion signal section during an attack. He showed the greatest initiative and resource, and shortly after the attack had passed a half-way point he had a forward station established with direct communication to brigade. Throughout he showed utter disregard of personal fatigue or danger, and rendered invaluable service.

883210 Cpl. C. Stewart, Infy.

This non-commissioned officer took charge of his platoon after his serjeant was killed, and, though wounded himself, led his men to the attack of a strong post, which he rushed, killing the crew and capturing the gun. He was again wounded, but led his men till the final objective was gained. His utter disregard of danger greatly encouraged his men.

718967 Pte. F. Sumner, M.M. Infy.

This man charged sixteen of the enemy, including two officers, single-handed, killing one officer and one man, and taking the remainder prisoners. Subsequently his platoon officer and serjeant were shot dead by a sniper, and he instantly dashed up at point blank range and killed him. Regardless of