

menaced the trench. This non-commissioned officer collected bombs from along the line, and in conjunction with his company serjeant-major organised attacks on this point, succeeding after attacks and counter-attacks in reducing it after some hours and clearing it of the enemy. He rendered most valuable service and set a splendid example to his men.

22248 Sjt. M. Fisher, M.M., 2nd Bn., Manch. R. (Bath).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His platoon was on the flank of his company, which was far in advance of the troops on the right, and was the first to reach the objective, in spite of heavy machine-gun and shell fire. His action materially assisted in the capture of a village, and he inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy from the position he had reached. Throughout he displayed high qualities of leadership and tireless energy.

265137 Sjt. J. Fitzsimmons, 2/7th Bn., L'pool R. (T.F.) (Bootle).

For conspicuous gallantry and determination in action. He made repeated attacks with his men to prevent the enemy bringing their machine guns into action. On one occasion he rushed a party of the enemy alone, capturing some and putting the others to flight. Though wounded in the eye, he did not leave his post until the line was thoroughly consolidated. His coolness and dash set a splendid example.

11712 Pte. (L./C.) M. Flanagan, M.M., 1st Bn., I. Gds. (Paddington).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. When the platoon serjeant and all the non-commissioned officers were killed he took command of his platoon, captured his final objective, and consolidated under intense machine-gun fire. His leadership and courage were of a very high order. Later, he organised and led a patrol into the enemy trenches and captured four prisoners.

28198 Pte. (L./Cpl.) W. Fleming, 3rd Bn., G. Gds. (Warrington).

When in charge of a reconnoitring patrol he located five machine guns by his bold advance, and reported their positions. Afterwards, when the attack was made, he himself captured forty prisoners and two of the machine guns. He displayed high qualities of courage and determination throughout.

CZ/2219 A./B. J. S. Flett, "Drake" Bn., R.N.V.R. (Findochty).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as company runner. He continually kept up communication to the rear by carrying messages under very heavy shell fire. He volunteered and successfully carried a most important message regarding the company situation to battalion headquarters, over unknown ground, swept by enemy barrage, and returned through the barrage with a message to company headquarters. Throughout the operations he showed determined courage and rendered most valuable service.

61886 Sjt. R. H. Foster, M.M., 91st Fd. Amb., R.A.M.C. (Galway).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of a party of stretcher-bearers during an attack on a village. He worked continuously from 3 a.m. to 9 p.m., clearing R.A.Ps., and while supervising the various squads was constantly exposed to very heavy shell fire. Thanks to his untiring energy about ninety severely wounded men on stretchers were safely and quickly removed, which undoubtedly saved the lives of many of them.

12124 Pte. M. Gallagher, 1st Bn., I. Gds. (Newtown-le-Willows).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When an advance party was almost cut off by the enemy he got back with a message over eight hundred yards of ground, under intense machine-gun fire, and, although badly wounded, returned to the party again and finally got back to our lines, where he fainted from pain and exhaustion. He showed splendid courage and endurance.

44098 Sjt. W. Gallagher, M.M., 17th Bn., M.G. Corps (Armagh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst in charge of two machine guns in a newly captured position, he assisted in reorganising the infantry, and collected six Lewis guns which were lying in the open, their teams having become casualties. He manned these with his spare numbers and used them to repel a counter-attack. He engaged the enemy at point-blank range for nearly an hour, steadying the troops around him by his personal example of coolness and determination.

5021 C./S./M. G. Garton, 6th Bn., Leic. R. (Nottingham).

For remarkable courage during operations. He walked along the top of a trench, regardless of machine-gun fire, in order to encourage his company. Again, he gallantly reconnoitred enemy machine-gun posts, and by his swift appreciation of the situation was instrumental in driving out the enemy and capturing the posts.

2793 Pte. R. Geon, 1st Bn., I. Gds., att'd. H.-Q. 1st Gds. Bde. (Wicklow).

For conspicuous gallantry as brigade orderly. Three times during the morning he made his way backwards and forwards between brigade headquarters and his battalion through enemy barrage, and delivered his messages in a most efficient manner. Later, he volunteered, after several orderlies had been killed or wounded, and went forward under very heavy machine-gun and shell fire to his battalion, and brought back most valuable information to brigade headquarters. His courage and devotion to duty were admirable.

G/10247 Sjt. A. T. Gilbert, 1st Bn., R.W. Kent R. (Maidstone).

For conspicuous gallantry in command of a platoon during an attack. Noticing an awkward gap in the attacking line, he changed his direction and led his platoon to a flank in face of heavy machine-gun and rifle