

detachments at a time when the maintenance of communication was of the highest importance.

15962 Sjt. J. S. Johnson, Norf. R. (Putney Common).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy had penetrated our front line, and formed a bombing-block on his flank, he twice organised a bombing attack and went forward himself over the open to reconnoitre the enemy's position. On returning, he led the attack himself, continually getting into the open to throw his bombs. Throughout the operation he showed absolute disregard of danger, and by his fine initiative and devotion to duty set a splendid example to his men.

107394 Sjt. W. Johnson, R.E. (Colchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of the forward station of the brigade. For two days, under most adverse conditions, and in spite of very heavy hostile shelling and machine-gun fire, he managed to maintain almost continuous communication. His total disregard of personal danger inspired all under him with the utmost confidence, and through his coolness and able management it was possible to bring artillery fire on to a hostile counter-attack.

S/16555 A./Cpl. A. Johnston, R. Highrs. (Methven).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When persistent machine-gun fire from an enemy strong point was holding up our advance, he collected a party of rifle bombers, silenced the gun, and captured the position, enabling the advance to continue, and setting a splendid example of coolness and initiative at a critical moment.

13942 Sjt. D. Jones, Welsh R. (Merthyr Tydvil).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. Reorganising part of his company, which had become detached, he led them forward and regained touch with the main body, and afterwards with four privates he attacked and captured an enemy strong point and killed the garrison. He showed fine qualities of resource and initiative.

6/584 Pte. (L./Cpl.) E. Jones, Leins. R. (Clydach Vale).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the sole survivor of his gun team, he got into a trench with the two front companies, collected their guns and the remnants of their teams, and, taking up a commanding position on the left flank, opened fire on the enemy, who were massing, and dispersed them with heavy loss. His prompt and gallant action assisted the two leading companies to push on.

20589 Pte. E. Jones, R. Welsh Fus. (Ffyn-nongown).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Hearing that there were many wounded in front of the line held by his battalion, he went forward, in broad daylight and in full view of the enemy, over ground

which was heavily sniped, and brought his wounded comrades back to the aid-post. He set a very splendid example of devotion and total disregard of his own safety.

12212 Cpl. G. Jones, Ches. R. (Chester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When signal communication with battalion headquarters was being constantly cut by heavy shell-fire, on his own initiative he made five separate journeys along the line to repair it. Later he laid a new wire under very heavy fire, restoring communication during a very critical period. He set a magnificent example of courage and devotion to duty.

B/1295 L./Cpl. G. Jones, Rif. Brig. ("E." Islington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of the battalion runners during an action, and repeatedly carried important messages through a heavy barrage day and night until he was completely exhausted. He rendered valuable service by his contempt of danger and knowledge of the ground.

6392 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) J. W. Jones, Shrops. L.I. ("E." Shrewsbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a party carrying stores to the front line. After his guide had been wounded he pushed on through an intense barrage. Though buried on two occasions and losing the majority of his party, he eventually completed his task, carrying a great part of the stores which had been dropped by casualties. It was entirely owing to his determination and splendid example that very urgent stores were got forward.

L/10011 C.S.M. W. S. Jones, Midd'x R. (Rochester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the capture and consolidation of a hostile position. He was of valuable assistance in organising his company against counter-attacks, and it was in a great measure due to his courage and untiring work that his company held its objective. His personal example and coolness under heavy fire, especially when his company commander had been killed, were worthy of the highest praise.

241471 Pte. F. C. Joughlin, L'pool R. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When warned that the enemy were about to counter-attack the advanced position which his company was holding, he went forward with a Lewis gun and established a post some thirty yards in advance, from which he brought very deadly fire to bear on the enemy whenever they showed themselves, and in spite of heavy shelling he remained in this position for two days in great danger and discomfort, without rest or relief. His gallantry and determination deserve the highest praise.

420675 Pte. H. H. Joyner, Lond. R. (Bethnal Green).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a shell had blown his Lewis