

rendered to the battalion, who were some 300 yards to the right rear. The two guns were captured, and several of the enemy were killed. This charge saved the right flank from being turned.

55674 Cpl. G. Murphy, 2/4th Bn., Y. & L. Regt. (T.F.) (Birmingham).

In a hostile counter-attack, after all his company officers had become casualties, he led the men forward over the open to meet the oncoming enemy. After severe fighting at close quarters, they were driven off with heavy casualties, leaving several prisoners in our hands. He then advanced, occupied a position, and reorganised the company. His great gallantry and fine leadership did much to encourage all ranks with him.

16752 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) E. A. Myers, 10th Bn., W. Rid. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. After two officers of his company had been wounded he led two platoons through heavy fire against a strongly held position. He was subsequently badly wounded, but refused to be carried back until the signal to return had been given. He showed great coolness and initiative throughout.

24489 Pte. (L./Cpl.) W. Napier, 37th Bn., M.G. Corps (Edyell).

For conspicuous gallantry and coolness while in charge of a front line post which the enemy raided under a heavy barrage. He opened fire with his gun, and continued in action till the enemy retired, in spite of the fact that his helmet, jacket and gun were hit by bullets, and his condenser bag blown away by a bomb. His determination was responsible for the discomfiture of the enemy.

330232 Pte. A. Newnham, 2nd Bn., Hamps. R. (attd. 1/4th Bn., Leic. R.) (Wroxhall).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He did twenty-four hours' continuous work in charge of a squad of stretcher-bearers, and carried on with his duties after being knocked down and badly shaken when his aid-post was hit. He dragged his wounded company commander to a place of safety under heavy fire, and though weak after his injuries, went and fetched in a wounded man. His pluck and energy were splendid.

51681 Sjt. J. J. Nickson, 1/8th Bn., Lan. Fus. (T.F.) (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of his platoon during an attack. He personally led his men on with the bayonet, killing and capturing many of the enemy. He has at all times shown great courage and able leadership.

15709 Col. (L./Sjt.) J. A. Nicol, 1st Bn., S. Gds. (Aberdeen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In an attack under circumstances of great difficulty he led his platoon with the greatest dash and skill, ensuring the direction of the objective to be gained by constantly repassing in front of his sections under very heavy machine-gun fire, and pointing it out to the men as they lay on the ground. On a

subsequent occasion, though badly gassed, and wounded in two places, he continued in his place, and after fierce fighting, in which he killed several of the enemy, succeeded with his platoon in capturing his final objective and taking eight machine guns. His example and courage were beyond all praise.

12437 Pte. P. Nolan, M.M., 2nd Bn., S. Gds. (King's Norton).

During an attack, as a company sniper, he co-operated with two Lewis guns in an attempt to outflank hostile machine guns, and, although under heavy fire, he accounted for at least twelve of the enemy. Later, acting as a runner, he carried many important messages through heavy machine-gun and shell fire. Throughout he was invaluable to his company commander.

17537 Pte. W. Norriss, 10th Bn., S.W. Bord. (Llanhilleth).

During an attack, when all the non-commissioned officers had become casualties, this private took command of the platoon and pushed forward under very heavy machine-gun fire to support the leading company, which was at that time outnumbered and urgently in need of reinforcements. He displayed great courage and initiative, and his coolness was an excellent example to the men of his platoon.

97310 Pte. (L./Cpl.) R. G. Norton, 14th Bn., Tank Corps (Abergavenny).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. He drove his Tank with skill and determination, inflicting numerous casualties on the enemy until it was knocked out by a direct hit. Though suffering from severe shock, he then drove a fresh Tank to the second objective; and, after having rallied, drove for the third time into action to the assistance of the infantry. In attacking a factory which had held up the infantry, his Tank was knocked out, and he then assisted his Tank commander to establish a strong point, and by their fire forced a large body of enemy machine gunners to abandon the building. Throughout the day this non-commissioned officer showed marked courage, cheerfulness and devotion to duty.

23321 Pte. (L./Cpl.) T. Oakley, 3rd Bn., G. Gds. (Colchester).

For conspicuous courage. When in command of a patrol of five men, this non-commissioned officer captured a machine-gun post with its team of fifteen men over 500 yards in advance of our line. Later in the same day he led his patrol another 700 yards in advance, and brought back most valuable information, which had to be obtained under heavy machine-gun fire.

352156 Cpl. A. Oldham, 1/5th Bn., Manch. R. (T.F.), attd. 127th T.M. Bty. (Droylsden).

During operations he displayed conspicuous gallantry and resource in dealing successfully with hostile machine-gun nests under heavy shell and machine-gun fire. Throughout his coolness and energy under most trying conditions were admirable.