

Hostile shelling. He, with some other men, at once ran across and commenced to put out the fire. One man was wounded, the remainder returning, but this sapper continued on alone, under continuous shelling, and finally the fire was extinguished.

18757 L./Sjt. R. Dinnington, North'd Fus. (South Shields).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading a bombing attack down a trench. He encountered a strong party of the enemy and personally bayoneted three of them, including an officer. His party captured a position, yielding 33 prisoners and 10 dead, and succeeded in holding it until relieved.

73665 L./Cpl. R. Donaldson, M.G. Corps (Dünfermline).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Though wounded, he kept his gun in action for four hours under heavy sniping fire. Though again wounded during an enemy counter-attack, he kept his gun firing till almost surrounded by the enemy. His accurate fire inflicted severe casualties and held up the counter-attack for two hours. He set a magnificent example of courage and devotion to duty.

276176 Pte. R. Doughty, R. Scots (Edinburgh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the enemy's lines. He made eight reconnaissances of the position and on the night of the raid laid a tape to within 30 yards of the enemy's trench. He was one of the first to enter the enemy's lines, entered a dug-out and captured a prisoner. He bombed several of the enemy who were following up the withdrawal, and kept them off until his section was clear. He showed great dash and courage throughout the operation.

3339 L./Sjt. R. Doveton, Rif. Bde. (Bristol).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the enemy attempting to rush his post and succeeding in cutting our wire, he stood his ground, though exposed to a shower of bombs, and was chiefly instrumental in defeating the raid. By his great courage and gallantry he saved a desperate situation, and set a very fine example to all his men.

T./698 Armt. S./Sjt. J. Drew, A.O.C. (Edinburgh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under an intense and concentrated hostile bombardment of our battery positions, he went, on his own initiative, round all the batteries to see if his services were required for repairs. The shelling was so intense that all the personnel of the batteries had been withdrawn, and the coolness and disregard of danger which he displayed were beyond all praise.

1407 Sit. T. J. Dudley Tank Corps (Balsall Heath, Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although badly wounded in the eyes and nearly blinded, he took command of the crew of his Tank when it was ditched

and his officer hit, sent the crew on with the guns and remained with his officer until he saw that he was dead.

C/6041 Sjt. J. Easton, K.R. Rif. C. (Romford, Essex).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. By his coolness under heavy fire he succeeded in overcoming an enemy strong point and captured and consolidated his objective. The company was heavily bombarded, and the remaining officers were killed. He took command of the company and held the position against enemy counter-attacks and intense bombardments. He displayed magnificent courage and energy.

G/5989 Sjt. J. S. Edmonds, R. Fus. (St. Albans).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy attacked and captured an important advanced post he organised and led a counter-attack; which re-captured the post. He also helped in the removal of the wounded under heavy shell fire.

30910 Sjt. J. Elliott, R.G.A. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all his officers became casualties he opened fire at the time ordered, and successfully kept the battery in action till an officer was despatched as a relief. He showed great initiative at a critical time, and it was solely due to him that the battery was kept in action.

R/13813 Pte. (L./Cpl.) F. J. Elvy, K.R.R.C. (Plaistow, Essex).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was one of the garrison of a post which was attacked by the enemy in very superior force. He went along from post to post, encouraging and steadying his men. Grasping the situation when he saw his opportunity, he led his men, numbering only five, to attack the enemy, and succeeded in capturing twenty-three prisoners. By his courage and initiative in attacking greatly superior forces without hesitation, he saved what might have been a serious situation.

3505 Sjt. T. Fail, K.R. Rif. C. (Middlebro')

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. When the company was held up by an enemy strong point he assisted in organising an attack on his position. He collected a small party and established himself in a shell-hole ten yards from the enemy's trench, and inflicted casualties on them by frequent sniping. He showed a fine spirit of tenacity and endurance.

35580 Farr. Sjt. P. J. Falgate, R.H.A. (Norfolk).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The wagon lines of the battery were very heavily shelled and heavy casualties were caused among men and horses. There was no officer present, so he took charge of the situation, cleared the horse lines, and dressed and removed the wounded horses under heavy shell fire. He acted with great courage, and showed splendid presence of mind and initiative.