

up rockets and flares to his company until he was again hit and collapsed.

16/733 Pte. B. Watson, R. War. R.

For conspicuous bravery during lengthy operations as a stretcher-bearer, when he attended the wounded in the open and helped to carry them to an aid post, utterly regardless of heavy shell fire by day and night.

1862 L./Cpl. G. E. Weir, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. When the initial attack was held up, he led a bombing party round the enemy's flank, displaying great courage and initiative, and greatly assisting in the final capture of the position.

2397 Cpl. J. W. Weldon, North'd Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He led about twenty men of his company on to the second objective with great courage and determination. Later, although wounded, he remained in charge of his men until the evening, when he was relieved.

19698 Pte. E. A. Westbury, Glouc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry during lengthy operations, when carrying messages under very heavy shell fire. He often crossed a shell-swept zone four or five times a day, and enabled touch to be kept with Headquarters, when telephone wires were broken and could not be repaired.

19059 L./S. T. G. Whitaker, G. Gds.

For conspicuous gallantry during a hostile attack, when the enemy gained a footing in a trench. Lance-Serjeant Whitaker organised and led, with great skill and bravery, bombing parties, which successfully dealt with a critical situation and caused heavy casualties to the enemy.

5254 C./S./M. H. Whitmore, Manch. R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He supplied the front line with ammunition under very heavy fire. Later, he assisted in organising the company line, displaying great courage and initiative. He has previously done fine work.

2164 Pte. F. J. Wilkinson, Glouc. R.

For conspicuous bravery and devotion during lengthy operations, as a stretcher-bearer, when he dressed the wounded and carried them across the open under heavy shell fire to a dressing station, over a mile in the rear. His gallant conduct was specially noted on several occasions by different officers

1/15177 Pte. E. Williams, S. Wales Bord.

For conspicuous gallantry in taking a message to a front line during an attack. After delivering the message he voluntarily crawled out, with an officer and Serjeant Sheehan,

in front of a post, and assisted to bomb the enemy, nine of whom were captured and the line advanced.

6840 Pte. E. O. Williams, R.W. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He tended the wounded with great skill and courage under very heavy fire. Utterly regardless of danger, he crossed a fire-swept area five times, carrying wounded to cover.

39078 L./Sjt. G. D. Williams, Welsh R.

For conspicuous gallantry while firing with a Stokes mortar. A shell in the gun mis-fired, but owing to a mechanical defect the shell remained alive in the gun. L./Serjeant Williams instantly warned everyone to stand clear, wrenched away the sand bags from the tripod legs, raised the barrel, and slid the defective shell to the ground; then seized it and threw it round a bend of the trench, where it immediately exploded, blowing him down. His fine action undoubtedly saved a serious loss of life.

2458 Sjt. W. Windle, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He showed great courage and ability in rallying his men under heavy fire, and although wounded continued to advance and led his men to their objective with great determination.

6699 C.S.M. E. Wolsey, Welsh R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He was the first of his company to enter the enemy trench. Later, he brought up another company, and directed the distribution of men and supplies under very heavy fire, displaying great courage and determination.

1915 Sjt. J. W. Wood, R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous bravery and devotion during lengthy operations, when, although blown over and severely shaken by a shell, he remained in an open trench for thirty-six hours, attending the wounded under very heavy shell fire. By his gallant efforts he was undoubtedly responsible for saving a large number of men.

3747 Pte. W. Woods, E. Yorks. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although wounded, he continued to carry out his duty as stretcher-bearer. Again being wounded, he still remained at duty, displaying great courage and determination.

14736 Pte. J. Worthington, Mach. Gun Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. When his serjeant had been wounded Private Worthington took charge of his gun and successfully stopped a strong advancing enemy party, repulsing two bombing attacks. He showed great coolness and resource throughout the operations, and set a fine example to those with him.