

553 Cpl. J. J. Oliver, L.T.M. Bty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst in charge of a Stokes Mortar. Although his emplacement was blown in and his gun buried, he twice succeeded in mounting it and keeping it in action under intense artillery and machine gun fire. Throughout the whole operation he did magnificent work, and set a wonderful example to his team by his cheerfulness and disregard for danger.

292 Pte. W. H. Opie, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when acting as stretcher bearer. Whilst bringing in a wounded man on a stretcher, his fellow-bearer was shot through the head, whereupon he picked up the stretcher case and carried him on his back to our lines unaided, under heavy machine gun and rifle fire. He then obtained the services of another stretcher bearer and returned to his work, which he carried on until he was wounded.

450 Sjt. R. R. Phillips, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in commanding his platoon when his officer had been killed, holding on to an apparently impossible position, and consolidating it in face of a concentrated barrage. By his coolness and devotion he set a splendid example to his men.

3448 Sjt. H. K. Pritchard, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a fighting patrol. He led his men forward with the object of dispersing snipers, who were causing great annoyance. He engaged them with his Lewis gun, whilst he and another N.C.O. crawled up to within rifle range, and either killed or forced them to retire. He also brought back valuable information, which enabled us to push out forward posts.

2522 Pte. (L./Cpl.) W. F. Robbins, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty after being wounded. He was one of a carrying party, and although the wound had rendered his left arm useless, he made four trips to the front line with carrying parties through heavy shell fire, afterwards making a fifth journey to guide a party of infantry to the front line.

2702 Pte. G. R. Robertson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack and capture of the final objective. He took charge of his platoon when all his officers had become casualties, and handled it with great courage and ability.

393 Sjt. I. Rosing, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in taking command of his company when the officers had become casualties,

capturing the objective and reorganising his men against possible counter-attacks. He set a splendid example by his initiative and determination, greatly encouraging his men during a severe hostile bombardment.

1849 Pte. T. Ryan, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in rushing an enemy machine-gun that was holding up his party, bombing and killing all the gunners and capturing the gun. His example had a most excellent effect upon his comrades.

1565 Sjt. C. Scott, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in assisting in a bombing attack upon the enemy, who were forming up for a counter-attack. He afterwards showed great courage in an attack upon a strong point, where he remained in an isolated position with a small party until his bombs were exhausted.

2504A. Pte. C. J. Shang, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on numerous occasions. He acted as runner continuously for four days through barrages and fire swept areas, carrying water, food and ammunition to the front line. He attacked enemy snipers in broad daylight and accounted for them. In addition to this, he constantly volunteered for dangerous patrols into enemy country, where he gained valuable information as a scout, and also showed remarkable skill in improvising lamp signals in a very dangerous position whence he could send information to Battalion Headquarters. His conduct showed a never-failing example of fearlessness, resource and initiative.

10546 Sjt. J. F. Sims, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of telephone lines in his Brigade. He constantly repaired them when they had been cut by shell fire, and by his excellent work communication was never lost for any length of time. He has constantly displayed the greatest gallantry and initiative in taking parties through hostile barrage, establishing stations, effecting repairs and maintaining communication throughout. His fearlessness and untiring energy have greatly inspired the men under him.

561 L./Cpl. S. A. Smith, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in skilfully out-flanking an enemy strong point which was holding up his platoon, capturing it and cutting off the retreat of the whole of the garrison. His capable handling of the situation had an important bearing on the success of the whole operation.

1244 Pte. J. Spence, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in organising a party and attacking a strong hostile post, captured it and a