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241337 C.S.M. R. Andrew, M.M., 2/4th Bn., York. L.I., T.F. (Goole).

When all his officers had become casualties he took charge of the company, and by his skilful leadership during an enemy counter-attack he saved a situation which, at one time, had become very precarious. His remarkable coolness, initiative, and utter disregard for danger on all occasions were beyond praise.

10273 Sjt. R. Armour, M.M., 2nd Bn., R. Scots (Loanhead, Midlothian).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. When all the platoon commanders but one had been killed or wounded he took charge of half the company, and led them to their objective. It was largely due to his skilful handling and fearless initiative that chaos was avoided and discipline maintained at a most critical time.

235578 Sjt. A. S. Arnold, 1st Bn., Linc. R. (Nottingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and determination in action. While on patrol, he crawled with four men to within ten yards of an enemy machine-gun post. The enemy opened fire, killing two of his men. He at once rushed the post, capturing two machine-guns and eighteen prisoners, having first killed one man of the post.

9008 Sjt. W. Atkey, M.M., 2nd Bn., Hamps. R. (Farnborough).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. Although in a rear wave company, he dashed forward with all the available men he could collect and charged a group of five enemy machine guns, thus saving the line from being held up. He then pushed on and captured more machine guns and 20 prisoners, and when his company on the objective were being harassed by machine-gun fire at close range, he led four men and captured a gun and seven prisoners, his company inflicting considerable casualties on the enemy as they withdrew. He showed magnificent courage throughout the operations.

22506 Pte. D. Atkins, 2/4th Bn., W. Rid. R. (T.F.) (Yeadon).

When the two leading platoons in an attack were held by a machine gun, he pushed forward to a flank with a N.C.O. and brought fire on the machine gun. The N.C.O. was killed, but he eventually silenced the machine gun, thus enabling the advance to continue. Throughout he showed fine courage and very good initiative, and set a splendid example to all ranks.

59090 Sjt. G. H. Aylmore, 42nd Bn., M.G. Corps (Waltham).

While reconnoitring for positions during an attack, he came upon a party of 25 of the enemy who were working their way towards his section. He immediately attacked them with the bayonet, shouting for his gun team to follow with bombs, and took them prisoners. Throughout the action he displayed the greatest gallantry and devotion

to duty and afforded a splendid example to his men.

377044 Pte. C. Ayre, 1/10th Bn., Manch. R. (T.F.) (Burton-on-Trent).

He took out a patrol of two men to reconnoitre the enemy's position. Having located a machine-gun post, he led the patrol to the rear of it and from there rushed it, killing three of the enemy and capturing one prisoner and a machine gun. He showed fine courage and determination.

27722 Pte. E. Baddams, 2nd Bn., Hamps. R. (Southampton).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. He rushed an enemy machine-gun post, killed four of the enemy himself, and captured the gun. He showed magnificent courage and determination. Later, he did good work as a runner.

8312 Sjt. F. Bailey, M.M., 12th Bn., Glouc. R. (Gloucester).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack on a village. When his company commander was wounded he assumed command and led it through the attack until the village was captured. During the advance he went forward alone and bombed the gunners from a strongly defended machine-gun post, killing some of them and capturing the gun. When again held up by very heavy fire, he obtained the assistance of the brigade machine gunners, went forward under their barrage, and secured a number of prisoners, machine guns and war material in the village. Throughout the operation he displayed great courage and ability to command.

202740 Cpl. F. Baldwin, 2/4th Bn., Hamps. R. (T.F.) (Maidstone).

At the commencement of an action, and when the officer and all N.C.O.'s of a platoon had become casualties, he, then a private, assumed command and led it forward with such dash and gallantry that, in spite of heavy machine-gun fire, it gained its objective. He continued to act as platoon commander for several days, accounting for many of the enemy and taking prisoners. Throughout the whole operations his magnificent example was an inspiration to all ranks.

275021 Sjt. F. Bamber, 1/7th Bn., Manch. R. (T.F.) (Manchester).

For gallant conduct during an attack in charge of half a company. With great promptitude and total disregard of danger, he, with two men, worked his way behind the enemy's position and captured and brought as prisoners one officer and 49 other ranks.

22837 Pte. (L./Cpl.) S. H. Bannell, 1st Bn., C. Gds. (Wandsworth).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative when out with an officer's night patrol which came suddenly on an enemy's post. While the officer fired his revolver this man started bombing, and when the patrol was driven back by force of numbers, he found a way out through thick belts of wire. He then returned with the officer to bring in a