

44349 Pte. H. Jones, Ches. R. (Sale, Cheshire).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a large gap occurred in the line he at once filled the gap with his Lewis gun team. He also cleared a dug-out, capturing several prisoners. His initiative and promptness undoubtedly saved the situation.

20119 Pte. J. Jones, R.A.M.C. (Newport).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When one officer in the battery had been killed and another severely wounded, this man proceeded with a stretcher, accompanied by a gunner, and rescued the wounded officer under very heavy concentrated shell-fire. He carried the officer to a dressing-station, thereby saving his life. He then returned and dressed wounded under heavy shell-fire.

27830 Pte. E. E. E. Joyner, K.O.S.B. (Chertsey).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He attacked an enemy pill-box by climbing on to the roof and dropping bombs through the ventilator, and captured the garrison, having killed an enemy officer who attempted to resist. He showed the greatest courage and initiative.

13175 Sjt. E. Kelly, N. Staff. R. (Stoke-on-Trent).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He rushed an enemy strong point and assisted in capturing thirty prisoners and four machine-guns. He showed great gallantry and fearlessness.

20655 Sjt. R. Kelly, R. Innis. Fus. (Belfast).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of his company when all the officers had become casualties. Seeing troops on the left fall back and his right flank also in the air, he formed a defensive line, and only withdrew when they were surrounded.

24139 L./Cpl. (A./2nd Cpl.) W. R. Keylock, R.E. (Harrow Road, London, W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He volunteered with another man to swim across a river with two cables at a point where a boat could not be used owing to enemy observation, and accomplished his task, though both banks were continuously and heavily shelled. His initiative and disregard of danger enabled urgent work to be carried out.

15806 Sjt. J. Keywood, W. Rid. R. (Denaby Main, nr. Rotherham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of a platoon. He attacked a strong enemy post, but was unable to capture it owing to the heavy losses of his platoon, which was reduced to five men. With these he consolidated the position where he was and held it throughout the action.

300792 Cpl. T. Kingsbury, Lond. R. (Brixton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. With two men he

attacked and silenced an enemy machine-gun and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy. Though wounded he continued to advance, and captured another machine-gun. He then rallied all the men round him and pushed on to the final objective. He showed splendid leadership and courage.

12/18039 Cpl. N. Kirkwood, R. Ir. Rif. (Larne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as medical orderly in charge of the R.A.P. after one medical officer had been wounded and a second one killed. The aid post was eventually blown in, but he continued his work in shell holes, and evacuated the wounded though many stretcher-bearers and some wounded were killed while he was with them.

3245 Sjt. H. Lafferty, M.G. Corps (Swindon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of two guns and teams that went forward with one of the attacking companies. The attack was held up by heavy machine-gun fire, and all officers became casualties. He kept his gun in action in spite of heavy shelling at times, and kept down all attempted counter-attacks. When relieved after forty-eight hours he nevertheless remained up for five days and nights in mud and rain.

635698 Bomdr. J. Laing, R.F.A. (Methel, N.B.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of twelve ammunition wagons. Though wounded he took the convoy through a gas barrage, and safely withdrew them again. After having his wounds dressed, hearing that another team had lost all its drivers, he went back through the barrage and brought the wounded men and horses back.

9646 Sjt. V. J. F. Lawrence, R. Ir. Rif. (Tipperary).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of his company when all the officers and senior N.C.O.'s had become casualties. He continued to advance, and with a mere handful of men established a strong point, and maintained our line close in front of enemy machine-gun position.

S/14335 Sjt. N. Leitch, Arg. & Suth'd Highrs. (Rothesay).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in organising our line after all his company officers had been killed. He exposed himself continually in collecting parties of our men who had become separated, and assisted greatly in reorganising the Lewis gun teams when casualties occurred.

6419 L./Sjt. H. Lightowler, North'n Fus. (Bradford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. When all the N.C.O.'s had become casualties he did valuable work in collecting the men of his company and assisting to organise the attack. He took six prisoners single-handed. As a platoon commander he displayed great coolness and determination, and was directly responsible for much of the success of the attack.