

200798 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) G. Crossley, 2/4th Bn., W. Rid. R. (T.F.) (Halifax).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Acting as company serjeant-major in operations, he took charge of all men in his vicinity after his company officer had been wounded, and, successfully establishing a line, after carrying out a daring reconnaissance under heavy machine-gun and artillery fire. His courage and prompt action foiled a hostile counter-attack. Early in the action, single-handed, he drove the enemy from a dug-out, capturing thirty-eight prisoners.

265405 L./Cpl. (A./Cpl.) L. Crosthwaite, 2nd Bn., W. York. R. (Leeds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in covering the withdrawal of his company. He sent away all his men and remained on duty with a Lewis gun and offered a stout resistance to the enemy. He finally got away with the Lewis gun on a bicycle. His courage and determination were splendid, and he rendered very valuable service.

18079 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) W. Cunningham, 1st Bn., C. Gds. (Workshop).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under circumstances of great difficulty, in a fog, he displayed fine judgment in handling his platoon and gained the objective, although much opposition was offered. On another occasion he showed similar fine courage and initiative.

203090 L./Cpl. W. Davidson, 1st Bn., R. Sco. Fus. (Hunwick).

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership in charge of a Lewis gun section. When his team became casualties he, carrying the gun himself, led on a rifle section, and by his covering fire enabled them to close with the enemy. His tripod was shot away, but he reached the final objective with his gun and then by his fire materially helped to hold the position. His conduct was splendid and an example of courage to all.

408 Sjt. E. S. Davies, 1st Bn., W. Gds. (Stockport).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under intense machine-gun fire he carried in a man who was wounded on patrol, and, though suffering from the effects of gas poisoning, remained on duty through two days' fighting, and only gave in and went to hospital when his company were taken out of the line. He set a fine example of courage and endurance.

57547 Pte. T. J. Davis, 1/6th Bn., Manch. R. (T.F.) (Newport, Mon.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack, heavy enfilade fire from a nest of hostile machine guns was holding up the left flank of the attacking company. Realising the situation, he, with a non-commissioned officer, rushed through our own barrage, killed six of the enemy gunners and took the remainder prisoners, thus putting every gun out of action. The gallant conduct of these men was largely responsible for the success of the attack.

11744 Pte. (L./Cpl.) R. H. Day, 1st Bn., C. Gds., attd. 2nd Gds. Bde. T.M. By. (Nelson).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This non-commissioned officer during a counter-attack by the enemy maintained a heavy and continuous fire with his gun under extremely difficult conditions and very heavy shell fire, he himself being blown into the air by a shell which killed six men a few yards away. He displayed the greatest gallantry and courage.

47481 Sjt. C. J. Dee, 15th Bn., Welsh R. (Cardiff).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. He handled the company with brilliant vigour and initiative, and held the men together under heavy fire in consolidating his objective, pending the arrival of a company commander. Later, he exposed himself fearlessly in bringing in and tending wounded. He showed fine courage and devotion to duty.

39561 Pte. W. Delmege, 42nd Bn., M.G. Corps (Cork).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. Three hostile 77mm. guns were firing on the infantry at close range. With the greatest determination and coolness he worked his way to the gun positions, bombed the teams, causing one to surrender, and captured all three guns.

25256 Pte. (L./C.) A. Diley, 2nd Bn., G. Gds. (Moston).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. He repeatedly reorganised what was left of the company, and kept direction. On reaching the enemy's second system of trenches he advanced well in front of the company through intense machine-gun fire, and drove the enemy single-handed from the trench. On reaching the final objective he consolidated the position and protected his exposed flanks. He showed splendid courage and leadership.

801 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) J. Dodds, M.M., 4th Bn., Gds. M.G. Regt. (Low Valleyfield, Fife).

For conspicuous gallantry. After the infantry had retired, he went forward to the line recently held, and, though constantly sniped, managed to bring back information which enabled the officer in command to arrange for the withdrawal of the sub-section which was covering the retirement with their guns. This, without doubt, saved the machine guns from falling into enemy hands.

325144 Cpl. J. Dolan, 1/8th Bn., Lan. Fus. (T.F.) (Ormskirk).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative during an attack. On reaching the objective he noticed a machine-gun post on the right flank. He turned his Lewis gun on the post, and then personally led a bombing attack, driving off the garrison and capturing the gun. As a result of his courage and initiative the line was made intact.