

inside the enemy's lines he escaped and brought in five of his party and some useful information.

2976 C.S.M. A. Hepburn, R. Scots. (Leith).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He attacked an enemy pill-box which was the key to the position and drove out the enemy. Though wounded he continued to urge his men on, and showed the greatest courage and determination.

551134 Spr. B. W. Hewitt, R.E. (Gainsboro).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He laid cables and established communication under heavy shell fire, and when both his companions were wounded he got them under cover and went through heavy shelling to fetch stretcher-bearers, and then continued his work. He did similar excellent work on two later occasions.

F/3055 Pte. J. J. Hickman, Midd'x R. (Notting Hill).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an intense hostile bombardment of the left front of his battalion this man immediately volunteered to go along a communication trench, which was at the moment under the most intense barrage, to obtain information. In order to gather the fullest information possible he proceeded on further to the company on the left of his own, and was the first man to return to headquarters to report that the enemy had entered the line, although under heavy fire all the way. His courage and fearlessness throughout the bombardment were beyond praise.

23198 L./Cpl. M. Higgins, R. Scots. (Desert-Martin, Co. Londonderry).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as Battalion Observer. He found and shot two enemy snipers. Later, on his own initiative, he reconnoitred the whole of the battalion front line, and was responsible for some parts of it being organised. On shooting one of the enemy snipers he went out and gained all necessary identifications.

19598 Sjt. J. Hodder, R.F.A. (Abersychan).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in maintaining the ordered rate of fire of his gun when all the other guns in the battery were temporarily put out of action by heavy shelling with gas-shells.

19919 Pte. (L./Cpl.) F. A. Holmes, R. Fus. (Bethnal Green)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He advanced with three or four men under intense fire and brought back several prisoners; he also did excellent work during the attack. His gallantry and utter disregard of personal danger set a splendid example to all ranks.

G/9441 Cpl. W. H. Hooker, R.W. Kent R. (Walworth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of the battalion runners, and did most valuable work in carrying messages through heavy barrages

during an action with utter disregard for his personal safety. He worked day and night for several days, and finally, after the battalion had been relieved, he remained all night in a shell hole with a badly wounded man under heavy fire, and brought him away safely on the following day. He set a magnificent example to all ranks.

352389 Cpl. A. C. Horne, R. Scots (Dunbar).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed great courage and skill when commanding a bombing section. He dealt successfully with a machine-gun which had been holding up the advance, and accounted for about twenty of the enemy, with two of his section. He performed excellent work throughout.

300880 L./Cpl. R. C. Hotz, Lond. R. (Homerton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. When all the other N.C.O.'s became casualties he rallied the remaining men of his platoon, and fought his way to the objective and held it in spite of enemy counter-attacks and heavy shell fire. His courage and determination were a splendid example to his men.

473214 Pte. J. Hudson, Lond. R. (Southwark).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a shell killed and wounded nearly the whole of two sections he continued under shell fire until all the wounded had been cleared. When a shell set on fire the boxes containing the reserve S.A.A. and bombs, he extinguished the fire and saved the S.A.A. and most of the bombs.

D.M. 2/129569 Pte. H. Humphreys, A.S.C. (Highway, Pontypool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While in charge of a motor lorry, assisted by another private, he continued to carry water the whole day through a heavy barrage and a burning ammunition dump. He did not cease work, although wounded, until all the tanks were filled.

550267 Sgt. L. H. Jenks, Lond. R. (Exeter).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when on patrol. The patrol was fired on from the rear while already engaged in another direction. He showed great coolness in re-establishing control and so directed the fire of his men as to kill eleven of the enemy and capture two prisoners. His coolness and resource were of the greatest value.

59063 Sgt. J. T. Johnson, R.F.A. (Bush Hill Park, Enfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of two trench mortars in support of a raid. The position was heavily shelled, both No. 1's became casualties, one being buried with the gun. Though wounded himself he dug out the men and the gun, attended to the wounded, and carried out his allotted task under continuous heavy shell-fire. He set an excellent example of coolness and courage.