

171173 Cpl. J. McInnis, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the enemy's trenches. In order to support the assaulting troops it was necessary for him to get his Lewis gun into action in advance of the captured trenches. While moving into position his gun was damaged and two of his team were killed. He at once repaired his gun, got it into action without assistance, and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy, at the same time screening his company against the danger of counter-attack. His courage and resource were a great factor in the success of the operation.

486649 Cpl. A. MacKie, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a heavy enemy bombardment a shell burst at the entrance to a dug-out, burying a gun crew and blowing him downstairs. Nevertheless, he at once assisted in digging out his buried men, although he twice collapsed while at work. He remained at duty, firing his machine gun until all chance of an enemy attack had passed. He was then ordered to the aid post for treatment, after which he insisted on returning to his post. He set a magnificent example of determination and devotion to duty.

169032 Pte. C. MacLeod, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a heavy enemy bombardment in face of an unexpected attack. He was one of a Lewis gun team in an advanced post, all of whom became casualties except himself, and the gun was put out of action. He rescued a man who was severely wounded, reported the situation, and went back for a new Lewis gun. He then established himself in a position in advance of his former one, and held it until relieved. He displayed exceptional courage, initiative, and skill.

428359 Sjt. F. R. Marshall, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During three days of severe fighting he led his men in splendid fashion to the objective, taking charge of the line when all other N.C.O.s had become casualties and organising the defence in a most able manner. He led a squad which captured a machine gun, and was constantly patrolling the line and cheering the men, inspiring all ranks by his fine personal example.

81575 Sjt. D. McT. Maxwell, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as acting C.S.M., after his C.S.M. was wounded in an attack. After the objective was taken he did good work reorganising the company. The following day he was knocked down and buried by a shell, but continued at work.

63676 S.M. D. Nelan, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in getting the battalion rations to the front line, though 50 per cent. of his ration party were knocked out by a barrage. He was himself wounded.

703105 Pte. F. Quinn, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of a patrol with orders to

establish an outpost in a house. This he did, but was unable to drive the enemy out of the other end of the house. He maintained his position throughout the day against a far superior number of the enemy. At nightfall he was relieved and got away without sustaining a fatal casualty in his party.

74207 Sjt. R. E. Richards, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Having re-established our front line by a daring and successful bombing attack at a critical moment his party was all but cut off. He succeeded, however, in extricating them and establishing a new defensive position, which he held for twelve hours under great difficulties and most intense fire, displaying such courage and disregard of danger that he inspired his men to resist repeated attacks in superior force. He also went out three times under a continuous and deadly fire and rescued three of his men who were lying wounded in enemy territory. No praise can be too great for his gallant conduct.

622953 Sjt. W. Robertson, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in killing two enemy bombers who had approached to within thirty yards of No. 8 gun, thereby undoubtedly saving the gun.

300975 Gnr. A. Smith, Fld. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an enemy bombardment with heavy shells nine men were buried in a dug-out. He at once went to their rescue, and having worked for two hours was almost overcome with the fumes. He again set to work with some assistance, rescued four more men and helped them to the dressing station. During the whole time he was working, the shelling continued, and he was in imminent danger also of being buried alive as all the supports to the dug-out entrance were loosened or broken, and the roof was threatening to collapse. Throughout he showed the utmost coolness and contempt of danger, and undoubtedly saved the lives of five men.

904767 Pte. H. Smith, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as No. 2 of a Lewis gun section, carrying the gun and spare parts forward to the captured enemy front line after the N.C.O. and No. 1 had become casualties. Later, three of the team became casualties, and he himself was wounded, but remained with the gun, and even when relieved by the incoming battalion took up a new position until sent down by an officer.

443 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) S. Tetu, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a wiring party. By his coolness and splendid personal example he kept his party at work in an exposed position during a terrible bombardment which forced them to take cover several times. Although wounded and partially buried he finally completed his task, which would have been impossible but for his courage and disregard of danger, which inspired his men to follow his example.