

42732 Pte. (L./Cpl.) A. T. Heasman, 1/7th Bn., Manch. R. (T.F.) (Tunbridge Wells).

He was in charge of a Lewis gun team during an attack, and, at a critical moment, when the advance was held up by hostile machine-gun fire, he left the line with his team, engaged the gun, and succeeded in putting it out of action, killing the officer in charge and its crew. During the encounter he was wounded. His great courage and quick decision enabled the advance to be continued.

16549 L./C. R. Herdman, 1st Bn., R. Ir. Rif. (Belfast).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst advancing on its objective, the platoon was seriously harassed by machine-gun fire from a post on the right. This non-commissioned officer, realising the precarious situation, took his section round to the right, and when only a few yards from the post rushed it, knocking out the crew and securing the gun. His prompt and courageous action removed a serious menace to the advance and saved many casualties.

G/2776 C./S./M. W. M. Hewitt, M.M., 7th Bn., R. Fus. (Norwich).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This warrant officer rushed a machine-gun post single-handed, which had been enfilading the line of attack from a wood for some time. He killed three and captured eight prisoners. He was unable to get clear of the wood till dark; but kept guard over his prisoners and generally learning the dispositions of the enemy. His gallant action saved many lives and led to the success of the attack.

241517 Pte. F. Hewson, 1/5th Bn., Lan. Fus., T.F. (Todmorden).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when his platoon encountered strong opposition from an enemy post. After all three section commanders had been wounded he took command of the double Lewis gun section, and, working forward, succeeded in capturing the position and twenty prisoners. He carried on his good work until after the objective was captured, and throughout the operation his courage, initiative and good leadership were most marked.

269554 Cpl. J. Hibbard, 2/7th Bn., L'pool R. (T.F.) (Salford).

For conspicuous gallantry and resolution in action. He attacked a party of 13 of the enemy with his section, three of whom were at once wounded. With the remaining three he gave chase and followed the enemy down a dug-out, where he killed two and took the remaining eleven prisoners.

253484 C./S./M. H. J. Hill, 3rd Bn., Lond. R. (Camberwell).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This warrant officer, when all officers of the company had become casualties, took command and handled it with great skill. Throughout four days' fighting his coolness under fire and initiative set a fine example to his men in all the attacks they carried out.

53448 Pte. S. L. Hills, 1/5th Bn., Manch. R. (T.F.) (Brighton).

While bandaging up his officer several of the enemy came from a dug-out and attempted to fire on the rear of his company. He shot the first, and, calling on another man to help him, captured twenty-five prisoners from the dug-out. His courage and coolness were worthy of high praise.

1092 Sjt. H. Hiscock, 4th Bn., Gds. M.G. Regt. (Westminster).

By his initiative and judgment in selecting new emplacements, to which he took his two teams under heavy machine-gun fire, he enabled a company of infantry to retire. He then withdrew his two guns to another position, from which he could protect the flank, and where he ultimately broke up an enemy counter-attack. The skill with which he handled his guns was only equalled by his indifference to danger.

27744 Sjt. J. Hodgson, 8th Bn., R. Lan. R. (Swarthmoor).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. When his platoon had fought their way through a village, and were consolidating the objective forward, an enemy machine gun opened from a house behind them. This non-commissioned officer immediately went back, through intense fire, to attack it. Finding himself unable to get at the gun unaided, he ran over to a Tank, 300 yards away, and guided it to the house. The Tank crushed the house and he rushed the position, and brought away the gun. His splendid courage and initiative saved many casualties and enabled consolidation to be satisfactorily completed.

350932 Sjt. H. Holden, 1/6th Bn., Manch. R. (T.F.) (Oldham).

During an attack, heavy enfilade fire from a nest of three enemy machine guns was holding up the left flank of the attacking company. Realising the situation, he, with another man, 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.

11992 Pte. W. Hurst, 2nd Bn., C. Gds. (now Res. Bn.) (Pemberton).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. He led his section with the greatest dash, and rushed a machine gun, capturing the gun and its crew of seven. Throughout his splendid courage and leadership inspired all under him.

37249 Pte. A. W. H. Hussey, 12th Bn., Glouc. R. (Bristol).

For conspicuous gallantry as battalion scout. He went forward under very heavy fire, and returned with accurate information. Next day he went forward, and though wounded, obtained, under very heavy fire, the exact disposition of the companies. He then had his wound dressed, and went out again, successfully getting touch between the left company and the unit on the left. Throughout the operations his courage and devotion to duty were most marked.