

341263 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) O. Dolan, M.M., 64th (W. Lancs.) Fld. Amb., R.A.M.C. (T.F.) (St. Helens).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Seeing some infantry caught in a sudden enemy barrage, including gas, he rushed forward, and carried in one man on his back from the gas cloud. Later, though suffering from the effects of gas, he led his bearers and cleared the remainder of the wounded. By his fine action and example he saved lives.

6193 Sjt. P. Dolan, 1st Bn., I. Gds. (Bawnboy, Co. Cavan).

For conspicuous gallantry as one of a fighting patrol sent out some 800 yards from the lines. When ordered to withdraw the party was nearly surrounded and subjected to machine-gun fire from three sides. With his officer and another man he kept the enemy off whilst the Lewis gun, which had been put out of action, was got away; and when his officer was wounded he carried him while another man threw bombs to keep the enemy off. Eventually, thanks to his courage and devotion to duty, the officer and other wounded men were got safely back over ground swept by machine-gun fire.

76226 Sjt. G. Drinkwater, 4th Bn., Tank Corps (Pimlico, S.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. For two days he kept his Hotchkiss gun incessantly in action, destroying several machine-gun nests. When a shell struck his Tank on one side, breaking his arm, he kept on firing from the other side until another shell crashed in the roof of the Tank, disabling the crew. Wounded for the second time, he helped his officer to clear his wounded comrades and get the Tank out of further danger.

201379 Sjt. H. Duddridge, 7th Bn., Tank Corps (Bridgwater).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. His Tank successfully cleared the first objective, putting out of action several machine-gun nests. He also put out of action a field gun before his Tank was hit and set on fire. He then evacuated it under very heavy fire and took up Lewis-gun posts in a trench in front, where he rendered great assistance and remained until infantry reinforcements arrived. Throughout the action he displayed great skill and courage.

528042 Sjt. J. Duff, 1/4th Bn., Lond. R. (Old Meldrum).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. He led the leading platoon with great dash and captured twenty prisoners and a number of machine guns at the first objective. He then went on, and in face of very heavy fire took the second objective, maintaining his position for several hours until the platoons on the flanks came to his assistance. By holding on where he did he was mainly responsible for the capture of eighty prisoners and ten machine guns. His courage and leadership were admirable.

245420 Sjt. H. Ebbs, 20th Bn., Durham L.I. (King's Lynn).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the officers of his com-

pany became casualties he took command, moving about amongst the men and organising them against a counter-attack. Owing to heavy casualties and a withdrawal on his flank he was eventually obliged to withdraw a short distance. He set a fine example to the other non-commissioned officers and men.

17178 Cpl. E. J. Elcock, 13th Bn., R.W. Fus. (Droylesden, Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack on a redoubt this non-commissioned officer with six men worked round the flank of a strong post, capturing it with two machine guns, enabling the company to advance. Finding another machine gun firing from his right rear, he rushed it, being wounded for the seventh time during the war. His coolness under fire and splendid leadership were worthy of all praise.

8523 Pte. G. H. Elston, 1st Bn., Linc. R. (Southampton).

While his company was holding a position he volunteered for patrol duty, during the course of which a party of the enemy was encountered. He at once rushed at them and captured ten single-handed. He invariably displayed great courage and devotion to duty.

240261 Cpl. J. Entwistle, 1/5th Bn., E. Lan. R. (T.F.) (Burnley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst acting as platoon serjeant. When his platoon had become depleted in number through casualties he collected together men of another regiment and by his courage and determined efforts effected the capture of over sixty prisoners.

265294 Cpl. H. Falkingham, 2/4th Bn., W. Rid. R. (T.F.), attd. 186th T.M. Bty. (Bingley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Early in an action a platoon was held up by very heavy machine-gun fire from enemy lines. On his own initiative he crawled forward with his gun into the open, where he could reach the lines. While going forward he was wounded, but, in spite of this, he at once opened fire, inflicting heavy casualties, causing the enemy to retire, thus enabling the infantry to advance and take the lines.

3776 C./S./M. J. Fennell, 2nd Bn., Leins. R. (Dublin).

For conspicuous gallantry in an attack. He took command of his company when all his officers had become casualties and led them brilliantly to the final objective, on one occasion rushing with a few men a machine-gun post which was holding up the advance. At the objective he showed fine powers of organisation, placing his posts with great skill. His courage and personal example inspired all under his command.

678074 Sjt. A. H. Fenner, 1/21st Bn., Lond. R. (Tollshunt D'Arcy).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative during an attack. After the objective had been taken a strong enemy point on the left