

men hesitated in face of enemy machine-gun fire, he led his section against the machine gun that was causing the trouble, and captured it with its crew.

78543 Bdr. C. F. Watson, M.M., 59th Bn., 18th Bde., R.F.A. (Wakefield).

At Aubenchel-au-Bac, 29th September, 1918, when on a reconnaissance, he got detached from the remainder of the party, and entered Aubenchel, and found himself in the enemy's lines in front of an enemy post, whereupon he called upon the three enemy to surrender, which they promptly did, and he safely brought them back to his own battery. He showed great courage and enterprise.

27844 Pte. (L./C.) J. W. Watson, 3rd Bn., G. Gds. (Byers Green, co. Durham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 27th September, 1918, east of Dernincourt. In the attack he, with an officer and one other man, rushed two machine guns, killing the teams. He then went out and put a third machine gun out of action. Later, with one other man, he went across the open some 600 yards, and captured another machine gun with one officer and seven men.

815137 Gnr. H. Watts, D/211th (E. Lanc.) Bde., R.F.A., T.F. (South Godstone, Surrey).

Near Beaudignies, on 4th November, 1918, the battery was heavily shelled, and the entire personnel of the battery, except two other ranks, became casualties. He took charge, and kept his gun firing until it was put out of action. His courage and devotion to duty were admirable.

5754 Sjt. H. N. Watts, 19th Hrs. (Alresford).

For conspicuous gallantry and able leadership on 8th October, 1918, between Brancourt and Bohain. He led his troop in a charge against a battery which was firing at point-blank range, personally shooting five of the gunners with his revolver. When he had passed through the position he coolly rallied what remained of the troop, and brought them back to the squadron.

27418 Sjt. M. Webb, 1st Bn., Som. L.I. (Harringay).

For gallant leadership near Verchain on 24th October, 1918. Soon after the attack a number of machine guns opened a heavy fire from a sunken road, holding up our advance. He collected a small party of men and attacked the position. He was personally responsible for killing or capturing a number of the enemy.

C/7390 Cpl. W. C. Webb, 18th Bn., K.R.R.C. (Romford).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative on 2nd October, 1918, south-west of Gheluwe as Lewis-gun N.C.O. Although there were many casualties among the Lewis-gun teams, he kept them well under control in the advance, collecting ammunition on the way, and materially helping in the capture of the position. When all of the team nearest him were knocked out, he took the gun and ammunition himself, and continued firing until seriously wounded.

203296 Pte. A. Webster, 1/5th Bn., H.L.I., T.F. (Windygates).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 24th August, 1918, near Henin. He was No. 1 of his Lewis-gun team, and on his own initiative took up a position on the left flank of his company, which was exposed, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy. The situation was critical, and his action prevented a counter-attack, and contributed to the success of the operations.

2152 Pte. P. Weedon, M.M., 2nd Bn., R. Suss. R. (Arundel).

During the forcing of the Canal south of Cattillon on 4th November, 1918, when the bridge carrying parties and storming party had become disorganised owing to shelling, he rushed forward and displayed the greatest gallantry by standing on the top of the Lock Bank under heavy fire and firing about fifteen or twenty rounds at the enemy on the opposite side until he was wounded.

9546 Sjt. A. O. Westgate, M.M., 1st Bn. (now Res. Bn.), C. Gds. (Bridgwater).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty east of Canal du Nord on 27th September, 1918. On three occasions he organised a bombing party to drive the enemy from a strong point, and when he failed owing to lack of bombs, he covered the retirement of his men. His skill and initiative eventually compelled the machine-gun nests to surrender.

G/84017 Cpl. J. T. Westley, 2/2nd Bn., Lond. R. (Barnsbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and leadership during the operations east of Peiziere on 19th September, 1918. After two previous attacks had failed he gallantly led his platoon through most intense hostile machine-gun fire against the enemy. He succeeded in killing the machine gunners of the hostile party and gained the position. He set a splendid example to the men under him.

27152 Pte. S. J. Weston, 7th Bn., Leic. R. (Leicester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the attack west of Walincourt on the night of 7th-8th October, 1918. He rushed forward and, single-handed, put an enemy machine gun out of action, killing two and wounding four of the crew.

46501 Pte. (L./Cpl.) F. J. Whelan, 2nd Bn., S.W. Bord. (Golborne).

For conspicuous gallantry and determination at Outtersteene on 18th August, 1918. When in charge of a patrol during the advance he opened fire on an enemy machine gun and silenced it. Shortly afterwards, when another machine gun opened fire on his patrol, he crawled forward alone, outflanked and rushed the post, bayoneted the gunner and took four prisoners.

7314 Sjt. G. White, M.M., 8th Bn., Linc. R. (Coxhill).

For marked gallantry on 4th November, 1918, north of Ghisignies. When the leading wave of the attacking unit had become casualties, and his two officers casualties, he urged the men forward, until a Tank arrived