

vivor of the two owes his life entirely to this N.C.O.'s, self-sacrifice and devotion.

27056 Pte. W. Colley, S. Wales Bord.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the other members of his gun-team had become casualties, he continued to fire his gun and reload his drums without assistance.

10422 L./Sjt. J. Collins, Ches. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he attacked an enemy strong point with one other man, killing all the garrison and taking four machine guns. He continued to do excellent work throughout the day.

19927 Sjt. W. J. Collins, York & Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Having reached the final objective with only a few men, he charged a superior force of the enemy that was still offering resistance, capturing some and killing and scattering the remainder. He afterwards was instrumental in capturing an important strong point, and throughout the action he kept his men in hand under very heavy shell-fire, until wounded himself by a shell.

9397 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) P. Conlon, R. Ir. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack, though wounded in both legs, he captured eight of the enemy single-handed, afterwards increasing the number to twenty, assisted by another man. He displayed great determination and complete disregard of all danger in this affair, which he reported to his company commander before having his wounds dressed.

10409 Sjt. H. Conway, Wilts. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With great dash and fearlessness he led an attack upon a concrete dug-out, killing and capturing the garrison and their machine gun. But for his prompt action this gun would have held up the advance of his battalion. He showed marked resource and an inspiring example through several days of hard fighting.

6416 Sjt. F. G. Cook, Wilts. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company was held up by machine gun fire he displayed the greatest courage and initiative in collecting a party and capturing the gun emplacement, bayonetting and bombing the garrison. His fine action enabled the advance to continue all along the line.

250106 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) W. Cooper, Essex R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He reorganised and took over command of his company when all its officers and the company serjeant-major had been put out of action.

250259 C.Q.M.S. (A./C.S.M.) J. E. V. Coote, Essex R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in repeatedly going to the vicinity of the enemy's position and bringing back wounded.

284167 (frmly. 9167) Gnr. G. Copper, R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in assisting his officer to extinguish a fire in a gun-pit and attending to the wounded. The pit was full of H.E. shells, and his disregard of personal safety stopped the fire from spreading and saved many lives and great loss of ammunition.

31163 Pte. J. J. Cox, York & Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During our offensive, when he and a comrade were the sole survivors of a Lewis gun team, they got their gun into action, doing good work against the enemy under heavy barrage and fierce bombardment of our front line. They also showed the greatest fearlessness in climbing into an exposed position in order to obtain a better field of fire. Throughout the whole action they displayed magnificent courage and devotion to duty.

23141 Cpl. G. F. Currell, Worc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he handled his Lewis gun section with great coolness and courage until he was wounded. Owing to his section a strong point which was causing us heavy casualties was captured. On rushing the strong point he successfully engaged in a hand-to-hand combat with the occupants.

7759 Pte. J. Curtin, R. Ir. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack, having lost touch with his company, he collected four comrades and attacked a hostile machine gun in action. He killed the team and captured the gun, thereby saving many casualties in another unit which was then attacking. He showed splendid initiative and promptitude.

11588 A./Sjt. J. Dalby, York. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry during a raid on an enemy strong point. When the party had to fall back, he picked up a wounded man and under heavy and accurate rifle fire carried him back until he was himself wounded in three places. He placed the man in a shell-hole. Later on, finding that the wounded man had not been brought in, he went out again under heavy fire and searched for him, but without success.

18289 L./Cpl. A. W. Deane, Wilts. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The rest of his Lewis gun team having become casualties, he attacked an enemy machine gun single-handed in the open. With great initiative he directed bombers to attack on the flanks at the same time, thereby capturing the position. He showed an entire disregard of his own safety, and set a magnificent example.

10537 Pte. A. J. Dell, R. Suss. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack in most skilfully and fearlessly guiding his platoon close up to an intense artillery barrage, thereby saving much confusion and many casualties. His action in showing them the best route was of a most difficult nature, and had an im-