

mense tactical value, helping in a marked degree the success of the operation.

6332 Sjt. C. Dickens, R. W. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion. Although badly wounded, he collected some men, after the failure of an attack, dug a strong point, and held on all day, resisting two heavy attacks.

291238 Pte. J. Dixon, Ches. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of ammunition and water convoys, he repeatedly took them up to the firing line under heavy fire. On another occasion he averted a stampede under sudden and unexpected artillery fire, and his coolness and ready presence of mind on all occasions inspired those under him with the greatest confidence.

300435 C.S.M. H. F. Doyle, Essex R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After a portion of the enemy's trench had been occupied, he showed great coolness and initiative in rallying his men and in leading the attack, which entirely cleared the enemy from the remainder of the trench. He was subsequently wounded.

240601 Sjt. O. Durrans, Lanc. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At great personal risk he crawled 450 yards into No Man's Land, where he spent 2½ hours and accounted for four enemy snipers under heavy machine-gun and sniper fire all the time. He eventually was wounded, and crawled back to his post, having effectively silenced all sniping on his part of the line.

12162 Pte. T. E. Ellis, S. Staff. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When conducting a working party they came under sudden and unexpected shell fire. He showed the greatest courage and initiative in conducting them to their task into the front line, making several journeys backwards and forwards in order to do so. His coolness and energy enabled a valuable night's work to be successfully carried out.

19066 Sjt. W. Ellis, Notts. & Derby. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed the greatest courage and coolness whilst directing and assisting in the work of consolidation under heavy shell fire. His conduct greatly stimulated the men under him. On several occasions his work has been of the same high order of merit.

31151 Cpl. R. Emans, R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Hostile shell fire set an ammunition dump on fire and caused several casualties. He assisted to remove the wounded while the battery was still being shelled. He then volunteered to move one of the guns which was close to the burning dump, which finally exploded after he had fired several rounds. He had already been wounded by shell fire.

54267 Sjt. C. R. L. Falcy, R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst acting as pilot to another N.C.O. he and his comrade performed a most daring and successful photographic reconnaissance in order to confirm information previously gained as to the working of hostile kite balloons. During operations they were heavily fired upon, and their machine put completely out of control, but thanks to their great coolness and presence of mind and to a feat of great daring performed by his comrade in order to right the machine Sjt. Falcy regained control and brought the machine back in safety to our lines.

28961 Sjt. F. H. Farrands, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At great personal risk he entered a dug-out and removed the occupants who had been gassed and wounded by a gas shell. He showed great devotion to duty and was gassed himself through his mask slipping off whilst carrying the wounded.

365607 Sjt. D. Ferguson, R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As one of a party who were rescuing cartridges from a burning mass of ammunition he rendered first aid to the wounded and then assisted to extinguish the fire when his battery serjeant-major and all other serjeants had been killed or wounded by a shell detonating. Although under heavy shell fire and much shaken by the explosion and by the loss of all his other serjeants he displayed great gallantry under very trying conditions.

275258 Cpl. A. F. Fiddes, Essex R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed great skill and determination in handling his Lewis gun and putting two machine guns out of action.

33857 L./Cpl. F. Fildes, Bord. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In the absence of an officer and all N.C.O's. he took charge of his party and led them most gallantly. Later he volunteered as a stretcher-bearer, and was of the greatest assistance. He also went out alone and under heavy fire brought in several wounded men. He undoubtedly saved many lives by his courage and coolness.

8384 A./Sjt. J. B. Finch, Dorset R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy counter-attack, in which he fought his Lewis gun single-handed at close quarters, finally capturing two officers and eleven other ranks. His courage and determination were of the highest possible value.

292161 Sjt. R. Flatman, Midd'x Regt.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At a moment when ammunition was urgently required at a captured position he unhesitatingly led a carrying party across a fire-swept zone and, although wounded, completed the work successfully and distributed the ammunition. He set a splendid example to all those with him.